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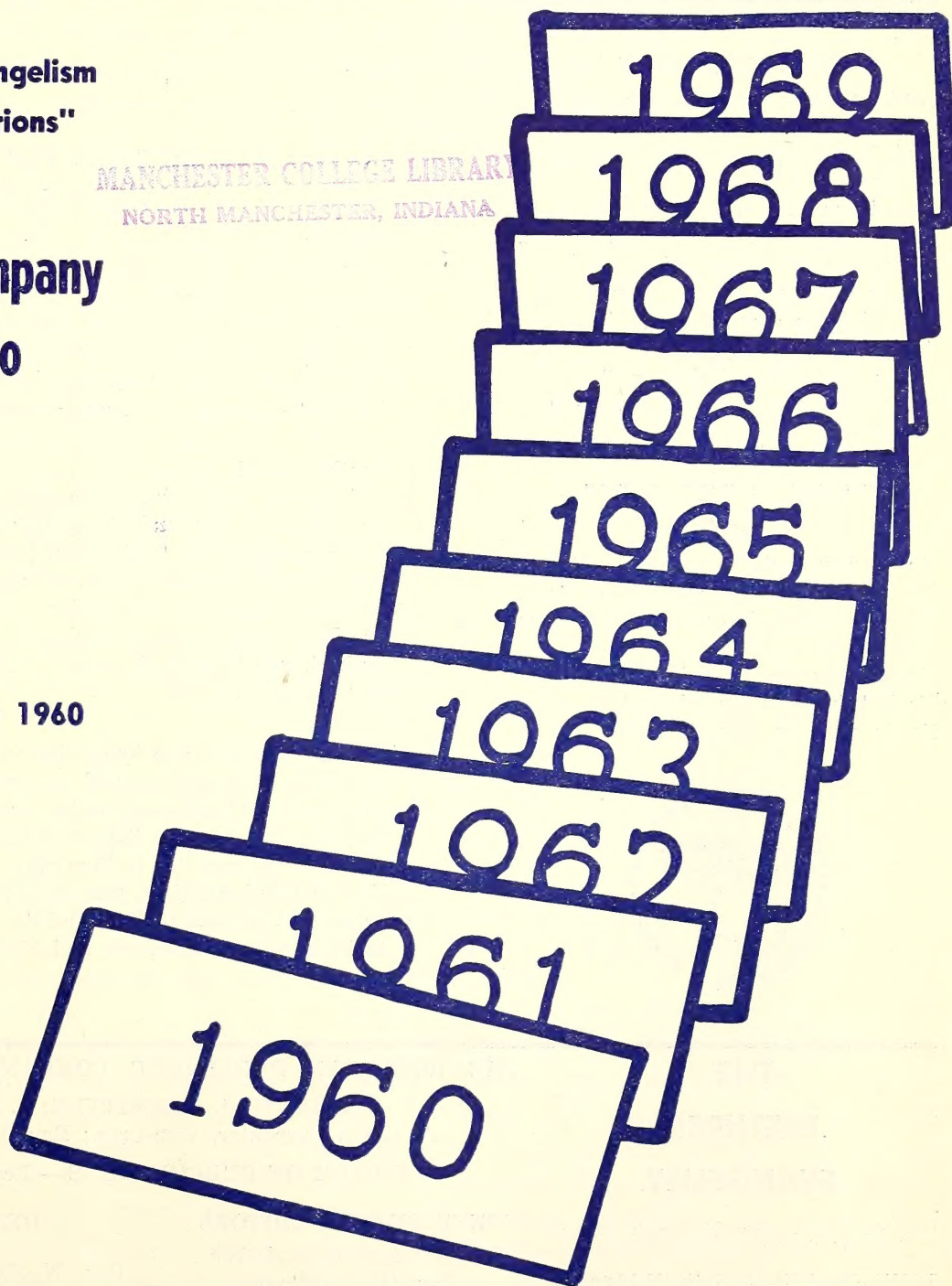
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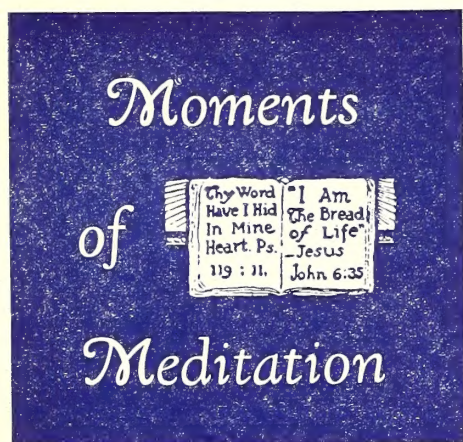


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THE HIGH WAY

"But to every man there openeth
A way, and ways, and a way,
And the high soul climbs the high
way,
And the low soul gropes the low;
And in between, on the misty flats,
The rest drift to and fro;
But to every man there openeth
A high way and a low,
And every man decideth,
The way his soul shall go."

—Selected.

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"WHERE IS THY GOD?"—

Psalm 42:10

He is round about us—Psalm 125:2.
He is above us—Deuteronomy 4:39.
He is beneath us—Deuteronomy
33:27.
He is before us—Exodus 13:21.
He is behind us—Isaiah 52:12.
He is with us—Isaiah 41:10.



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THE CHURCH MUST ACT

"The church has not struck its
most effective blow against the liquor
traffic until it has thoroughly in-
formed its membership, particularly
the young, of the simple facts con-
cerning the chemical character of al-
cohol . . . No church is doing its duty
by those who are committed to it
for religious and character education,
if it is not teaching these sober les-
sons."—Dr. Roy L. Smith.

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You have given no gift to God if
you have not given yourself.

"WORK" AND "FAITH"

A fisherman once wrote a word o
each of the two oars of his rowboat
the words "work" and "faith." Whe
someone asked him why he had don
this, he replied that it was done t
remind him of an important fact i
his spiritual life. "I cannot," he saic
"make progress in rowing when I us
either the oar entitled 'faith' or th
oar entitled 'work' alone. I need t
use both oars at the same time t
make progress." In all of our activi
ties and also in times of our sicknes
we must both work and pray, an
pray and work.—Selected.

BETWEEN THE YEARS

Clayton S. Brown

Another year!
Scarce did we greet you, till you're gone
To take your ordered place with all the others
In that avenue of time we call the past.
And there you stand, irrevocable, defying touch of ought
Save memory. Gone with you, Year, are hopes a few,
And plans we may have had when you began.

Another year!
And turning full around we face you,
Not to see a fixt and changeless thing,
But something new and fresh, inviting,
Like a sheet of paper clean, with pencil near at hand,
Or bit of plastic clay to mold;
Or like a map of some enchanted country
With chance to enter it, at will, and find its pleasant places,
And its shadows too.

Oh, Years, help us to know that in between
You who have passed, and you now coming in,
There lies that scene of action we call "Now";
That it belongs to us; that even kings, or mighty men
Can have no more of it than we;
That in this breathless, passing moment
There still is time to live, and do, and love,
And serve our fellowmen, and God.

—The Missionary Tidings.

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The Editor's Pulpit

The New Decade

A YEAR PASSES as naught; a decade takes a little longer. So, we are reminded that, really, time has a habit of slipping swiftly away. Each year passes and a new one begins, and almost too late, we realize an entire decade has come and gone. No wonder the Psalmist advises us that we should learn to "Number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

His advice is timely for several reasons: First of all, there is danger in the hustled passing of the years, with our days filled with multitudinous duties, that we will be so concerned with things material and temporal that spiritual and eternal values will be left slide. We then realize too late that all we have lived for has been the tricky fantasy of crumbling, earthly things. Second: almost before we know it the good intentions proposed for each year have been cast aside because of the press of life. The service we planned to render to God and fellowman never did get done.

There's a reason for this. We have always heard that "Procrastination is the thief of time," and we most heartily agree, except that we believe that the devil seeks to keep us from using our time aright in the service of God. Too late, as we review the years of the past—our past, we see many periods of time when we could have served the Lord more faithfully. That is, if we are honest with ourselves. Yes, the Psalmist is right. We must carefully count our days, making them days of usefulness to the church and our Lord.

The past decade has been one of tremendous change. Veteran saints in the Brethren ministry and lay service of the church, have been called home. Many of these were considered to be the "pillars" of the denomination. Others have ascended to fill their vacated ranks. Physical aspects of the denomination have changed. Many local churches have remodelled, or, most notable of this decade, have built Sunday School additions, to care for the growing attendance. New churches have been built. Anyone who has not been to Ashland since 1950 has no idea of the

changes which have transpired on our college campus—six new buildings, greatly increased enrollment. Ten years ago General Conference was still being held in the college gymnasium.

Ten years ago, television was just beginning to show its face in bars, taverns, saloons, and, with an air of respectability, in American homes. Automobiles were still being built in which people could sit up in to ride and drive. The cooking and eating habits of the nation were beginning to undergo a change with the advent of the home freezer and frozen food industry. War between democracy and communism was flaring into murder in Korea, and atomic bomb tests and jet planes were destined to consume billions of dollars of American tax money in the years up to the present moment.

One can scarcely comprehend all that has taken place or even believe that it has really done so. Yet, this is 1960—a new decade, and one about which Editors, and historians will be writing ten years hence even as we are doing now. We wonder what they will have to say!

We are hearing a lot these days about the world's population explosion, and its counterpart of efforts made to limit the birth rate in underprivileged nations. Statistics tells us that in a few seconds, 18 people are born into this world, and 9 people die; each day the total population of the world gains 135,000 people. Nearly 3 billion people now, 4 billion by 1980, and 6 billion or more by the end of the century. The statistics are beyond us, but man's need of God and of Christ as Savior in the new decade of the 60's is no less necessary.

Every church, every minister, deacon, S. S. teacher, leader and worker must recognize the value of time and the need of people to find salvation in Christ. Every effort of our churches and our lives, under the blessing of God, must be used to evangelize. This must be the controlling purpose of our lives this decade. Put on the whole armor of God, preach the Word and be instant in season and out of season. We have a work to do, as God directs. If He tarries and lends us breath, may we faithfully use what we are and what we have for Him and for the advance of the Gospel throughout the world. W. S. B.

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ENCOURAGING REPORTS FROM ARGENTINA

(Taken from W. C. Berkshire's letters)

... We just returned from a walk around the town (Victoria); the population is 25-30 thousand. Our little church here is the only Gospel witness in this whole city. There are 16 Catholic churches, however. A survey by the pastor revealed that a large percentage of the people are really nothing, religiously—not even Catholic. There is evangelistic opportunity here.

Last night four people came forward—a couple between 50 and 55 years old (nice looking people), a man 45 years or so, and a girl about 18-20. The previous night we had 6 women come forward; this makes 10—9 of whom were first-time confessions. This is really an evangelistic tour!

At Mugueta on Friday night, 2 men and 6 women accepted Christ; two came to unite with the church. I believe we are beginning to reap a harvest here, and it is encouraging to all of us. Thanks for your faithful prayers, for I'm certain God is answering them and using us in this special way.

After visiting Rosario, we will go to Cordoba, then to Maria Teresa and to Colon, getting back to Buenos Aires on December 8. After that I shall meet with the missionary staff and with the workers for three days. I think our workshop or discussions will be on evangelism—"Advance In Evangelism." Since there will be other practical matters included, there will be an assembly (or general conference) with representatives from the churches present on December 19...

Mr. Palaci is such a good traveling companion—so very humble and congenial...

BRIEF NOTES FROM WANDALI Glenn Shank

... It was good to hear some news from Ashland. Gradually we are getting into the routine of things again. The house here is a bit old and run down—a year with no one living in it didn't help any; but it is a little more livable now.

Our district Bible conference will be held at Wandali this year the middle of December. It begins Friday night, December 18, and closes Tuesday morning, December 22. Naturally the people are busy preparing for the meeting. We anticipate an attendance of more than a thousand people from this area. In order to attend, it will be necessary for some to walk 30 or more miles. This meeting will be a real source of inspiration and fellowship as well as a means of learning more about the things of God.

The preparation includes the gathering of fire wood—the people bring their own food—building shelters for sleeping places and a large shelter under which the meetings

and classes will be held. Pots for cooking the food must be purchased. Mud bricks are used as legs for the boards that serve as benches (no backs); so these must be made. With the exception of the shelters, most everything is ready. As soon as some more posts are brought we'll begin building them. We simply plant a number of posts with forks at the top, lay pieces of wood from one to the other and place grass mats on top. Mats also serve as sides. It is almost like a "big top" only with mats instead of canvas.

Tomorrow the pastor, three deacons and I are going to Zuwa to assist in communion service. (Zuwa is where the Vinco Boys' money was used to build a school.) This is a mission point of the Wandali Church with about 30 baptized Christians in it so far.

We want to say again that we enjoyed our fellowship with all of you while we were home. We wish we might have been together more. It was certainly a profitable time for us...

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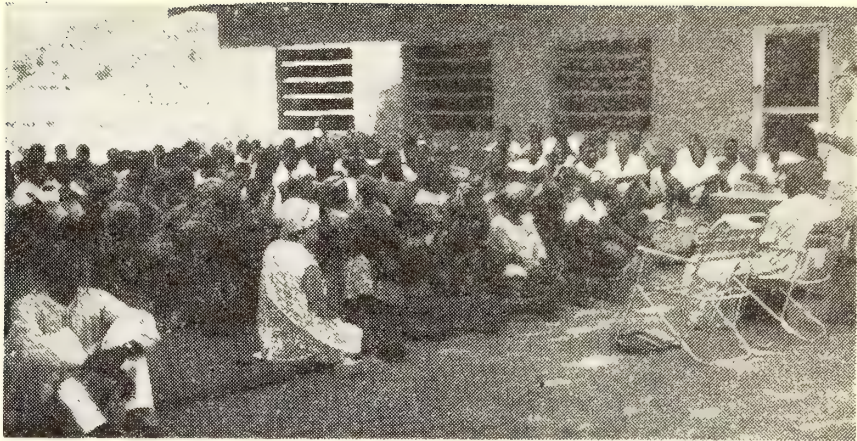
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UNIQUE EXPERIENCES IN NIGERIA

(Taken from the Krafts' letters)

... The witchdoctor's wife (one of them) died last week, and we (Chuck and I) went down to express our sympathies. We didn't realize until we arrived that we were just in time for the burial. Many people were gathered, and they were dancing and drumming and crying. The blacksmith came out with the corpse seated on his shoulders. Everyone danced around it! The body was clothed in a dark blue robe. It was then placed on the stool where she used to work, and the women relatives did a special dance around it. Only close friends and the family went to the grave, but we followed along.

The grave was high up on the mountain side. The blacksmith carried the body on his shoulders, and after



A gratifying response to the teaching and preaching of the Word of God

final goodbyes were said at the grave, the three blacksmiths present cut parts of her robe off to be theirs and then rubbed the body with mahogany oil. It was then that we saw the unusual! The daughter requested that the blacksmiths cut her open to see what killed her mother, because they suspected that she had been poisoned. She had been dead for three days and was swollen—the odor was terrible. He took an arrowhead and cut her open to look.

At first he said she had too much fat in her stomach that had killed her. The family wasn't satisfied and requested him to look further; so for a certain price, he did. He pulled out much of her insides and examined them—then dropped them into the grave hole—a circle 30 inches in diameter. He finally decided that she died of a liver disease. So they put her in the grave and the blacksmith crawled down into the hole too, to place her body just right and turn her face to the east so that she could know when it was dawn and time to grind. We had a helpless feeling seeing all this. None of this family is Christian and how we're hoping that in time Christ will change their lives and take away the fear of death.

day School and Church worship services and prayer meeting in the homes of members. A more detailed report will appear later in the *Evangelist*. Services are presently being held in the Northside School of Mishawaka. For the benefit of Brethren everywhere, Mishawaka is located between South Bend and Elkhart, Indiana. Max Struly, 1012 Victory Ave., South Bend 15, Indiana, is secretary of the new group.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Eleven new members were baptized and received into membership of the Nappanee church the last Sunday evening of November.

TEMPE, ARIZONA (PAPAGO PARK). An event of major importance to the new work in the Phoenix area, and of interest to Brethren everywhere, is the Ground Breaking services scheduled for December 27th. While this announcement is too late to give advance publicity on this milestone in the life of the Papago Park Brethren Church, yet it shows the advancement being made by the Brethren there. Pastor H. Francis Berkshire notes that six contractors are submitting bids on the proposed church, and that these were to have been opened during December.

MASSILLON, OHIO. Interest has been manifested in the possibility of establishing a Brethren Church in the northern part of the city. For this, a religious survey of the area was conducted by personnel from various Brethren churches the afternoon of December 6th. Churches participating in the survey will be mentioned in a later report in the *Evangelist*.

This 'n' That

By the Editor

You will note a few changes in format and coverages in this *Evangelist* and in issues to follow. This is in keeping with our policy of continually seeking to present a magazine which, as nearly as possible, meets the needs, desires and interests of our readers. Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated. W. S. B.

Pray Daily for Your Church

Items of General Interest

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA. (THIRD). The Third Brethren, on their Cash Day on December 6th, raised \$882.00, thus boosting their Building Extension Fund to over \$8,100.00.

SMITHVILLE, OHIO. Smithville Brethren voted recently to proceed with finishing four classrooms in their new educational building. When the building was erected a few years ago some interior work was deferred. A growing Sunday School indicates the need for the present project of completing these rooms.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. The New Lebanon church now has a tape recorder, the gift of one of the classes. It will be used in many ways, especially for "shut-ins."

ASHLAND, OHIO (GARBER MEMORIAL). Five new members were received the last of November. Three by baptism and two by letter.

MISHAWAKA, INDIANA. This newly established Brethren work reports that they have been holding Sun-

A New Year's Message

"But go thou thy way till the end be; for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."—Daniel 12:13.

* * *

DANIEL had been receiving partial insight into the future by the visions recorded in the early chapters of his prophecy. He sought for clearer knowledge, and was told that the book of the future was sealed and closed, so that no further enlightenment was possible for him. But duty was clear, whatever might be dark; and there were some things in the future certain, whatever might be problematic. So he is bidden back to the common paths of life, and is enjoined to pursue his patient course with an eye on the end to which it conducts, and to leave the unknown future to unfold itself as it may.

So I think that the words of my text may help us not only to apprehend the true task of the moment, but to discriminate between the things in the unknown future that are hidden and those that stand clear. There are three points, then, in this message—the journey, the pilgrim's resting-place, and the final home. "Go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days." Let us, then, look at these three points briefly.

I. THE JOURNEY

That is a threadbare metaphor for life. But threadbare as it is, its significance is inexhaustible. But before I deal with it, note that very significant "but" with which my text begins. The Prophet has been asking for a little more light to shine on the dark unknown that stretches before him. And his request is negated—"But go thou thy way." In this connection it means, "Do not waste your time in dreaming about, or peering into, what you can never see, but fill the present with strenuous service." "Go thou thy way." Never mind the far-off issues; the step before you is clear, and that is all that concerns you. Plod along the path, and leave tomorrow to take care of itself. There is a piece of plain practical wisdom, nonetheless necessary for us to lay to heart because it is so obvious and commonplace.

The figure implies perpetual change. The landscape glides past us, and we travel on through it. How impossible it would be for older people to go back to the feelings, to the beliefs, to the tone and the temper with which we used to look at life thirty or forty years ago!

Then another of the well-worn commonplaces which are so believed by us all that we never think about them, and therefore need to be urged, as I am trying, poorly enough, to do now—another of the commonplaces that spring from this image is that life is continuous. Tomorrow is the child of today, and yesterday was the father of this day. What we are, springs from what we have been, and settles what we shall be. The road leads somewhere, and we follow it step by step.

We make our characters by the continual repetition of small actions. Let no man think of his life as if it were a heap of unconnected points. It is a chain of links

that are forged together inseparably. Let no man say "I do this thing, and there shall be no evil consequence impressed upon my life as results of it." It cannot be. "Tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant." We shall tomorrow be more of everything than we today are, unless by some strong effort of repentance and change we break the fatal continuity, and make a new beginning by God's grace. But let us lay to heart this, as a very solemn truth which lifts up into mystical and unspeakable importance the things that men idly call trifles, that life is one continuous whole, a march towards a definite end.

And therefore we ought to see to it that the direction in which our life runs is one that conscience and God can approve. It is needful that we give the right direction and impulses to life. It will be a dreadful thing if our downward course acquires strength as it travels, and being slow at first, gains in speed, and accrues to itself mass and weight, like an avalanche started from an Alpine summit, which is but one or two bits of snow and ice at first, and falls at last into the ravine, tons of white destruction. The lives of many are like it.

Further, the metaphor suggests that no life takes its fitting course unless there is continuous effort. There will be crises when we have to run with panting breath and strained muscles. There will be long stretches of level commonplace where speed is not needed, but "pegging away" is, and the one duty is persistent continuousness in a course. But whether the task of the moment is to "run and not be weary," or to "walk and not faint," crises and commonplace stretches of land alike require continuous effort, if we are to "run with patience the race that is set before us."

Mark the emphasis of my text, "Go thy way till the end." Do not fancy that in the deepest aspect any life has ever a period in it in which a man may "take it easy." You may do that in regard to outward things, and it is the hope and the reward of faithfulness in youth and middle age that, when the grey hairs come to be upon us, we may slack off a little in regard to outward activity. But in regard to all the deepest things of life, no man may ever lessen his diligence until he has attained the goal.

On a stormy October night, many years ago, a ship went down when three hours from port, and the passengers just before that had met and voted a testimonial to the captain because he had brought them across the ocean in safety. Until the anchor is down and we are inside the harbor, we may be shipwrecked, if we are careless in our navigation. "Go thou thy way until the end." And remember, you older people, that until the end is reached you have to use all your power, and to labor as earnestly, and guard yourself as carefully, as at any period before.

And not only "till the end," but "go thou thy way till the end." That is to say, let the thought that the road has a termination be ever present with us all. Now, there is a great deal of the so-called devout contemplation of

death which is anything but wholesome. People were never meant to be always looking forward to that close. Men may think of "the end" in a hundred different connections. One man may say, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." Another man may say, "I have only a little while to master this science, to make a name for myself, to win wealth. Let me bend all my efforts in a fierce determination—made the fiercer because of the thought of the brevity of life—to win the end." The mere contemplation of the shortness of our days may be an ally of immorality, of selfishness, of meanness, of earthly ambitions, or it may lay a cooling hand on fevered brows, and lessen the pulsations of hearts that throb for earth.

But while it is not wholesome to be always thinking of death, it is more unwholesome still never to let the contemplation of that end come into our calculations of the future, and to shape our lives in an obstinate blindness to what is the one certain fact which rises up through the whirling mists of the unknown future, like some black cliff from the clouds that wreath around it. Is it not strange that the surest thing is the thing that we forget most of all? it sometimes seems to me as if the sky rained down opiates upon people, as if all mankind were in a conspiracy of lunacy, because they, with one accord, ignore the most prominent and forget the only certain fact about their future; and in all their calculations do not "so number their days" as to "apply" their "hearts unto wisdom." "Go thou thy way until the end," and let thy way be marked out with a constant eye towards the end.

II. THE RESTING-PLACE

"Go thou thy way, for thou shalt rest." Now, I suppose, to most careful readers that clearly is intended as a gracious, and what they call a euphemistic way of speaking about death. "Thou shalt rest;" well, that is a thought that takes away a great deal of the grimness and the terror with which men generally invest the close. It is a thought, of course, the force of which is very different in different stages and conditions of life. To you young people, eager, perhaps ambitious, full of the consciousness of inward power, happy, and, in all human probability, with the greater portion of your lives before you in which to do what you desire, the thought of "rest" comes with a very faint appeal. And yet I do not suppose that there is any one of us who has not some burden that is hard to carry, or who has not learned what weariness means.

But to us older people, who have tasted disappointments, who have known the pressure of grinding toil for a great many years, whose hearts have been gnawed by harassments and anxieties of different kinds, whose lives are apparently drawing nearer their end than the present moment is to their beginning, the thought, "Thou shalt rest," comes with a very different appeal from that which it makes to these others.

"There remaineth a rest for the people of God,
And I have had trouble enough for one,"

says a great poet; and therein he echoes the deepest thought of most people. That rest is the cessation of toil, but the continuance of activity—the cessation of toil, and anxiety, and harassment, and care, and so the darkness is made beautiful when we think that God draws

the curtain, as a careful mother does in her child's bedroom, that the light may not disturb the slumberer.

There is only one way by which we can make that inevitable end a blessing, and turn death into the opening of the gate of our resting-place; and that is by setting our heart's desires and our spirit's trust on Jesus Christ, who is the "Lord both of the dead and of the living." If we do that, even that last enemy will come to us as Christ's representative, with Christ's own word upon his lip, "Come unto Me, ye that are weary and are heavy laden, and I"—because He has given Me the power—"I will give you rest."

III. THE HOME

"Thou shalt stand in thy lot at the end of the days." "Stand"—that is Daniel's way of preaching, what he has been preaching in several other parts of his book, the doctrine of the resurrection. "Thou shalt stand in thy lot." That is a reference to the ancient partition of the land of Canaan amongst the tribes, where each man got his own portion, and sat under his own vine and fig-tree. And so there emerges from these symbolical words thoughts upon which, I can barely touch. First comes the thought that, however sweet and blessed that reposeful state may be, humanity has not attained its perfection until once again the perfected spirit is mated with, and enclosed within, its congenial servant, a perfect body. "Corporeity is the end of man." Body, soul, and spirit partake of the redemption of God.

But then, apart from that, on which I must not dwell, my text suggests one or two thoughts. God is the true inheritance. Each man has his own portion of the common possession, or, to put it into plainer words, in that perfect land each individual has precisely so much of God as he is capable of possessing. "Thou shalt stand in thy lot," and what determines the lot is how we wend our way till that other end, the end of life. "The end of the days" is a period far beyond the end of the life of Daniel. And as the course that terminated in repose has been, so the possession of "the portion of the inheritance of the saints in light" shall be, for which that course has made men meet. Destiny is character worked out. A man will be where he is fit for, and have what he is fit for. Time is the determiner of eternity. His life here settles how much of God a man shall be to hold, when he stands in his lot at the "end of the days," and his allotted portion, as it stretches around him, will be but the issue and the outcome of his life here on earth.

Therefore, dear brethren, tremendous importance attaches to each fugitive moment. Therefore each act that we do is weighted with eternal consequences. If we will put our trust in Him, "in whom also we obtain the inheritance," and will travel on life's common way in cheerful godliness, we may front all the uncertainties of the unknown future, sure of two things—that we shall rest, and that we shall stand in our lot. We shall all go where we have fitted ourselves, by God's grace, to go; get what we have fitted ourselves to possess; and be what we have made ourselves. To the Christian man the word comes, "Thou shalt stand in thy lot." And the other word that was spoken about one sinner, will be fulfilled in all whose lives have been unfitting them for heaven: "Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." He, too, stands in his lot. Now settle which lot is yours.—Maclaren.

Strengthening The Foundations

of Our Publication Work

by the Editor of Publications

AS WE FACE the start of another new year, which is also the first year of a brand new decade, we cannot help but speculate as to what the welfare and progress of Brethren Publications will be at the end of this ten-year period.

Frankly, we admit that this past ten years went mighty fast. If present indications mean anything, the coming ten years will go even faster—meaning whatsoever we are planning on doing, viz. Brethren Publications, we had better be busy about now.

That is the basis for our theme for our promotional approach this year for the Publication Day Offering.

None of our Denominational Boards and Organizations are going to be standing still during the coming ten years. With the inauguration of the program of the General Conference Field Secretary, and the Central Planning and Coordinating Committee, what we have been doing as a publishing company for the church in years past will seem to be but a beginning compared to the potential demands of the church upon us for printed materials in the years to come. This is well and good, for it bespeaks a growing church. We must likewise be ready to meet the needs for printed materials for the whole church program.

Thus, Brethren publication work must be strengthened in its foundations. We give credit to the pioneering which has been done—we pay tribute to the men and women who have labored in years past, helping to bring the printing plant and literature program to its present status. But Brethren, this is 1960, and the years ahead are in a decade of “60 years.”

Foundations to be strengthened in our publication work include replacement of present equipment, and the purchase of additional, modern equipment. We need more facilities whereby we can better meet the demands of the advancing church program for printed materials. Additional personnel is needed to carry the work load in all

departments of our publication work. More room is needed; a definite program of expansion in this respect is past due!

The entire program is being studied, and definite plans are being formulated. We are looking not only to 1960, but to all of the years of this coming decade. One thing is obvious, we can advance and prepare to meet—and meet, the printing needs of the church in this new decade ONLY just as swiftly as the Brethren give financial support! We wish we could move faster for we feel that the demands for more and better printed materials will come faster than we may be prepared to produce them. Right now we are taxed to the limit on both equipment and manpower to keep up with the present demands.

You can help us by considering this 1960 Publication Day Offering to be more than just another yearly offering. Right now, we feel all Brethren must give encouragement and support to the Publishing Company by giving the largest Publication Day Offering in history. This is a new decade in which we are living, side by side and together. Forces of anti-Christian sentiment are surrounding us on every hand. The vital life line of Christian Publications must not be left to be strangled or curtailed for lack of finances. What we have already achieved in Brethren Publications must not be permitted to stalemate nor to start down hill.

We are confident that every Brethren who reads these words will realize the serious need for support of the Publication Day Offering this month. We encourage an increase in individual gifts, and encourage churches who operate on the budget system to revise their offering budget upwards to help meet the pressing needs this year. What you give will come back to you in the form of better Brethren Publications, not only this year, but through the years to come for you, your children and your children's children, to the glory of the Lord, and the advancement of the Gospel here and everywhere.

ADVANCING THE MISSIONARY PROGRAM . . .

Through Brethren Publications

REV. W. CLAYTON BERKSHIRE

THE PRINTED PAGE is important today in helping to advance the work of God at home and abroad. Our own Brethren publications play an ever-increasing part in the work which God has called the Brethren Church to do.

In the work of missions specifically, Brethren publications lend themselves to the advancement of the program. It is necessary to inform our people about the work that is being done in Argentina and Nigeria. There are new developments from time to time which are often the direct results of the prayers of Brethren people. Such information encourages continuous praying for other phases of the work, for national workers, for national Christians, and for the missionaries. Brethren publications become the channel through which much information reaches our Brethren people.

The missionary work must be promoted throughout our Brethren church if it is to achieve its highest objectives. Promotion involves the dissemination of information. In addition to general information, it includes the specific plans for expansion, the needs and the support necessary to carry out these plans. Brethren publications provide a medium through which we may reach our constituency, giving the scope of our Brethren missionary program, showing what we must do to maintain our present work and what we must do to increase our outreach for the salvation of lost men.

Communication between the missionaries and our churches is an important element in the missionary program. Because missionaries maintain a very full schedule, they are not able to carry on the personal correspondence they wish they could do. It is possible, however, through Brethren publications to communicate with many of the people of our denomination. The letters which are published form an important link in aiding

the expansion of the work of missions. They bring fresh news of the activities, the hopes, the progress, the problems, the heartaches, and the blessings connected with the work on the fields. They also bring inspiration and encouragement for greater accomplishments through prayer and sacrificial support.

The **Brethren Evangelist** and other Brethren publications have aided in the expansion of the missionary program also by becoming a medium through which missionary education has been carried on.

First of all, Biblical messages with missionary emphasis have helped to enlighten our people as to their responsibilities to God in the evangelization of the world. This is basic education, and it has brought a larger vision of what is needful; it has likewise brought a greater response in commitment of life—time, talents and treasures—and in prayer.

Through Brethren publications, suggested program and program materials have been supplied for the education of Brethren people, that they may have a better understanding of the many factors involved in Christian missions. Reading materials have been suggested as a part of the education program for greater enlightenment on the subject of missions. The missionary page in the **Brethren Evangelist** has, in special way, contributed each week toward a better program of outreach in the missionary work of the Brethren Church. People throughout the brotherhood have appreciated the privilege of having such a page.

As the study relating to the greater effectiveness of Brethren publications continues, we are confident that in due time the service rendered to the missionary cause will supersede anything we have experienced in the Brethren Church hitherto.

**IS
YOUR
CHURCH
IN
THIS
GROUP?

IT
CAN
BE,
EASILY!**

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ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE we list the group of Brethren Churches, which, in sending in their list of **Brethren Evangelist** subscriptions, have certified that they are sending the magazine into all of their church homes. This means they are "100% Churches."

The publication advancement program of the Brethren Church will be greatly helped when more and more of our churches join this special group.

1. The Brethren's official church paper will be available to all members of the Brethren Church. Right now only a little better than one half the members of the Brethren Church have access to their church paper. (Many churches which are not 100% have very few subscriptions coming into their congregations.)

2. The news of the denominational program will reach more and more people. Too large a percentage of our people who are claiming to be members of the Brethren Church, know little or nothing about the over-all program of the denomination, and likewise are doing very little, if any participation in the support of the Church. Here is a source of man power, financial stewardship, and service which can be reached by see-

ing that they get their church paper each week. 100% churches are sending the magazine to these homes each week and are reaping the benefits.

3. A larger "reading family" among the Brethren will result in a larger supporting and praying membership—this will strengthen every board and organization in the church, including the publication work.

Therefore, it is expedient that greater support be given by non-100% Brethren Churches in reaching that status in the support of your church paper. 100% status can be achieved by sending the names of each family head, together with addresses to the publication office. Present subscriptions will be pro-rated, and all subscriptions will then expire at the same date in your church. The cost??? Just \$2.00 for a whole year for each subscription when your church is 100%.

JOIN THIS FAVORED GROUP NOW! As we look into the coming decade for Brethren publications, we see every Brethren church a 100% **Brethren Evangelist** Church. Will your church be the next one to send in a 100% list?

Purchase of New Press approved by

Brethren Publication Board

THERE is the promise of a new press—this time, a two-color one, big enough to run any and all of our publications in two colors when feasible. This is not necessarily just to get the convenience and attractiveness of two colors, BUT BECAUSE the present large cylinder press on which we depend for the printing of most of our periodicals, is hardly able to keep up with the demand. Thus, while adding another big press to keep up with the work, the sensible thing to do is to make it a two-color outfit. Naturally, everybody will benefit in the fulfillment of this project.

Presently, the purchase of a two-color press has been authorized by the Publication Board, the unfinished portion of the basement of the publishing house has been concreted, and a space made ready for the plant expansion necessary when the new press is purchased. An extra liberal Publication Day Offering will hasten the day when this essential piece of equipment can be purchased, installed and put to work producing Brethren literature for a new decade of advancement in the Brethren Church.

524 IS GOOD TO ME

REV. PHIL LERSCH

DURING THE PAST three and one-half years 524 has been very good to me personally and to the work I represent, National Brethren Youth.

Some visits to 524 are regular and routine; others are of a special nature and require extra explanation and planning for the problem at hand. But regardless, 524 has been willing to help us meet our needs. But this is no time for generalizations; let's deal in specifics.

PAGE 18—524 very graciously offers "Page 18" of the *Brethren Evangelist* each week to Brethren Youth free of charge. Such an outlet for news reports, pictures, rally announcements, special articles, and publicity features is much appreciated. Because of the limited printing budget, Brethren Youth could not possibly reach so many people with nicely printed materials if this channel was not provided. 524 means a lot to the progress of our work among young people.

JOB WORK—At 524 "Job Work" refers to specially prepared printing jobs in the shop for which revenue is received. The advantages here are two-fold: 524 needs the income from such work to operate correctly; Brethren Youth finds it very helpful to have 524 so conveniently located and so interested in our work.

Our most consistent job work is the printing of the *Brethren Youth Magazine* bi-monthly. Often there are many complications involved in working out a new idea to keep the magazine interesting for the readers. But, be that as it may, the fellows at 524 are always ready to assist with the problem—and this includes the man at the stone, at the Intertype, at the press, at the folder, at the stitcher, at the cutter, at the addressograph, and at the mailing table. All of these workers are involved in the production and all do a fine job.

Other job work at more irregular times would include Goals Posters, Youth Conference Publicity, Brethren College Days Publicity, B. Y. Membership Cards, Life Work Recruit Cards, and countless other smaller tasks. These items are produced for all the boards of the Brethren Church at a rather small margin of profit. Such consideration greatly helps, for the cost of printing is very high today.

BOOK STORE—One of the most noticeable improvements at 524 in recent years is the expansion of the Book Store. The current supply covers every area of church work and is displayed on attractively arranged shelves, racks, and tables. Many people from the community come to our book store to order their religious literature.

524 has graciously supplied the Brethren Youth Station Wagon with sample youth materials, on approval, so that those attending youth clinics in the local churches can view the available materials before ordering. Those attending the book store at 524 have been very cooperative in filling orders for youth workers, even when special ordering is required. All of these courtesies, plus the quality of the merchandise, make it very easy to recommend that every Brethren Church should be proud of 524's Book Store and should be willing to use it more.

MAILING STENCILS—At least twice every month Brethren Youth finds it necessary to send a mailing to every pastor. Of course, every envelope must be addressed. This usually time-consuming task is completed in five minutes via the use of the "addressograph" at 524. The use of this machine, offered free of charge, saves much time and effort which can then be devoted to more important matters.

WRAPPING MATERIALS—Whenever a mailing of youth supplies is being prepared for the May Youth Offering, 524 permits us to solicit volunteer student help for the wrapping and allows us to use the facilities in the shop. The budget of the Youth Board for printing would be much greater if such labor had to be financed. Another kindness of 524 which facilitates our work for you.

This list of "goodnesses" could be longer. But by now you can visualize the core of what is trying to be said. 524 is both **HELPFUL** and **HANDY!!!** Because of these services to Brethren Youth, and also to the other church boards, 524 is of vital importance to the total church program of the Brethren Church. And when you give to the Publication Day Offering you are giving, in very "specific ways, to the success of what every church organization is attempting to do. If such work listed above had to be done by an independent print shop, we would not be able to serve you nearly as well. Let's keep supporting this printin' business!

BUT MORE . . .

A false impression could be concluded from the previous glowing report—that being that all is sufficient at 524 and we should continue on the same level of achievement for years to come. With this, I disagree!

Indication has already been given that "524 Is Good To Me." But even I, as an outsider, can visualize some advancements which would improve the usefulness of 524.

An outline listing with a few quick comments will suffice here; just something to keep our minds working.

EDITORIAL HELP—Most publications have an editorial staff, but of necessity at 524 the work is placed upon the shoulders of an editorial man. St. Clair Benshoff does a fine job, especially when you remember that he edits nearly all Brethren publications—not just the **Brethren Evangelist**. Office help to read copy and proofs is employed now. But it will be a step forward when 524 can finance at least an Editor and Associate Editor to plan together the publication advancements for the future.

UNIFIED PUBLICATION—The committee appointed at the last General Conference for this purpose has been working and will have a report for Conference next year. This feature of progress, if accepted, will require the support of every denominational organization. Plans are underway; it will be good to experience the reality.

ENLARGED BOOK STORE—Every possible display area of the present book store is being used to the fullest; but it is not enough. Increased demand will necessitate more room eventually if the service to the church and community is to be kept up-to-date.

TWO-COLOR WORK—The new press, which is already promised, will be equipped to print materials with two colors at one running through the press. Naturally, this will require additional labor and supplies but it will greatly enhance the quality of Brethren Publications.

NEW PICTURES AND DRAWINGS—These are needed to insure freshness and appeal in our publications. But I'd imagine that one good reason why a top-notch artist is not employed is "insufficient funds." Then after the picture is drawn, the large engraving bill must be paid. A larger Publication Day Offering for 524 will bring closer the day when this will be possible.

IN CLOSING

Your continued support is urgently needed to carry on 524's present program of service to the church—and ever more so to produce a full measure of continued progress.

Your comments and suggestions about Brethren Publications, would certainly be welcomed by the Editor of Publications, I'm sure. The address? That's right: 524 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio.

HOW ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS?

PUBLICATION DAY OFFERING

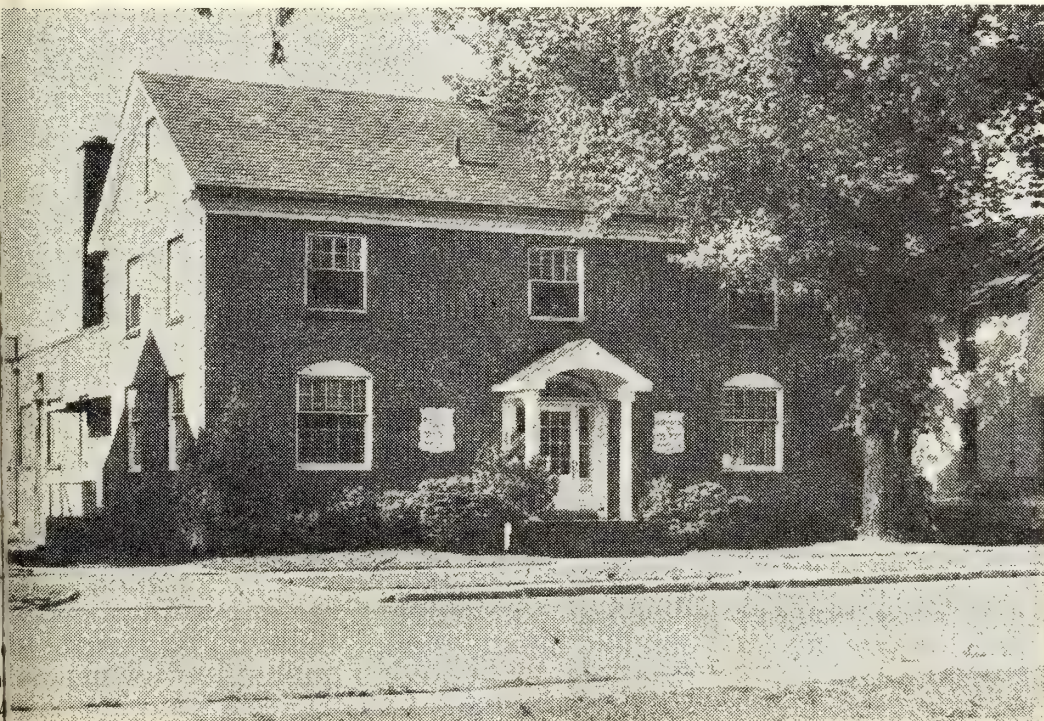
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The 1960 Publication Day Offering

YOUR LIBERAL OFFERING is necessary to maintain the financial stability of your Publishing Company, and to lend support to the pro-

gram of advancement as portrayed on these pages. The Publishing Company does not exist as a reason in itself, but only as a servant of the entire Church. **Being the key link in tying the program of the church to the Brethren everywhere, we seek full support from the Brethren we serve.** Pray and give liberally to the offering this month. The best in Brethren Literature will come back to you.



Goal:
Minimum of
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Planning For The Years Ahead

Ten Year Goals

1. EVERY BRETHREN CHURCH A 100% BRETHREN EVANGELIST CHURCH.

If the churches listed on page ten can effect 100% status, then ALL Brethren churches can do it! If these Honor Roll churches can see the need of complete coverage of their membership with the church paper, and can finance the program, then every Brethren church can do it! We hope it won't take ten years for all of our churches to see the value and benefits of getting the church paper into all the homes in their membership.

2. EVERY ADULT BRETHREN SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLAR USING THE BRETHREN ADULT BIBLE CLASS QUARTERLY.

We have a Bible Class Quarterly second to none. We have been told that by Brethren, and by people outside of our own Denomination who use our Bible Class Quarterly in preference to those of their own Denomination. Some non-Brethren Sunday Schools use our Bible Class Quarterly for their Adult Classes.

Every Adult Brethren should have his or her own copy of the Brethren Quarterly to use for lesson preparation, and in class. We furnish leaflets, too, and these can be for class use and for visitors, but every class member should have his or her own Brethren Quarterly for home use and study. We are looking forward to the day when this will be a reality.

3. THE INTERMEDIATE AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S BRETHREN QUARTERLY USED BY ALL BRETHREN SUNDAY SCHOOLS AT PROPER AGE LEVELS.

This Quarterly is undergoing some format changes which will be evident before this year is out. We trust that these changes will make the Quarterly more useful for our younger people; likewise then that more and more of our Sunday Schools will avail themselves of this Quarterly until the ultimate of our goal is reached.

4. BRETHREN TRACT AND BOOK PUBLISHING ENTERPRISE PROVIDING MATERIALS FOR ALL BRETHREN TEACHING NEEDS.

One of the well-recognized needs today in the Brethren Church is for suitable tracts, booklets, teaching and indoctrinational materials, etc. Chiefly for lack of funds, this area of operation has not been too fully developed. Much thinking is now being done on this matter, and the coming decade promises a great increase in the field of special Brethren printed materials.

5. ENLARGED AND MORE COMPLETELY EQUIPPED PRINTING PLANT.

For the size of our Denomination, we have one of the very best printing plants in existence. We are grateful for the accomplishments made by dedicated men and women through the years. This modern, efficiently operated plant is performing real miracles in producing the present program of Brethren printed materials.

But, no plant can continue to operate "as it is," and so there is the need to replace and add to the equipment of the plant, plus the need of additional personnel, in order to meet the constantly increasing demands for printed work in the Brethren Church.

6. ADDITIONAL EDITORIAL STAFF AND OFFICE SPACE.

Attention has been given in recent years on the matter of a unified church paper. Studies are being made on this at the present time. Whether or not it materializes, there will continue the present program of the development of **The Evangelist**. Improvements to our Quarterlies, and a program of tract printing lie ahead. Whatever materializes as a definite program will add to the duties of the Editor, requiring more help and additional office space in which to do the work centering in the Editorial office.

7. CONTINUED EXPANSION OF THE BOOK STORE

Much progress has been made in recent years, both in use of available space and volume of business. To better meet Denominational and area needs in the years to come, definite expansion in space and inventory will need to be made.

We don't know yet just how all of these things are going to work out, but we do know that these are some of the main areas of advancement which must concern us in our thinking, planning and action in the immediate future.

Great things are ahead in the service of the Publishing Company to the Brethren, PROVIDED Brethren respond in giving liberally to this Publication Day Offering and in the use of our publications.

We are limited in advancement ONLY by the limit set by your giving and acceptance of our publications. Considering the present program and the anticipate program, this year, the first of a new decade, is a big one for Brethren Publications. **WE ENCOURAGE YOUR SUPPORT NOW SO THAT THIS, AND EVERY SUCCEEDING YEAR OF THE DECADE, MAY FIND US FINANCIALLY ABLE TO SERVE YOU WELL AT YOUR PUBLISHING COMPANY. (W.S.B.)**

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

Editor's Note: Brother Ankrum tells in this Travelog the day by day happenings on the 1958 summer tour of Europe and the Near East by the group which made up the Ashland Theological Seminary tour under the direction of Dean Delbert B. Flora. A portion of this Travelog is scheduled to appear each week in the EVANGELIST. We express our appreciation to Brother Ankrum for his willingness to take the time to put into words for all to enjoy the human interest happenings of the trip. Obviously, not everything can be related, for to do so would require many times the space available. Here then, begins the account of the tour as seen from the eyes of Brother Ankrum. W. S. B.

COULD IT BE TRUE? Is it possible that after months of preparation, the great day is here? "So you are going to Europe and Palestine," had been for weeks said to us. "When I step on the plane, I will then believe it," was the reply often given. But here on Monday morning, June 30, the sun shining bright, traffic humming on the busy road hard by the Hagerstown Airport, and we, Mrs. Ankrum and I, at the field. Here was neighbor Gardner Moats, to take back the car. To see us off were Rev. Charles Green and family, near neighbors.

There were two suitcases, one rather over-sized, and one undersized. There was the inevitable camera gadget bag filled with film for some 900 slides, if all came out good. There were the health papers. There were the two books of tickets, filled with figures. There were visas in the passport, for it was a joint passport. Evidently all things were in order.

Just a short time after the time for leaving for New York, glided in the two-engined DC-3 of Allegheny Air Lines. In the matter of minutes, the baggage was loaded, and seats were found in the plane.

We interviewed the Pilot thinking perhaps we might have known him in Air Mail Pick-up days, but he said that he had come from another Air Line and had not been in the Pick-up Service. It was 9:00 when we left the Hagerstown Airport, and with stops made at Harrisburg and Scranton, Pennsylvania, it was 11:10 when we glided down upon the New Jersey landing field at Newark. The flight was at an elevation which permitted the viewing of the country that beautiful June morning.

We soon unloaded at Newark, and it was not long until we were able to claim the baggage, as the system was very simple and easy. Our tickets called for transportation from Newark, to Idlewild by New York Airways. The two suitcases were taken to their loading gate, and we were told that we could leave soon. There was a choice of going then or later, so we chose then. This was transportation by Helicopter. Two stops enroute were made by this ungainly creature which looked as though

it could not get off the ground, but it did. There were only a small number on the ship.

The Pilot pointed out various points of interest as we were flying over New York at an average elevation of 1,700 feet. We looked down, incidentally taking photographs of Hell Gate Bridge, the Point, with the Empire State Building, below us. Soon we were beyond the world's tallest building, The Empire State, which is 1,472 feet high, and on the ground at the International or Idlewild Airport. This covers 4,900 acres and is one of the largest and most modern airports in the world. People of all nationalities, shapes and sizes were swarming like flies around a syrup barrel in the summer time.

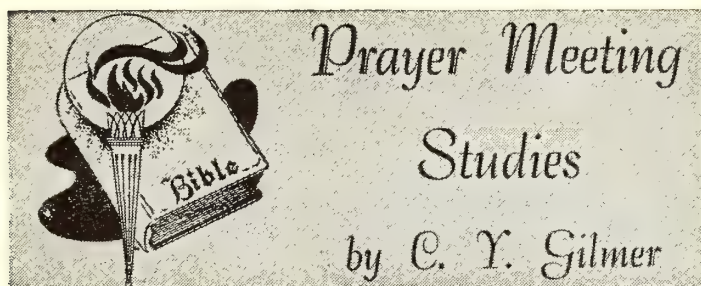
New York has a population of 7,891,957, and it appeared that most of the population was either leaving or coming home. Loud speakers were continually announcing the arrival and the departure of planes, and informing the traveler which gate to take. By the time we had secured our baggage, and transferred by Helicopter across the city to the airport, from which we were to leave, it was approximately 1:00 p. m.

The party was known as The Ashland Seminary Tour, and was under the supervision of The Winona Travel Service, of Wheaton, Illinois. Dean Delbert Flora, of Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio, who is an experienced traveler to lands beyond the sea, was the tour leader. It should be said in the beginning of this account of the trip that there was an air of "respectful informality" manifested throughout the entire time. There were Ministers, Professors, School teachers, Housewives, one Manufacturer, and one Druggist, the nearest to an M.D. in the party.

The original party consisted of 24 people from various sections of the states. Most of them were acquainted with one another but others had never met until they got together in New York City.

We were first at the airport, as the others in the main had flown in from Cleveland, Ohio, and when they landed at La Guardia, had to make the rest of the trip to Idlewild by two Helicopters. While Mrs. Ankrum and the writer awaited the coming of the rest of the party we studied the passengers who showed customs of many lands. Soon a person came up to the TWA booth whom we had never seen. I said to Mrs. Ankrum, "I believe that is Mrs. Garst from Salem, Virginia." I had never met her, but for some reason the guess was correct, and we were soon introduced to one another. So at last we were getting together and were not altogether strangers in a strange land. Mrs. Garst's daughter and son-in-law had brought her all the way from her Virginia home. She will not object to the statement that she was the oldest member of the party, and was 76 years of age. At that she was full of vim and vigor.

Between 3:45 and 5:30 the rest of the party straggled in. The first of the party to be recognized was group leader, Flora, who slowly inched his way to the TWA booth near where we were seated. We were not long in making our presence known. He was accompanied by Mrs. Flora and some members of the party who had come on the first Helicopter. Little by little they arrived. Soon Flora, (all titles were dropped), called us into the room from which we would be going out to the plane, and we had a chance to meet the party. Many of them had taken Motion Pills to aid them while on the flight. We were to stay in this room until the start of the plane.



HOW TO COPE WITH THE NEW YEAR LEAVE IT WITH HIM

Yes, leave it with Him, the lilies all do;
And they grow.
They grow in the rain, and they grow in the dew—
Yes, they grow.
They grow in the darkness all hid in the night,
They grow in the sunshine revealed by the light;
Still they grow.
They ask not your planting, they need not your care
As they grow.

Dropped down in the valley, the field—anywhere—
There they grow.
They grow in their beauty, arrayed in pure white,
They grow clothed in glory by heaven's own light,
Sweetly they grow.
The grasses are clothed and the ravens are fed
From His store.
But you who are loved, and guarded and led—
How much more
Will He clothe you and feed you and give you His care!
Then leave it with Him; He has, everywhere,
Ample store.

Yes, leave it with Him, you're more dear to His heart,
You well know,
Than the lilies that bloom, or the flowers that start
'Neath the snow.
Whatever you need, if you ask it in prayer,
You can leave it with Him, for you are His care.
YOU, you know.

—Author Unknown.

HOW ABOUT YOUR STEWARDSHIP for the passing year (Luke 16:2)! Have you given an account of the stewardship of your time (1 Peter 1:17)? And what have you done with your God-given talents (Luke 16:10)? Of what service unto God was your substance (Prov. 3:9)? What about the force of your influence for good (Acts 11:24)? If all should be wrong with you it is best for you to know it that you may correct it (Luke 12:19-21). Can you face up with God and give a good account of yourself for the past year (2 Tim. 1:12)? Can you expect the stamp of His approval (Matt. 25:21)? Have you done your best (2 Tim. 4:7)?

Life in the new year will be the usual routine just as it will be when Jesus comes again (Luke 17:26-30). The Sodomites were pursuing their usual course of life until the day that Lot went out of Sodom, and so shall it be when the Son of Man is revealed (vs. 34-36). There have always been wars and rumors of wars (Matt. 24:6). There have been false religions since the days of Cain

(Gen. 4:5) and of Paul (Acts 20:29-30). The salvation-by-character infidels in the churches will scoff at the doctrine of Christ's second coming (2 Pet. 3:3, 4). But God's program will go on just the same (vs. 7-9). Christ is most likely to come when least expected (vs. 9, 10). Only those who are occupied with Christ and for Him need have no fear (vs. 12-14).

What are we going to do with the Great Commission this year (Matt. 28:19, 20)? What are we going to make of the Gracious Invitation (Rom. 10:13), sowing the seed (Psalm 126:5), our prayer life (John 15:16)? The unconverted worry about the future, fearing atomic destruction of this world (Matt. 6:31, 32). The saved people will continue to trust in the Lord (Isa. 12:2). Nothing can really harm God's people as long as they refuse to sin (Rom. 8:28). To have the "blessed hope," look for it (Titus 2:13). In the rapture Christ will come only for those who are looking for Him (Heb. 9:28). By cultivating this hope the heart and life are purified (1 John 3:3).

Do you think Jesus will come in 1960 (Matt. 24:44)? What is your attitude toward His soon coming (vs. 45-51)?

Lesson

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for January 10, 1960

STRENGTHENING OUR CHURCHES

Lesson: Acts 14:19-28

SOME MEN establish churches, while others build up churches already established. The Apostle Paul was called of God to do both. He went into a place where there was no church, preached the Gospel until there were converts, and then established a church. Then he instructed the believers more fully in Christian doctrine until they were firmly grounded in the faith.

Paul's first missionary journey was a good example of the work he did and the problems he faced.

PERSECUTION

While in Lystra, Paul and Barnabas "preached the gospel" (14:7). Williams renders this verse, "they continued to tell the good news." The preaching of the Gospel was their main business.

At first they were well received. And then trouble began. "And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people . . ." (14:19). That is, they persuaded the people of Lystra against the missionaries.

"And, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city supposing he had been dead." How fickle men are! Even as the crowd in Jerusalem cried "Hosanna," one day, and "Crucify Him!" the next, so did they in Lystra. So impressed were the people at the healing of the cripple (14:8-13) that they tried to deify Paul. The next mo

ment, however, the jealous Jews from Antioch and Iconium had persuaded them to stone him!

DELIVERANCE

"Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him (Paul), he rose up, and came into the city" (14:20).

"Mark these things well in your mind: God had work beyond Lystra for Paul to do; the time was not yet for him to die. Paul was indomitable; no persecution ever stopped him; and after his head was cut off in Rome a church was named for him! Great churches are built not easily, nor without effort, but on sacrifice and trouble—and missionary tombstones" (Frank S. Mead).

EDIFICATION

Following his stoning, Paul "departed with Barnabas to Derbe. And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch" (14:20-21).

Why did Paul go back to Lystra after the people of that town had tried to kill him? Why did he return to Antioch and Iconium where he had been obviously unwanted by so many?

Verse 22 gives the reason: "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith."

"Having seen the flaming glory, and heard the wooing winsomeness of the infinite music of the evangel of a risen Lord, and of justification, the young child of God must be taught the meaning of life in Christ. Paul went back to further establish, to support, to confirm" (G. Campbell Morgan).

Paul was interested in the converts who were in those cities! He knew they needed spiritual edification if they were to stand fast in the faith.

ORGANIZATION

Not only did the believers need to be encouraged, but churches needed to be established. "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed" (14:23).

"Paul was not just a traveling preacher, whipping up enthusiasm with a great sermon and then passing on to the next city; he was the administrator of a permanent work. At the risk of his life, he revisited the faithful in Lystra, Iconium, Pisidian Antioch, and Perga, comforting, instructing, and seeing to it that 'elders' were appointed over them. Literally, that word 'appointed' means 'chosen by show of hands'; the people selected their own elders, or local leaders. The organization followed quite closely that of the Jewish church or synagogue" (Frank S. Mead).

TESTIMONY

Finally, Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch of Syria from whence they had begun their journey. "And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them . . ." (14:27).

It was important that they give testimony to the working of God. They made no attempt to take credit for what GOD had done. Williams brings this out very clearly in his translation: "They . . . reported to them all that God had done through them as instruments." Thus they were very conscious that what had been accomplished on their first missionary journey had been the work of GOD!

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

GET A GOOD START FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

IF YOU WANT A SUCCESSFUL VBS this summer, begin planning early.

Here is a schedule to help you in planning for your VBS—and in bringing the unchurched pupils into your Sunday school.

JANUARY

1. Set VBS date.
2. Select teachers, department superintendents, pianists, and other workers.

FEBRUARY-MARCH

1. Select lesson materials.
2. Train the teachers and helpers.
3. Schedule staff meeting.

APRIL

1. Work out detailed plans for daily schedules, class locations, and other items.
2. Schedule staff meetings to plan department activities and make handwork samples.
3. Obtain equipment necessary for handwork projects.
4. Order lesson materials and handwork supplies early.

MAY-JUNE

1. Conduct neighborhood survey for prospects.
2. Publicize your VBS through handbills, doorknob hangers, dodgers, newspaper ads, parade, and radio announcements.
3. Select additional workers, if needed.
4. Conduct your school.

JULY-SEPTEMBER

1. Follow up unchurched VBS pupils for Sunday school.
2. Encourage those who were saved, and make sure they receive sound, spiritual counselling.
3. Follow up the whole family until all attend.

ASK FOR IT!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE YOUR CLASS A BETTER ONE? Then ask your pupils for their ideas on how to make your class and your school a better one. One school has placed a suggestion box in the vestibule of the church. As you read the suggestions you gain the attention of the pupils, and as the useable ideas are followed, it will improve pupil-teacher relationships.

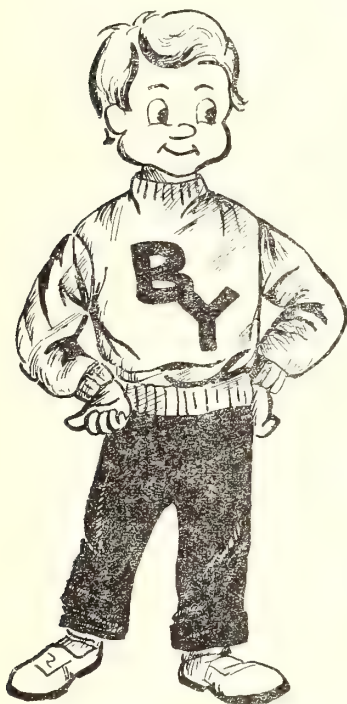
Calvin Coolidge was a man of very few words, but when he did speak, he usually had something to say. A friend once asked him what he thought friendship meant. The reply was, "A condition of perfect trust."

Christian friendship is two-edged: Christ's trust in us, and our complete trust in Him.

Frank S. Mead in **TARBELL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE** (Fleming H. Revell Company)

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Phil Lersch, Youth Director



BILLY SAYS:

**"Let's Be Busy
in 1960"**

GUEST EDITORIAL

**by Billy Booth,
the Brethren Youth**

AT THE START of a new year is the best time I know for doing those things you've been puttin' off for a long time. For example, I was supposed to write this "guest editorial" a long time ago; and I'm just gettin' around to it.

Here's the way I figured it out. 1960 was a nice new year—all clean and nice like an unmarked sheet of new paper—and I decided as I looked ahead that I didn't want my first mark on the new year to be a black one (like the one you get when you don't do that thing you were supposed to). So I got right busy on this here piece of writin' and ya know, it didn't take long after all—and I feel a whole lot better about startin' the new year on the right foot.

Now this leads me to say somthin' else. I'm guessin' that there are a whole lot of Brethren Youth and advisors who haven't done all that they should have to keep the B. Y. Crusader program goin' this year. There are many things I could talk about, but I'll just mention two for your consideration:

SPEECH CONTEST: Everyone who heard any of the speeches given last year certainly received a lot; and those who gave the speeches received even more benefits and blessings. And, furthermore, those two contestants who won the finals received sizeable financial awards. Realizing these advantages, more students in high school ought to be entering the contest this year. The theme this year is, "What I See—When I Lift Up My Eyes."

During these months of January and February most of the districts ought to be finishing up the contests in the local church and looking forward to the District contests this spring and summer. The only way you can possibly win a contest is to write a speech and enter. I'm sure

the adults in your church will be interested in arranging such a contest, but you may have to show your interest first.

If you have been puttin' this off, let's get with it soon before it's too late.

NATIONAL PROJECT: Several churches are already underway and doing nicely in their attempt to raise money toward the \$3,000,000 non-financial project this year. I happened to hear in early December that Dayton and Roann have over \$8,000 each. And remember, they have raised this money entirely through Bible Reading and Prayer Meetings.

There is nothing of a more valuable nature that your B. Y. C. could be doing than enlisting its members in reading the Bible and joining in prayer. This \$3,000,000 project is just an effort to encourage you and your church young people in doing this thing to glorify God and enrich each individual life.

Of course, if you start on the project now—you will be beginning late; but that is better than not entering at all. Why don't you make sure that your B. Y. C. organizes for this project real soon?

WELL NOW, if you haven't yet gotten around to taking care of these two matters I've been speakin' about why not do it right away? You'll be glad you did—and 1960 will look a lot better to you real quick.

Your pal,
Billy Booth.

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The Drive Is On

JANUARY has become known as **SUBSCRIPTION MONTH** for the "Brethren Youth Magazine." Most of the subscriptions for this magazine must be renewed every year. Also, many new subscriptions have been received in January and February during the past couple of years. Therefore, if a notice comes to you of an expired subscription, please be prompt in returning your renewal dollar with your name and address. Thank you

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Miami Valley Holds Rally

December 13th was the date; Gratis, Ohio, was the place; the Miami Valley Brethren Youth Rally was the occasion!

110 youth and advisors turned out on this beautiful Sunday Afternoon for the short afternoon rally which closed with a light lunch served by the Gratis Church.

Don Roby, of Gretna and Ashland College, presided at the business meeting. **Gretna Brethren Church**, as usual won the attendance banner again. The eight members of the **Martin Family**, from Gratis, offered a 45 minute musical program. **Youth Director Phil Lersch** brought explanations about the National Youth Work and emphasized the real values of coming to a rally. In a nutshell this is what took place on the program. It was encouraging to have every church but one in the district represented at the rally.

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The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

THE WORLD IS MINE

HAVE YOU EVER LOOKED at a beautiful sunset and thanked God that you could see it? Have you ever sat by your radio listening to the beautiful strains of a concerto as played by a symphony orchestra and thanked God that you could hear it? Have you ever walked in the softly falling snow or rain and thanked God that you could feel it?

So many times we take for granted these ordinary pleasures of life and forget that our world is a blessing from our Heavenly Father.

May I share with you a little poem that appeared in the Ashland College Collegian several years ago? Whenever I am tempted to feel sorry for myself because everything seems to go wrong all at once, I read this bit of verse and thank God for life, health, family, and friends.

"Today upon a bus, I saw a lovely maid with golden hair. I envied her—she seemed so gay—and wished I were as fair. When suddenly she arose to leave. I saw the cruel braces as she hobbled down the aisle; a victim of polio was she. But as she passed—a smile! Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two straight feet. The world is mine.

"And then I stopped to buy some sweets. The lad who sold them had such charm. I talked with him. He said to me: 'It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see,' he said, 'I'm blind.' Oh, God forgive me when I whine. I have two eyes. The world is mine!

"Then walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue. He stood and watched the others play. It seemed

he knew not what to do. I stopped a moment, then I said: 'Why don't you join the others, dear?' He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I have two ears. The world is mine!

"With feet to take me where I'd go, with eyes to see the sunset's glow, with ears to hear what I would know—oh, God, forgive me when I whine. I am blessed indeed. The world is mine!"

Miss Helen Shively,
Ashland, Ohio.

Brethren Annual Changes 1959-60

J. MILTON BOWMAN: Correction on error in Annual: 1146 Gary Court, Elkhart, Indiana. Appears on p. 81 under listing of Elkhart church, and p. 84 under listing of pastors. Also, for Mrs. Bowman, p. 67, under W. M. S. and S. M. M. National officers.

AKRON, OHIO (FIRESTONE PARK): New secretary (p. 79): Mrs. Ruth Corey, 904 E. Archwood, Akron 6, Ohio.

CLARENCE A. STOGSDILL: Now at Milledgeville, Illinois. General Conference Secretary. Make changes pp. 82 and 86; and on page 64 under General Conference Organization.

ARTHUR H. TINKEL: Note change to Flora, Indiana, church, as pastor, p. 81, and on p. 86.

MID-WEST DISTRICT ORGANIZATION: p. 75. Treasurer is Mrs. Mary Taylor, 606 Burke, Fort Scott, Kans.; District Evangelist is Kenneth Howard, 411 Lowman St., Fort Scott, Kans.

MULVANE, KANSAS: p. 82. Street address of church is 314 South Central.

Farewell, Old Year

I do not know, I cannot see,
What God's kind hand prepares for me,
Nor can my glance pierce through the haze
Which covers all my future ways:
But yet I know that o'er it all
Rules He who notes the sparrow's fall.

I know the hand that hath me fed,
And through the year my feet hath led;
I know the everlasting arm
That hath upheld and kept from harm.
I trust Him as my God and Guide,
And know that He will still provide.

So, at the opening of the year,
I banish care and doubt and fear,
And, clasping His kind hand, essay

To walk with God from day to day,
Trusting in Him who hath me fed,
Walking with Him who hath me led.

I know not where His hand shall lead,
Through darkest wastes, o'er flowery mead;
Mid tangled thicket set with thorn,
Mid gloom of night or glow of morn;
But still I know my Father's hand
Will bring me to His goodly land.

Farewell, Old Year, with goodness crowned
A hand Divine hath set thy bound.
Welcome the New Year, which shall bring
Fresh blessings from my God and King.
The old we leave without a tear,
The New we hail without a fear.

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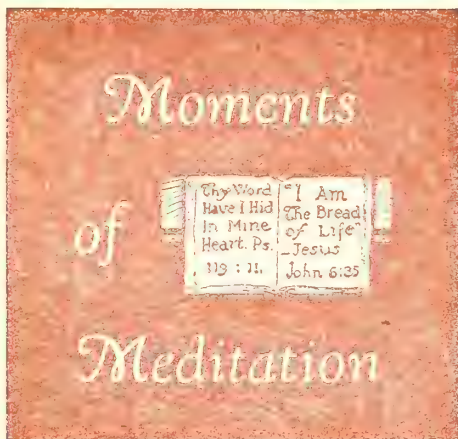


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OUR PASTOR

He's always expected to be bright and cheery
He's always expected to wear a bright smile
He's never expected to grow tired and weary
Though often he has to go that second mile.

He hears all of our troubles and all of our sorrows
He's expected to lift them and lighten the load.
He's always expected to visit the weary
Regardless of the hours he has spent on the road.

His family is always to be an example
His wife is supposed to be patient and kind.
Regardless of what the Laity might say about them
They must live with it, and never, never mind.

So often we think of our Pastor as tireless
And he must be ready to answer each call.
No doubt at the end of the day, quite often

His body and spirit must feel they will fall.

So often we fail to show our appreciation

We take him for granted, I know this is true.

But many are the hardships and heartaches he carries

For our pastor is human, same as I and you.

Oh, let us be ready to give of our time, then

And let us each day pray to God up above

To strengthen our Pastor and give him wisdom

And show him through service our grateful love.

Let us be kind and understanding .
When everything seems to go the wrong way,

And let us unite our hearts in God's service

That over our lives He might hold full sway.

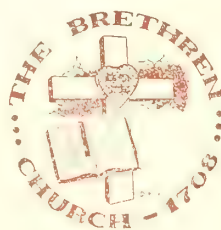
Let us back up our Pastor in each endeavor

Let us show him our appreciation, full and deep,

Let us work with him and always remember

The principles of Jesus Christ ever to keep.

—Olive M. Leighner, in
The United Brethren.



If you follow the wrong trend of thought, don't be surprised if you find yourself lost in a wilderness of confusion.

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Lasting Service

If something of you isn't living
Long after your spirit has fled,

If your hand ceases toiling and giving
The minute your body is dead,

You have quitted the world as a debtor

And failed in the infinite plan;
And earth shall your memory smother

For you've rendered no service to man.

You may work for the profit of labor
And claim all its payments of gold

But if you do not help your brother
Your toil is but selfish and cold.

Yea, if nobody's burdens are light
Than when first the world you trod

You have dismally failed as a fighter
For you've rendered no service to God.

—Author Unknown.

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No man ever rises to a mountain top who keeps his eyes on a mole hill.

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LINCOLN AND HIS BIBLE

L. E. Chittenden has given to posterity this glimpse of Lincoln's love and use of the Bible; "Except the instructions of his mother, the Bible more powerfully controlled the intellectual development of the son than all other causes combined. He memorized many of its chapters and he them perfectly at his command. Early in his professional life he learned that the most useful of all books to the public speaker was the Bible. After 1857 he seldom made a speech which did not contain quotations from the Bible."—Selected.

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The Editor's Pulpit

"Enter Into His Courts With Praise"

TOM ANDERSON, writing editorially in the December 1959 issue of "Farm and Ranch" Magazine, tells of an experience which he had in Russia recently as a member of the Secretary Ben-on party. He tells of the occasion of going to the Central Baptist Church, one of the few "open-for-business" churches in Moscow.

At this service, a "standing-room-only" crowd of 1,000 were in attendance. Most of them were elderly women; there was a handful of teenagers.

Here appeared what has been hopefully called by some American news writers, "religious freedom." But is it the brand of religious freedom which we have in America, and which we so loosely take for granted?

In his article, which we plan to publish more fully at a later date, Mr. Anderson says of the people in attendance at that service, "Their wrinkled old faces looked at us pleadingly . . . They were in misery . . . They gripped our hands like frightened children."

In view of overtures for peace we must never forget as Americans that when Russia talks of peace, it is on her terms. The Communistic philosophy has not changed one bit. It is 100% materialistic, "relegating God and all the philosophical rabble who believe in Him to the sewer and manure heap." That philosophy has closed most churches in Russia and its subjugated countries. It has put the worship of God by individuals at the risk of their lives. Sunday schools are not permitted, for why would the state, which controls education, spend six days a week teaching Atheism to its boys and girls, and then permit them to go to Sunday school on the seventh, to learn about God?

Mr. Anderson puts it very pointedly: "A person can lose his job or be demoted for church attendance. Young people have to either be confirmed in church or join 'youth confirmation' (Communist) groups. If they choose the church, they won't be able to get a job when they're old enough to work. Most people under 60 have sold out God for jobs, security, convenience. Or may-

be they've simply concluded that co-existence, with atheism, is better than no existence."

Small wonder then that church attendance is composed mostly of "elderly women" who are possibly beyond the active working age, and a few teenagers—"youth with courage to oppose history's most godless dictatorship to worship God!"

We trust that Brethren will take these words to heart and ponder them. Yes, especially so the next time we may be tempted to "sleep in" on a Sunday morning instead of going to church. Especially so the next time we are tempted to "steal away" after Sunday school for some seemingly important reason, instead of entering the worship service of the morning.

As we bask in the sunshine of God's blessings upon us as Americans, cannot we realize that this liberty which we have is not a static thing? It is in the power and judgment of God as to whether or not we can continue to have this liberty. What we do in relation to availing ourselves of the freedom of worship determines if we are going to continue to have this privilege.

When one reads about and hears of the extremely severe conditions under which Christians in other parts of the world must worship God, a desire to be more faithful in our worship of God in our own church should come upon us. Truly we should enter into His gates with praise. How about it? A new year is with us. Let us prove that we appreciate the goodness and mercy of the Lord upon us by faithfully attending the services of His house each week. While there, let us worship Him in spirit and in truth. W. S. B.

Let us not delude ourselves. We will submit to some master, whether that master is work, sex, pleasure, liquor, or what-have-you. Our problem is to choose which master.

The only Master worth serving is Jesus Christ, the Master we were created to serve.

William P. Barker in SAINTS IN APRONS
AND OVERALLS (Fleming H. Revell
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A CHRISTIAN COMBATS TRADITION

Irven Stern

NOT LONG AGO four Nigerian evangelists and I were in the Margi village of Hildi with the mobile Bible school. The second day of our stay, Mandara, the local village evangelist, came to my hut and asked me to go to visit a certain home with him.

As we were winding our way up the path close to the mountain, he began to explain to me why he had asked me to go to this home with him. That morning a baby had been born there. It was the first child of this young couple. The father is a Christian and was rebelling against the local custom which dictated that the baby must be thrown out to die.

According to traditions of the people of that village, young girls must prove their fertility before marriage by conceiving while still living at home. But this baby must not be allowed to live or the mother would never conceive again, according to their beliefs. Thus, for countless years many babies have been sacrificed to the custom.

This young father, trying to live as a Christian in his village, did not feel strong enough to stand alone against this practice of infanticide; so he had gone to Mandara and asked his help in saving the baby. Mandara came to me, and though I, too, felt inadequate to combat tradition, with Jesus Christ we found the strength.

Attempts to save baby

Inside the couple's hut on a grass mat lay the new mother. The grandmother was bent over a pot cooking some soup for her daughter. Lying alone in the dust in the corner was the newborn baby. Dust had been sprinkled over its tiny body. We told the women that we had come at the husband's request to greet them on the occasion of the birth of this baby.

We began to inquire as to why the baby was not on the mat with the mother. Why had the baby not been bathed? The grandmother and the mother both remained silent. We asked the grandmother to bathe the baby. She replied that it was useless as the baby would soon die anyway. We insisted, however, and brought water and a clean, white handkerchief. Soon the baby was getting a bath that the family had not intended it should have.

Mandara told me that the only way for the baby's life to be saved would be for it to be given milk from a bottle, as they had heard that some white mothers do, because it was taboo for the mother to nurse a baby such as this. Since I knew that Grimleys and the Uba Church had started a program of caring for orphans, I asked the parents if they would agree to take the baby to Uba, seven miles away, and to live there while the baby got cow's milk until it was strong enough to take other food. They replied that this decision had to be made by the young mother's father.

Grandfather's opposition

When he was consulted, Timji, the grandfather, said that he would never agree to this. We urged the young

father to take a stand as a Christian and save the baby's life. Young people must respect their parents, but when it came to matters of this kind, youth must make a decision and stand by it. He knew of the government campaign to end infanticide, for last year forty-four persons had been taken to prison from his own village for this crime.

He finally decided that he would take the child to Uba where it could get milk. He knew that he would be going against custom. He knew that he would have to pay for the milk. He even knew that he would need to pay for the mileage of a car that would be brought to take them to Uba yet that night.

When the car arrived, the young mother refused to go until she had talked to her father again. Since when could a young man like her husband make a decision that was contrary to her people? So, baby in arms, twelve hours after giving birth, she clambered up the steep mountain path leading to her father's home and the rest of us followed along.

It was getting late at night. The moon was full. The well-hidden path led right to the top of the mountain. I had not known there were compounds on the top of that mountain. As we reached the crest I saw an unforgettable sight in the moonlight. There on the top of the mountain were a hundred or more huts packed in close to one another. The footpaths were worn deep from many years of traffic.

We reached the grandfather's compound and entered with fear and trembling. Meddling with well-established customs in this manner could be dangerous business, we realized. Timji did not return our greeting. Timji began to shout and curse us and his big deep voice boomed against a nearby mountain wall and bounded back. For one hour we talked to Timji about his grandchild. By midnight we had Timji's permission to take the baby and its parents to Uba where it could receive life-giving milk.

Additional requests

The next evening Mandara came to my sleeping hut and greeted me. I was tired from a busy day and not enough sleep the night before. He said that I would find it hard to believe but another baby had been born. It, too, was conceived in its grandfather's house. It, too, according to custom, must die. Its father, like the one yesterday, was a Christian also. He had come to the evangelist for help. Would I go along and try to help them persuade the relatives to allow this baby to go with its parents to Uba where it too could get milk?

Some hours later I returned to get my sleep. But I could not sleep. I was tired, but I was captivated by the drama that was taking place in this village. Here was a group of young Christians—a fellowship made up of nearly all young men. There were no old men among them. Most of those who had wives had not yet won them to Christ. But what a witness they were making! They had caught the spirit of Christ and were trying to

follow it even though it meant going against age-old customs of their people. Theirs was not a popular way to follow. But who can say that it was not Christian?

Since that time, I have learned that Timji's granddaughter did not live longer than about a month. The second baby is still living, however. And two other babies like these two I have described have since been taken to Uba by people of that village. People are beginning to see that it is not necessary for these babies to die.

Now more and more of these babies will live. And some day the mothers who give birth to them will nurse them and care for them as any other child. More older people are beginning to show an interest in the faith that prompts their children to want to save their babies. Timji has professed his desire to become a Christian. This, because Mandara, and others in the Christian fellowship at Hildi, believe the message of Christ enough to try to follow it. (Taken from the Gospel Messenger).

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Items of General Interest

WASHINGTON, D. C. Speaking in the Washington Brethren Church the evening of December 30th, was Rev. Norman Townsend, of North Kingston, R. I.

VINCO, PENNA. The Vinco church reports the reception of eleven new members on December 6th—seven by baptism and four by reaffirmation of faith and former baptism.

MASSILLON, OHIO. The Massillon Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped in the religious survey of the area the afternoon of December 6th.

Churches represented in the group are: Mansfield, Ashland (Garber Memorial), Smithville, Canton (Trinity), Louisville and North Georgetown.

The results of the survey will be given in the near future.

WARSAW, INDIANA. Pastor C. Y. Gilmer was radio speaker on WRSW the week of December 28th.

ELKHART, INDIANA. The Deacon Board was in charge of the evening service on December 27th, presenting Tom Brewer, 1959 Good Will Ambassador to South America, who showed pictures of his trip.

For their W. M. S. Group 1 public service on January 3rd, Mrs. Leroy Fogle, former missionary to Africa, was scheduled to show slides of her work.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. Seven new members were baptised and received into the church on December 16th.

Pastor J. D. Hamel was devotional speaker on WNDU radio and television on December 7th.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Pastor H. H. Rowsey notes that the speaker for the December 30th service was his son-in-law, Brother J. D. Hamel.

COMING EVENTS

**NORTHEASTERN OHIO LAYMEN'S
MEETING—January 14th
at Smithville, Ohio
Supper at 7:00 P. M.**

Dr. J. Arthur Baird, Prof. of Religious Education, Wooster College, will speak on the subject, "Asia and Christianity Today." Dr. Baird traveled throughout Japan in 1958.

NOTICE: Change of address of the Treasurer of The Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board (after January 1, 1960).

Clarence A. Stogsdill
Milledgeville, Illinois

THE SAME NOTICE applies to those who would contact the Corresponding Secretary of The Brethren Church

The Voice Within

Rev. J. Milton Bowman

THOMAS R. KELLY said, "Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a Divine Center, a speaking Voice, to which we may continuously return. Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-torn lives, warming us with intimations of an astounding destiny, calling us home unto Itself." The Spirit of the living God dwells within the heart of the devout Christian; the holy Presence is in the midst, creating a divine center within which glows and warms and stirs our hearts into the flame of action.

In the secret of Christ's presence, in the secret place of devotion, the Voice within creates within one's soul a spirit of adoration, joy, appreciation, thanksgiving, worship, self-surrender, listening and witnessing. There is not a blessing in this life which we cannot trace back to the Son of God. If there is anything good, lasting, anything true, anything that has brought lasting peace and joy into one's life we can thank God through Jesus Christ for it. It is in Him "we live and move and have our being." He gives us pardon, peace, power, provision, fellowship, hope, truth, assurance, joy, love and eternal life. What a list of blessings! Something must be wrong with us if we do not draw apart in holy communion with Him and say, "Thank you, Lord."

Devout and earnest prayer has been called "the mightiest force in the world." We as Christians have failed to use the mighty energies which prayer can release. The world needs prayer; the individual needs prayer in order to gain inward peace and power in a world of rush and tension. The hour has struck for mankind. Dr. J. H. Oldman said, "Nothing short of a really heroic effort will avail to save mankind

from its present evils and the destruction which must follow in their train." It takes heroic effort to persist in unceasing prayer; to cultivate the atmosphere and spirit of personal devotion, to stir into flame the inner resources of the Spirit. We need heart-power which is greater than head-power. We must return over and over again to the most holy place of prayer and personal fellowship with the living Christ. Ellen Lakshmi Goreh put it effectively in the words of a hymn,

"In the secret of His presence how my soul delights to hide!
Oh, how precious are the lessons which I learn at Jesus' side!
Earthly cares can never vex me, neither trials lay me low;
For when Satan comes to tempt me, to the secret place I go.

Would you like to know the sweetness of the secret of the Lord.
Go and hide beneath His shadow: this shall then be your reward:
And when-e'er you leave the silence of that happy meeting place,
You must mind and bear the image of the Master in your face."

Our devotions must include the inspiration which comes from God's holy Word. John Bunyan said, "Then I saw in my dream that the Interpreter took Christian by the hand, and led him into a place where was a fire burning against a wall, and one standing by it, always casting much water upon it, to quench it; yet did the fire burn higher and hotter." Christian was led to a place behind the wall, "where he saw a man

with a vessel of oil in his hand, of the which he did also continually cast (but secretly) into the fire." This shows the hidden secret of true Christian experience and is a symbol of the vitality of the Scriptures. Christian truth (the Scriptures) and the vitality of the Christian life go together. The Gospel is the power of God unto all that believe. It is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. The Holy Spirit dwells within our hearts by faith and so everything becomes bright; the fire burns, the flame rises, the light glows; the darkness fades into insignificance. "The Light shineth in darkness and the darkness could not put it out."

Many of us have failed to use the tremendous energies that prayer can produce. Nobody but God can cleanse us from our sins. The future of the world is in doubt. We need millions of prayer warriors to bring the forces of evil to its knees. Prayer is the door that opens our minds to God and it will direct our pathway and all of our acts. Someone has said, "If prayers can save the world, why haven't the prayers of the devout done it already?" Because their prayers have been a trickle, when we needed a river. If this is true at all, it is the mightiest truth in the universe! It means that enough of us praying often enough could make everybody in the whole world look up and listen to God. We could transform the world."

Prayer is powerful! Paul said of Christ, "He was declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead." Christ said, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and on earth." He upholds all things by the word of His power. The pages of history are filled with the names of men and women who have overcome the world in the power of Christ. We can receive His strength to uphold us when the going is rough. The source of Spiritual power is inexhaustible.

If we spend time in secret devotions we can master our anxieties and have an inner peace that passes all understanding. Archbishop French wrote a very helpful poem as follows:

Lord what a change within us one short hour
spent in Thy presence will avail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take!
What parched ground refreshes as with a shower,
We kneel and all around us seems to lower;
We rise, and all, the distant and the near,
stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.

We kneel, how weak! We rise, how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this
wrong

Or others—that we are not always strong—
That we are sometimes overborne with care—
That we should ever weak or heartless be
Anxious or troubled—when with us is prayer
And joy and strength and courage are with
Thee!"

Christ said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest; Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for My yoke is easy, and My burden light."

Dr. Frank Lauback says, "The highest form of communion is not asking God for things for ourselves, but letting Him flow down through us, out over the world—in endless benediction . . . In Africa, Asia, the East Indies and Latin America the illiterate three-fifths of the human race are slaves, penniless, hungry, sick, engulfed in hopeless debts, driven to grinding toil from dawn to darkness. Three-fifths of the human race are in deeper poverty, hunger, depravity, ignorance, fear and despair than any slum in the United States." Prayers can change the course of history. Prayers never die. "The effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." Prayer can lift the burdens of the world.

Prayer must be the center of our relationship with the Infinite if our personal lives are to fulfill their mission on earth. Prayer must be at the heart of our denomination, our educational institutions, our boards, our churches and our missionary enterprises. Prayer is four-fifths of the deed. Our efforts are a dud when we forget to pray. Prayer and works, however, go together. A. D. Buchet put it like this:

"You can be—yes—you,
An answer to prayer.
There is work to be done;
A field to be won!
And millions are praying,
Hands lifted, hearts saying;
"O Lord, yet how long
Until right conquer wrong?"
You can answer that prayer—
You—answer that prayer."
The Voice within tells you so.

Elkhart, Indiana.

LIFE WORK RECRUIT PROGRAM

An Explanation

TO: All Brethren

FROM: Rev. Phil Lersch, National Youth Director

RE: Proposed program to follow-up LIFE WORK RECRUIT decisions.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Please read in entirety

In the area of church organization and program no concern is more crucial in the Brethren Church than the need for ministers and other Life Work personnel. This need has been emphasized by many conference speakers, discussion leaders, and private conversationalists. Consequently, we see clearly the need for enlisting more young people in a **lasting decision** to give their lives in the work of the church.

This article comes as an explanation and report of what is being done in a new phase of our church's LIFE WORK RECRUIT PROGRAM. Whereas the features of this program, described herein, are being sponsored by National Brethren Youth, the planning, participation, and support are being shared jointly by Ashland Seminary, Mission Board, National Ministerium, National Laymen, Ashland College, Woman's Missionary Society, Sunday School Board, and Brethren Youth.

No one person, small group of people, or isolated segment of the church can manufacture an over-all emphasis upon any subject. If the Brethren Church is going to find sufficient workers for the vacancies, it will take the work and prayers of every member. It is hoped that this explanation will arouse your interest and participation at the points where we depend upon you, so that more young people will feel led to respond to the call which God gives continually for vineyard workers.

Such a program is by no means an effort to "corner" young people into the Lord's work. Rather, through a series of contacts, it is an effort to use every human means available to encourage the young person to be continually responsive to the divine call which God gives. When the Recruit is constantly aware of the need for dedicated workers, the numbers of people who long to be spiritually fed, and the means available to become trained for such work, it will provide him with strength to remain true to his intention and commitment for life.

CURRENT PROGRESS:

1. Names of Life Work Recruits were compiled in an alphabetical card file. Sources of these names were the Sunday School Board office (last five years of camping), Youth Board files, and 1958 and 1959 General Conference decisions. The total listing included 575 names. The card file eliminated duplications.

2. To each of these 575 young people were sent a letter of explanation and a questionnaire card which we asked to be returned to our office. This mailing was done about November 10, 1959.

3. By mid-December only a few of 100 of these cards had been completed and returned. Reminders have been sent to the others and cards are still coming in.

FUTURE PLANS:

1. A LIFE WORK RECRUIT CARD will be sent to all those youth who respond to our inquiries. These cards will be sent through the local pastor since each card will require his signature. Also it will be suggested that the pastor give this card and accompanying recognition at a public service so that both the Recruit and the congregation will be strengthened on their obligations. The card also includes a "Declaration of Intention" which the Recruit is requested to sign.

2. A request will be issued to all pastors for more names of Life Work Recruits—names we do not now have in the files. This will be handled in a systematic way early in 1960 so that each pastor will know which names we have from his church.

3. Plans call for us to send nine (9) mailings per year to each Life Work Recruit. Also each pastor will receive a copy of the letter so he will know the materials being sent to his youth. Often pamphlets concerning life's calling will be included with a letter. The schedule of responsibilities for these mailings follows:

Month	Writer or Compiler	Sponsoring Organization
January	—Phil Lersch	Brethren Youth Board
February	—NO MAILING	
March	—Delbert Flora	Ashland Seminary
April	—Clayton Berkshire	Mission Board
May	—Margaret Lowery	Brethren Youth Board
June	—Charles Munson	National Ministerium
July	—Guest writer (to be selected and notified by John Golby, pres.)	National Laymen
August	—NO MAILING	
Sept.	—NO MAILING	
October	—Virgil Meyer	Ashland College
Nov.	—Guest writer (to be selected and notified by Mrs. Rodkey, pres.) ...	National W. M. S.
December	—N. V. Leatherman	Sunday School Board

4. FINANCES: We estimate that the total cost for these mailings will be around \$400 per year. Consequently, the sponsoring organizations have agreed to support the program with about \$50 to \$60 for the present year.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

1. Annually a check-up will be made with each pastor, through which an attempt will be made to learn of all the Life Work decisions having taken place in the local churches during the year. Again the purpose being to keep better contact with all recruits and assure that our files are up-to-date.

2. At least once per year a letter will be sent to the parents of recruits suggesting that they can be of great usefulness to the Lord's work by encouraging their son or daughter to remain faithful to his or her earlier decision.

3. As the cards are returned from the Life Work recruits a duplicate is made and filed in another file by churches. Consequently, at any moment we can tell you whether any one person is listed as a L.W.R. (alphabetical file) or how many L. W. R's we have listed in any one church (church file). These files are available to any of you at any time and we would welcome their use.

4. Pastors will be encouraged to keep a local Life Work Recruit file—one that can be left (with other important data) at the church for the next pastor when the present man leaves. Such continuity and co-ordination is a must.

This is about where we stand at the present time. I would welcome comments and suggestions from any readers, for we are anxious to make this program as useful as possible. Mail to Brethren Youth, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio.

Join us in prayer today for the success of every endeavor along this line of leading youth to constantly respond to God's claim upon their life.

Rev. Phil Lersch.

INDOCTRINATION MATERIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

THE BRETHREN ANNUAL issue of the Evangelist is now in the hands of the brotherhood and every reader of the Evangelist will have read the entire Conference Minutes by now. And, of course the pastor and delegates have all made complete reports of the business transacted. May we call your attention again to the item on pages 22 and 23 relative to this Committee's work?

The Indoctrination Material Committee was created in response to a recommendation of Dean Delbert B. Flora in his Moderator's Address of 1958. The first report appears in the Annual as above referred to.

The question may arise as to why Indoctrination Material is needed. An apparent condition in the Brethren Church points to the fact that we all have been too lax in thorough instruction of new members, both before and after their reception. We do not witness with sufficient zeal for the "Faith once for all delivered unto the saints," and for the Brethren traditions in pursuance thereof. It seems that too often, parents do not discuss the family and church background with their children, leaving the instruction entirely to the Church. The Clergy oft assumes that because the parents are in the Church, the children understand its tenets. Sunday School teachers follow the material put out by the Interdenominational Boards, and our children grow up without proper indoctrination, and readily find their way into other fellowships than Brethren. This occurs so often at marriage with partners of other faiths who are carefully taught in their beliefs.

The lack of a uniform indoctrination program, and a faithful adherence to it, has left the Brethren Church with many members who do not know why they are Brethren. As a result there has been a loss of thousands of members to other denominations because they did not understand the biblical reasons for Brethren Faith and practice.

If all Brethren members had been firmly grounded in Brethren Doctrine, there could have been hundreds of Brethren Congregations springing up all over the country, where Brethren Families had moved and made their residence. It is form of missionary work which is Apostolic, and proved so fruitful in the beginnings of the church. The Church at Antioch grew out of the witness

of both Jewish and Gentile Believers scattered by the persecutions, and became the home base from which Paul and others went forth to the Gentile world.

Families of Brethren, scattered far and wide, away from home congregations, could become the origin of new groups, and carry them on to become organized Brethren Churches, if they themselves were soundly indoctrinated. The family of the chairman of this committee came out of a congregation that was founded by Brethren who migrated to California and there faithfully witnessed to Brethren practice of the apostolic faith.

The initial report of this committee in the Annual, gives a tentative outline of the instruction material to be covered in the Manual, which is in preparation now. The instruction material will be divided into three sections. A—Christian Discipleship and Total Commitment; B—Basic Biblical Articles of Faith; and C—The Brethren Church and Her Mission.

The Committee is now at work preparing the Manual. January first is the date set for completion of the first draft. Members of the Committee will then exchange copies of their preliminary effort for comparison. Distance handicaps progress since the Committee is scattered from Iowa to Florida. But it is working.

Your Committee solicits suggestions from anyone interested enough to give the matter some thought. Are the 39 subjects listed in the tentative outline adequate to cover the field of instruction? Are there other vital subjects more suitable which should be substituted? What about a Title for the Manual? Should the name BRETHREN appear on the cover? Should the word INDOCTRINATION appear in the Title? Or should it be used at all and the word INSTRUCTION used instead? etc., etc.

Your Committee keenly feels the weight of their responsibility. We covet your prayers that the Holy Spirit may direct every decision and every written word.

The Committee, A. T. Ronk, ch'man
Robert Keplinger,
Smith Rose,
L. E. Lindower,
Don Rowser,
Lyle Lichtenberger.



What's Doing in the Churches



WARSAW, INDIANA

Our revival of October 12-25 was conducted by Rev. Percy C. Miller, pastor of the Hillcrest Brethren church, as evangelist. He very ably presented the claims of Christ to both saint and sinner. He talked each evening for a period to the children which was enjoyed by all. Our pastor, Rev. C. Y. Gilmer, very ably led in hymn singing and assisted in various phases of the work. Rev. Miller led in the singing of gospel choruses. Accompanists for the music were—Mrs. John Grase, organist, and Mrs. Eugene Robbins at the piano. Delegations came from Dutchtown, Roann and Huntington churches.

On October 29th six were baptized and received into membership of the church, three of these are heads of families.

The following Sunday evening, November 1st, we had a fine communion service—86 were present.

We are seeing a definite gain in prayer meeting attendance. We have three groups now meeting at the same hour (7 to 8) on Thursday evenings. (1) The children's hour has been organized for several years and headed by Mrs. Everett Schooley. (2) We have a new junior Brethren Youth prayer group recently started by Mr. and Mrs. G. Robbins. (3) The adult group is usually led by the pastor. Our W. M. S. groups, both I and II, are gaining steadily in attendance since the new goal of 50 percent attending the weekly prayer meeting. This goal was adopted in June at District Conference at Shipshewana. We are striving to reach the top.

All in all we feel that the Holy Spirit is at work among the Warsaw Brethren. Much credit is due our fine leadership of pastor, and moderator of several years, Robet Frush.

Plans are getting under way for a Christmas program arranged and directed by Mrs. Harold Garber.

Cor. Sec., Marie Becknell.



TOPEKA, KANSAS

Greetings to all the Brethren.

Not since last spring have you had a line from us.

We counted it a great privilege to have attended Mid-West District Conference at Morrill, Kansas, in October. Gave us a lift to associate with Brethren people we have known back through the years. 'Twas sort of a mountaintop experience. If you want to touch the "border of Heaven" itself, listen to Bud Hunter sing "How Great Thou Art." He can do it to a T. Y. T. Praise the Lord.

From Morrill, we spent two nights with Mom's relatives in Omaha. Then one night at Carleton, where we

preached to about fifty people. This is where we served a pastorate of six years back in the thirties. We enjoyed being with folks there. Some real saints of the Lord are there.

Other places visited Mankato, Norton, Norcatur, Clayton, and Oberlin. In Oberlin we had an unusual experience and blessing. We visited the Museum, where we registered as a "Soddie," and had our name placed with many old timers—those who used to live in a Sod House; we did that for 20 years back before and after the turn of the Century. Also we called at the Old Folks Home where we found twelve people whom we knew back fifty to seventy years ago. We had the nurse gather them, some in wheel chairs, some able to walk, and we had a service with them; some up near the century mark in age. We reminiscenced with them, read scripture, prayer and I sang them the song I invented, "The Well of God's Grace Will Never Run Dry." Then Mom and I sang, "Have Thine own way, Lord." Since we visited the Home, one nurse has been called home, a girl we knew from youth. We were gone from home eleven days and traveled 1,000 miles.

After being home a few days I got the flu and was laid up for a time. Since last Sunday I have been laid up with a spell of "low" pressure, of which I am troubled at times. This time the lowest ever—down to 90. Doctor says I must be quiet for two weeks, then see him again. We pray the Lord will help us out of this soon.

Mom's health has been quite good all summer and fall.

Our grandson and wife, candidates for mission work in Brazil, will be doing some deputation work soon, and if some of the Brethren Churches can use them for a night's service, you will not be disappointed. They both sing, play instruments and talk. A very devoted pair.

By the way, in reading Rev. Solomon's Conference address we can heartily agree with his stand on not uniting with groups that do not teach and follow the Gospel.

We don't need a "world church."

We don't need to unite our fundamental forces with liberals and with modernists, and what nots.

He that is faithful to the end shall be saved. WHY? Because belief in Christ and His atonement on the Cross means salvation. There is no salvation outside of Christ.

Rev. W. R. Deeter,
Rt. 5, Topeka, Kans.



75TH ANNIVERSARY AT LOUISVILLE

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT in the growth of the Louisville Brethren Church was the 75th Anniversary and Homecoming held November 29th. The heavy snow and ice held the attendance down to about normal. The largest attendance was at the morning worship service with 215 present. Rev. E. M. Riddle, twice pastor of the Church here, was the speaker for the morning and afternoon services. Those he had received into the Church were our special guests in the afternoon. Rev. Riddle brought two very inspiring messages. He and Mrs. Riddle seemed to have enjoyed the day.

A Church history has been prepared by Miss Viol Knoll and Mr. Lewis Minton. It contains 24 pages and

In addition to the history has drawings and pictures of interest. This history is available to any one at cost. Twenty-one greetings were read from former members who could not attend. The former Schwab sisters, now Mrs. Harry Brown, and Mrs. Norvin Lautzenheiser, furnished the special music. The Choir sang at both services. A delightful dinner was enjoyed at the noon hour in the new fellowship hall.

The Sunday school attendance for the last 11 Sundays has averaged 198½. It was 11 Sundays ago we began our 8th year with the wonderful people here.

L. V. King, Pastor.



SARASOTA WELCOMES THE STEWARTS

On Sunday, November 22nd, Rev. C. A. Stewart and wife came to Sarasota to supply the pulpit until February first when Rev. J. D. Hamel and family will come to serve the church.

A well-filled church greeted the Stewarts in this first service and they were thrilled to be greeted by so many friends of years past. From the prelude by Bobby Barnhart to the Benediction, the service was Spirit-filled.

Rev. Stewart is not content to just preach to us on Sunday but is becoming well acquainted with this congregation by calling daily on members and prospects.

A "small" pastor's retreat was enjoyed on Thanksgiving Day when Rev. C. C. Grisso and wife and the Stewarts fellowshiped with the Vanators in their home.

In spite of that "unusual" cold day, the second Sunday was warm in spirit and the service was also well attended. "New faces" brings an added interest at each service. Many northern friends are returning and finding their regular places in the service.

Another highlight occurred on Wednesday, December second, as the ladies of the W. M. S. and men of the Brethren Laymen held a joint meeting at the church. Thirty-three gathered for this meeting. After a short business session for each group, they all came together in the Auditorium to enjoy the Christmas program prepared by Mrs. Harry Richmond. Bobby Barnhart played the organ to lead in carol singing. Poems, stories and the Christmas devotional message by Rev. Stewart prepared each one present for the real spirit of the Season in each home.

During the fellowship hour refreshments were served by the Mohlers and Vanators at a tea table laid with a Christmas motif.

New members were added to each group and new friendships were formed.



BRUSH VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

I am happy to give a report of the Revival here at Brush Valley held November 2nd to 15th. It was our privilege to have Rev. Guy Ludwig with us these two weeks. We do want to thank the good Brethren at Ebersdale for letting us have his services for this time. It was our happy privilege to take the hands of seven who gave their hearts to the Lord and accepted Jesus

Christ as their personal Savior. Also it was a privilege to see twenty-six mothers, fathers, and young people come forward for a deeper walk, a reconsecration of their lives to Christ. These decisions were not a mass type of decision, but each night, we could see the work of the Holy Spirit bringing conviction upon hearts.

On Sunday, November 22, we had the privilege of taking seven into the waters of Baptism, which included a grandfather, a father, three teenagers, two children.

Their reception into membership that evening was a wonderful way to start the communion service.

During the revival, it was necessary to have a special called business meeting for the rewiring of our church. The wiring was old, and the Insurance inspector would not pass it. Instead of putting the amount of money into the old church, it was decided to buy land up on the highway. At this date of writing, I am happy to tell you Brethren that we are in the process of buying a six-acre tract of land, 307½ foot frontage, and as plans are now, we hope to start construction on a new church and educational building by spring.

This has been talked about for several years, but God has opened the doors for us, and the progress of Christian Education in our area. We ask the prayers of every Brethren as we labor and work for our God.

This truly was a great climax to our revival. We enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. Ludwig in our home, and pray that God will bless him as He has us.

Paul D. Tinkel, Pastor.



HADDIX, KENTUCKY

I am glad to report that our church building is progressing nicely. It is built of cement block with a good tin roof and a basement. If the weather permits it will be nearing completion by the time this letter is printed. The Lord is blessing us and we praise His name for all good things.

We surely need more room for our Sunday school, as the Mission Cottage was crowded last Sunday; we believe more will come when we move into the church.

We are thankful for the gifts received and still pray that more will come.

I must give up the work here because of my age. I am praying God will send a consecrated couple to come and take up this work. I am just waiting until someone comes, then I will retire.

In His Service,

Mrs. Myrtle Kessinger.



ROANOKE, INDIANA

We assumed the pastorate and its responsibilities November 1st. We have been well and enthusiastically received by the church and the town's folk. The church has been served most of the time for about five years by student pastors from Huntington College.

The third week after our arrival, a Prayer and Bible study meeting was started. A Brethren Youth group has been organized with eleven members present. The

Woman's Missionary Society voted at their last meeting to relate themselves again with the District and National groups. Officials could not remember when a Thanksgiving service had been held in our church but it was done this year on Wednesday evening. Sixty-five attended in spite of another such service and a ball game in town.

The house which was recently purchased for a parsonage, will be dedicated when weather conditions seem a bit more favorable. Location is, the first house South of the church on South Main street. Our phone is listed, First Brethren parsonage, Roanoke 2053.

E. M. Riddle, Pastor.



TUCSON, ARIZONA

As I sit here looking out at the beautiful mountains, with the clouds hovering over the snow covered peaks and see the valley flooded with sunlight and warmth, I am, as always, in awe of God's great wonders. I am sure He has blessed Arizona in a very special way because amid all this majestic beauty, we could never doubt His great plan and purpose.

We here in Tucson have so much to rejoice in and would like to share it with you. We began our fall services with our fall Communion. Always this is a very sacred event to us here. Communion is the most favored of all of our services. How our hearts rejoiced as we watched the people coming, and when the Deacons had to add more tables, our hearts gave a prayer of Thanksgiving. When all were seated there were well over 135 people. Communion is held by candlelight, and with the lovely music in the background, our hearts take time aside from our busy lives to truly commune with Him. The power of the Holy Spirit seems to envelop us as we bow our heads and prepare our hearts to take part in this, one of the most precious parts of our beliefs as Brethren people.

This fall our services were begun with much prayer and concern for our spiritual lives, for we must feed on His holy word if we are to do His will; much thought was given this. For some time we have felt the need of a revival service in our midst. This feeling was encouraged and nurtured by our pastor. At his suggestion we began our cottage prayer meetings. For a three week period, five families, different ones each week opened their homes for these services. There was an over-all average of 78 weekly, meeting and praying together for the stirring and moving forward of God's work. Our prayer services have remained high since the meetings. This past week was the beginning of our "west side prayer meetings." This was started by a group of our faithful Brethren who live 12 to 14 miles from the church. They had 15 at their meetings and we had 41 at the church. We are studying the same Bible study—the book of Romans—and they plan to meet with us at the church once a month. We miss them and they miss us greatly but we feel by dividing we shall increase our prayer outreach for there will be more lives participating and touched by prayer. If the Lord directs, some day in His good-will this group may be the nucleus of another Brethren Church in this great growing city of the Southwest.

Our prayers for the revival services were answered the week of Thanksgiving when we were privileged to have as our special speaker, Prof. J. Ray Klingensmith of Ashland Seminary. It was thrilling, and moving, to all of us to hear this inspired man of God bring to us in his unique way His wonderful Word. We felt we had shared with Jonah the days in the whale, with Esther the happiness of being able to help her people and with Ruth the humbleness of a true servant of God. We will never forget this week. Some of the rewards of the week are as follows: nearly 60 souls were led to come forward for various reasons of consecration and decisions, 17 were baptised into the fellowship of our church—our average attendance for the week was 169 nightly.

Also to add to these wonderful messages were the inspiring song services led each night by Rev. Jack Marshall, Missionary on furlough from Japan, and Tucson Youth for Christ director. I am sure the wonders wrought by these meetings will long be felt in Tucson.

We have still more blessings to thank God for. Within a two week period, two men of our congregation came forward and made known their decision to go into the ministry. This was a great assist of God's way to set the spiritual atmosphere before and for the meetings. Both men are established in the business world—both found there is no meaning to anything else when He calls to Preach His Word. They are preparing to move to Ohio and begin their studies in preparation for this great commission. Richard Godwin made his decision on October 24th and plans to go to Ashland with his wife and daughter in June. Duane Dickson came forward on November 8th and will be leaving for Ashland with his wife and two children this December 28th. As you may know, the latter is the husband of your correspondent and our hearts are so filled with happiness that He has chosen us to serve Him in this way. Pray with both the families that always we will strive to glorify His name and do His will. Both of the families hate to leave this church where the Lord has so used us and called us but our pastor says he'll gladly give up the whole congregation, if it is to the service of the denomination and the "Greater Church," teaching and preaching the Gospel to the whole world.

Many plans are made for our Christmas programs Sunday, December 13, the Choir presents their annual Christmas Cantata. We have not only a faithful, but an exceptionally talented choir; we do truly appreciate their efforts as well as those of our very gifted director of music, Vada Seiler. On December 20th we have our Sunday School Program and Christmas party—including the "White Gift Offering."

Our Youth will present their annual Candlelight service on Christmas eve. This to me is one of our loveliest of Christmas services; it is held from 11 to 12 o'clock Christmas eve. So you see, here, we ALL have a chance to take part in the MANY programs of the church at Christmastime.

As we are preparing our hearts for this, the most blessed time of the year, may we thank our Father for the greatest gift He ever gave to man, His precious Son. May our hearts truly sing, "Peace on Earth and Good Will to ALL men."

Helen Dickson, Corresponding Sec'y.

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

AT IDLEWILD AIRPORT

Gathered in the waiting room were, Delbert and Mrs. Clara, Mrs. W. H. Miley, Mrs. Hilda Carpenter, Professor Edward Beadle, Language Instructor of Ashland College, Prof. Edwin Boardman, Prof. Charles Munson, Rev. Clarence Fairbanks, all of Ashland; Mrs. Helen Bowser of New Lebanon, Ohio, Mrs. Levi Garst, from Salem, Virginia. Rev. Spencer Gentle, of Goshen, Indiana, Rev. Herbert Gilmer, of Roann, Indiana, Rev. Paul Sodosky, of Carthage, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Armstrong, of Spokane, Washington, Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Scafe of Bremerton, Washington, Rev. Robert Hoffman, Smithville, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Weir Tritch, of Fremont, Ohio, John Huffman, Wheaton, Illinois, John Wiswell, of Elkhart, Indiana, Mrs. Freeman Ankrum, and the writer. Incidentally, John Huffman, was the son of the owner of The Winona Travel Service.

The men had various comments to make as to their flight from Cleveland, and Helicopter. Gentle was afraid of the Helicopter in which he had come to Idlewild could fall apart before it got there. He may have been frightened but his hair was cut so short that it could not stand on end.

The means of travel across the Atlantic from New York, as by Trans World Air Lines. Tickets were shown at the TWA booth and seats were assigned. Our party was given one section of the large 4-engined, 3-tailed job, which was known as "The Jet Stream."

There was plenty of banter among the friendly group, even though facing new experiences. Finally word came to deplane, so out we marched quite a distance and up the rolled stairway to the entrance of the plane. We were directed to our seats by friendly stewardesses. Mrs. Ankrum and I sat on the left side, over the wings. There was a bank of two seats on one side and three seats on the opposite. After some delay the engines were started and we slowly moved from our position. Mrs. Ankrum, remarked that we were close to another plane with our left wing. Soon we found we were too close and the left wing hit. The wings scraped and had to be repaired, following which there was considerable delay. We were given permission to take off. The men worked on the wing tip until just about 9:30 and just dark, when "All's well" was given and we taxied down the field to our runway.

After gaining speed, the wheels lifted from the long runway and we were airborne. Soon one of the stewardesses came to our section demonstrating the way to put on a life jacket, stating that much of the flight was over water, and therefore the instructions were to be given. She assured us that there was nothing to worry about, that if we went down there would be ships on the way

to pick us up, and that none of us were to go out the door until given orders from the crew." Sounded good, but ships do not always go down according to plans, so the writer was not fooled.

By this time the lighted window in which the words, "Fasten seat belts," had appeared had gone black so they were unfastened and we were free to move about in the ship. Soon sandwiches, tea and coffee for dinner were brought in. All were interested. The engine exhausts were shooting flame continually. Gentle remarked that when first he saw the fire that he was frightened, but that one time he looked and did not see it, and then was frightened again.

After being in the air for some time, with the lights of New York far behind us, all of a sudden, over the loud speaker came the command, "Fasten seat belts." At the same time the lights flashed on to do the same. No explanations were forthcoming, but we had seen some lightning flashes. Supposing that we were over the Atlantic, and no explanations coming from the Captain, we naturally thought that here we go down into the ocean. Later on, when the lights went off and all was quiet, we asked the stewardess what happened back there. She said, "We were in a turbulence over land." We had flown up the New England Coast before starting across the Atlantic to London. We were given blankets and made as comfortable as possible, but there was not much sleep for some of the party.

The sun came up at 2:30 in the morning, New York time. As we were going east, time changed rather rapidly and there was a time difference of five hours between New York and London. In visiting with one of the stewardesses, it was learned that she had a relative in Masontown, Pennsylvania, and that this stewardess had formerly lived in Pennsylvania. She stated that the name of the relative was Mrs. Enid Pierce. "Did I know her?" The answer was "Yes." When our slides of the trip were later shown there, Mrs. Pierce was present and recognized her cousin who was in one of the pictures that we had taken. The stewardess's name was June Hutchinson, and her address was Boston. Incidentally in reply to the one who wondered if the Captain's name was known to the man who was telling of the stewardess, our Captain's name was Swayne.

Our average flight elevation was 19,000 feet. The cabin was pressurized. The speed was 290 miles per hour. About an hour out of London the stewardess stated that we were now over Ireland. The green fields could be seen through the clouds.

There was never a time when the ocean could be seen. Mostly we were above the clouds and they were piled up in utter confusion, reminding one of the meringue on a gigantic pie. From time to time over the loud speaker of the plane would be given London time and weather. Before we reached London all of us were given "landing papers" to be filled out. After some time we came down through the clouds and the runway of the airport loomed up. Soon we were on Terra Firma, foreigners in a faraway land. We had been in the air for 12 hours and in that time had traveled nonstop 3,428 miles. A little time before landing it was learned that Gene Autry the cowboy singer was a passenger on the plane. Several secured his autograph. We shook hands with him and expressed our appreciation for his singing. He was very approachable.



Prayer Meeting Studies by C. Y. Gilmer

GOD STILL HOLDS THE KEY

To a world of bomb and bursting shell,
Sorrow, want and woe no tongue can tell,
Darkness, hunger, death, a living hell,
God still holds the key!

To an age of greed and bitter hate,
To the hearts that bleed, but hope and wait,
While the hour of time is growing late,
God still holds the key.

To the restless heart that knows no peace,
To the darkened life that nothing sees,
To the slaves of sin that need release,
God still holds the key.

To the heathen lands of deepest night,
To the hardened soul devoid of light,
To a holy life, the path of right,
God still holds the key.

To the unknown years that lie before,
To the unsolved problems yet in store,
To an untrod path, a bolted door,
God still holds the key.

To the boundless wealth within His Word,
Where the trusting soul shall find reward,
To the stores of grace yet unexplored,
God still holds the key.

—Haldor Lillenas.

KEYS ARE EMBLEMS OF AUTHORITY, privilege and power (Isa. 22:22). Christ, the antitype of Eliakim, the Heir of the throne of David (Luke 1:32), "hath the key of David" (Rev. 3:7). "As a Son over His own house" (Heb. 3:2-6), Christ has the key of the supreme "government upon His shoulder" (Isa. 9:6, 7). Christ decides who is admitted to Heaven (Luke 23:43), and also who is not to be admitted as He opens or shuts the prison of hell and death (Rev. 1:18). To the faithful, Christ opens a door that "no man can shut" (Rev. 3:8, 21). "The Synagogue of Satan" cannot "shut" the "door" (V. 9).

The power of the keys was given by Christ to Peter (Matt. 16:19), and to the other apostles (John 20:21-23), and to the Church (Matt. 18:18). Peter rightly opened the Gospel door to the Gentiles (Acts 10:28, 34). But he wrongly tried to shut the door in part again (Gal. 2:11-18). In the days of Christ's ministry blind religious teachers were shutting the door of true knowledge against themselves and others (Luke 11:52). The door opened by Christ before the Philadelphian Church was a door of evangelization and spiritual usefulness.

"Christ is the answer," the key to you—to recondition your ambitions (Phil. 3:7-9). Christ is the key to all Scripture (Luke 24:27). The Old Testament teachings all point to Him (Luke 24:44). He told His adversaries that the Scriptures bear witness to Him (John 5:39, 40). So, "in the fulness of time," God sent forth His Son to fulfill "all that Moses and the prophets did write" (Gal. 4:4, 5). Whoever reads the Old Testament will discover that a "veil remains unlifted," which only Christ can remove (2 Cor. 3:14). Only in Christ do we find the complete revelation of God (Heb. 1:1, 2).

"Have God thy Friend, Who passeth all the rest,"
Whose loyalty endures the hardest test,
Who wisely guards and guides us day by day,
Through trial and trouble safely leads the way.

Have God thy Friend, No greater love than His,
Who gave His Son that we might know Heaven's bliss,
Who still by that unchanging deathless love
Directs our hearts to seek the things above.

—Helen Rogers Smith.

Lesson

Comments

by

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Lesson for January 17, 1960

THE GOSPEL VERSUS LEGALISM

Lesson: Acts 15:1-2; 12-21

HOW ARE MEN saved? Many answers are given. "By doing good to my fellowmen," one man says. "I can be saved by keeping the Ten Commandments," says another. Still another would declare that his salvation is secured by "observing the Golden Rule."

What is the answer? This was the problem that faced the early church in Acts 15—the problem that almost destroyed all the good that had been done up to that time.

THERE WERE THOSE WHO THOUGHT THAT KEEPING THE LAW OF MOSES WAS ESSENTIAL FOR SALVATION. "And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved" (vs. 1). Again in verse 5 we read: "But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses."

"The clause does not mean that being circumcised would save them, or that faith in Christ was not required, but that it would not avail them without circumcision or observance of the law" (J. A. Alexander).

The Antioch Church was composed primarily of Gentile believers, individuals with no Jewish background.

They had become Christians by receiving in simple faith the good news concerning Jesus Christ. The Jewish Christians in Jerusalem, on the other hand, had instilled within them from childhood the importance of the Old Testament law. Now the question was this: Is it necessary to continue to keep the Old Testament law after one becomes a Christian?

There are still those who endeavor to make salvation contingent upon external rites and practices.

"What has this council of the long ago to say to us today? . . . Nothing is necessary to salvation, other than faith in Christ, and consequent life in the Spirit; neither baptism, nor the Lord's Supper, nor the observance of any ordinance, or ceremony. Let us decide as did this council, that we will trouble men no further, that we will no more insist upon this rite or that ceremony in order to have salvation" (G. Campbell Morgan).

EXPERIENCE PROVES THAT GOD SAVES MEN BY THE GRACE THROUGH FAITH APART FROM THE OBEYING OF THE LAW.

In order to refute those who insisted upon the observance of the law, Peter rose up and related how God had used him to bring salvation to the Gentiles. As proof that God had accepted the Gentiles, apart from the law, Peter said: "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith" (vs. 8-9).

Then Peter climaxed his speech with these words: "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they" (vs. 11).

Notice how Peter says both Jew and Gentile are saved. In verse 9 he says God purifies the heart "by faith." And in verse 11, he says men are saved "through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ." Faith and Grace! This is what Paul says in Ephesians 2:8: "For by grace are ye saved through faith."

After Peter finished speaking, Paul and Barnabas declared "What miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them" (vs. 12).

What were Peter, Paul, and Barnabas trying to do? Prove that God had saved the Gentiles apart from the law!

THE SCRIPTURES, HOWEVER, TEACH THAT SINCE WE ARE SAVED WE SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM THOSE THINGS WHICH DEFILE OUR CONSCIENCE, WEAKEN OUR FAITH, OR CAUSE OUR FEET TO STUMBLE.

Now it was time for James to speak: "Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: but that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood" (vs. 19-20).

The first two of these matters, idolatry and moral purity, were obviously wrong in themselves. There could be no question in our minds why the Gentile believers were to abstain from them. The last two, however, were not necessarily wrong for those untaught in the

Jewish law. They were to be abstained from, "not as an essential Christian duty, but as a concession to the consciences of others, that is, of the Jewish converts, who still regarded such food as unlawful and abominable in the sight of God" (Alexander).

It can be said to the credit of both Jewish and Gentile believers that they settled their differences to the perfect satisfaction of all. They could say, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us" (vs. 28).

Thank God salvation is not produced by good works, but good works are the inevitable fruit of salvation!

Wedding Announcement

JOHNS-TOY. Friday evening, September 18, in an informal double-ring ceremony in the Brush Valley Brethren Parsonage, Stanley Paul Johns and Carolyn Virginia Toy were united in marriage in the presence of the bride's sister, and a friend of the groom as attendants. Carolyn was a member of our church. May the Lord bless this new home.

Paul D. Tinkel, Pastor.

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McAFOOSE-TOY. Harold Ray McAfoose and Joanne Bessie Toy were united in Holy Matrimony in the presence of members of the immediate families on Saturday, October 17, in the Brush Valley Brethren Parsonage. Ray and his family are active in the work and members of the church. May God bless this new home.

Paul D. Tinkel, Pastor.

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HOGENMILLER-CRISSMAN: The Brush Valley First Brethren Church Sanctuary was the setting of an informal double-ring ceremony for Robert Earl Hogenmiller and Esther Lois Crissman, before their families and friends on Saturday, November 21. Esther and her family are faithful members and workers in the Church. We were sorry to lose them, as they are making their new home in Hamberg, New York, near Buffalo, where Bob is employed in the Bethlehem Steel Mill. May the Lord richly bless this new home.

Paul D. Tinkel, Pastor.

Laid to Rest

SIMMERMON. Joseph Carl Simmermon, 68, passed away at his home in New Kensington, Pa., November 12th. Was a member of the First Brethren Church of Pittsburgh, serving on the Board of Trustees. Surviving are his wife, one son, four grandchildren and two sisters. Funeral services in charge of his Pastor, assisted by the Rev. G. F. Ludwig, his immediate predecessor.

William S. Crick, Pastor.

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

GUEST WRITER—REV. SPENCER GENTLE

Editor's Note: A year ago, Rev. Spencer Gentle and the Goshen Brethren Church, of which he is pastor, conducted a visitation campaign, with excellent results. At the request of Jim Rowsey, writer for this column, Rev. Gentle has written up the procedure and methods which were used in that campaign. The first of this series of three articles appears this week. The others will follow in consecutive weeks. W. S. B.



SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITATION IS IMPORTANT

IN THE TENTH CHAPTER of the Gospel of Luke, we read the following: "After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'" Jesus then continues to give other instructions to the disciples relative to this "visitation program" which he instituted.

There are three reasons why every Sunday School and Church should have a going visitation program. They are: first, such a program is definitely Jesus' method as we learned in the above Scripture; second, more members of the Sunday School and Church will be doing a definite piece of work for the Lord and for His Church; third, such work creates new interest for the work of the church among the membership. All three reasons make such a program worthwhile.

The purpose of a visitation program is to visit every home represented in every Sunday School class of the school; this visit is to be made by the laity, not the minister. All prospects should be called upon at this time. Such a prospect list may be obtained from the Sunday School records; from friends of the church members; from the youth groups; from contacts made outside the church program itself. If the members of the Church are given an opportunity to give the names of prospects, many names will be turned in. Another purpose of such a program is to visit all inactive members of the Sunday School and Church.

There are four keys to a successful visitation program.

The first key is Prayer. There must be much prayer to launch such a program and to see that it is carried through. This prayer must be offered by all who help in visitation work. From the beginning to the end, God's help must be sought!

The second key is Organization. Such a visitation program will not be successful unless it is HIGHLY organized from the top to the bottom! Too many times when a visitation program is instituted in Sunday School,

it is allowed to progress as it goes along, organization is set up as necessity calls for it. Such a program will fail. Weeks before the date of the actual visitation itself there must be organization. The chairman, the captains the workers must all be appointed and instructed as to what they are to do. Every detail must be organized. This is a very important step and if one item is left out, the whole program will be weak. Do not begin visitation program for your Sunday School or your church unless you know exactly where you are going and what results you expect to achieve.

The third key is Preparation. This is very essential. This phase of the program must begin early and the committee must know when each move is to be made and how it is to be made. It takes much preparation for the special meetings, for the pot luck dinners, for the workers' dinner, and for the actual visitation. There are bulletins to mimeograph, materials for the brochure to be gathered, areas to be mapped out for the visitors, teams must be formed, the visitors must be paired off, announcements must be made, and so on down the long list. It takes time to make these preparations, therefore it must begin early.

The fourth key is Work. This entire program is made of work. It demands much of it—it is not an easy job. Therefore, it is very necessary that each and every worker realizes early that there must be work. The Pastor must work; the Sunday School Superintendent must work; each teacher must work; each Sunday School officer must work; each visitor must work.

With this preliminary bit of information, we will continue in the next article with some specific work that must be done to institute a visitation program and to carry it through to a successful end.



BIBLES NOT AVAILABLE TO RUSSIAN PEOPLE LIBRARIES HOARD THEM, SALESMEN RAISE PRICE

Conflicting reports on the availability of the Bible to the Russian people have been in newspaper headlines in recent days. Reports ranged from "unavailable" to "short supply" with an overtone of "profiteering" by a smooth-talking "miracle man" Bible salesman in the Soviet Union.

The Moscow radio complained that a Baptist "miracle man" was making converts and a handsome profit in the Soviet Union. It said the wandering preacher with the "unctuous delivery" was selling Bibles worth \$1.40 for \$70. The radio said the preacher was so smooth he was "a pleasure to hear," but he was a "hypocrite and fraud" who had collaborated with the Nazis and had abandoned his wife and two children. The radio said he became

preacher after physicians had certified him as suffering from paranoia with a religious mania. Baptist leaders were warned to drop "this divinely endowed preacher." The Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, at its annual meeting in New York, was told that "Russian libraries have Bibles but they are not accessible to the ordinary Soviet citizen." This report was given by Barbara Wolfe, who served as a Russian-speaking guide at the U. S. Fair in Moscow last summer.

Miss Wolfe reported that all religious books in Soviet libraries are classified as research material—available to specialists only—so that one has to be a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church in order to check out a copy of the Scriptures. Bibles are scarce in Russia, Miss Wolfe pointed out; nevertheless many people want them—as evidenced by the way in which Russian visitors "helped themselves" to the Bibles at the American Fair which were for display only.

(Officials of the Bible Society reported that the society published and distributed over 14 million copies of the Scriptures last year—in 200 languages—to help satisfy the universal craving for the Word of God. The Bible Society hopes to further expand its work in 1960 provided the various Protestant churches that support it will help raise the annual budget of four million dollars at the expanded program will require.)

Meanwhile, a record 529,853 Bibles and Scripture portions were printed in the Soviet Zone of Germany during 1958, according to a recent report by Evangelical Work, with which the 11 East German Bible societies are affiliated. Donations of large amounts of paper by foreign churches and paper import permits granted by the East German government made the printing possible.

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UTAH CITIZEN GROUP OPENS WAR ON POLYGYMY; SEEKS CHURCH AID TO "ERASE THE PROBLEM"

Convinced that legal efforts alone will not end Utah's plural-marriage problems, residents of Bountiful, a Salt Lake City suburb, have organized an Anti-Polygamy Citizen League. They are seeking to enlist the help of civic, church and educational groups in an effort "to erase the problem from a long-range view." The league was formed after a grand jury in Davis County had returned six indictments against male and female residents of the county charging unlawful cohabitation and perjury.

Some social workers have estimated that some 600 men, women and children are members of polygamous family units in Davis County. There are also grounds for belief that polygamist in Utah and neighboring Arizona and Idaho areas may number 10,000.

The grand jury has been told that a County-operative society operating a small chain of shoe stores is a polygamous sect or cult, made up of members of interrelated families. The group established in the vicinity of Ammon, Idaho, in 1935, has supported its members through the shoe repairing and shoe-selling cooperative and also through a "family coal mine" in Utah's Carbon County. The group was forced to leave Idaho two years ago. Since then, it has been financially successful. (The Mormon Church has proscribed plural marriage for some 70 years. It takes stern measures, including excommunication, against members who espouse polygamy.)

The Anti-Polygamy League, which is headed by Mrs. Mark T. Kasper, has made it clear that it hopes to avoid religious issues and concentrate on "socio-economic phases" of the plural-marriage problem. League members, in their initial public report, expressed grave concern that "children produced from such marriage have a pronounced effect on other children in the community." Since polygamous children are "taught from an early age to hide and shield the situation into which they are born," the report asserts, such conduct makes those youngsters a "detriment" in schools and communities where they mingle with other children. The League's study also reported that most polygamous families lived on a "low economic scale because of the inability of one man to support several families."

Utah laws permit the prosecution of polygamists for unlawful cohabitation, for teaching polygamy to children, and for perjury committed in answering charges of conducting polygamous practices. However, the Anti-Polygamy Citizens League advocates further legislation designed to "erase the problem from a long-range view."

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ANCIENT COPY OF REVELATION PURCHASED IN ENGLAND BY AMERICAN FOR \$182,000

Many Christians shun the Book of Revelation because they find it a hard book to read or understand, but one American book dealer has recently paid a world's record price for a bound manuscript of a thirteenth century copy of the last book of the Bible. Mr. H. P. Kraus, a specialist in rare and antique manuscripts, paid \$182,000 for the book, "The Apocalypse," in a recent London auction. (In 1958 Mr. Kraus paid \$109,200 for a twelfth century copy of the Helmarshausen Latin Gospels and Eusebian Canons.)

Meanwhile, American collectors were warned that they "will have to raise their ante if they are going to compete with foreigners for great works." The unidentified dealer in rare books who gave this warning was referring to the Helmarshausen Gospels, which Mr. Kraus bought in the Dyson Perrins sale last year and which quickly went to an unnamed German collector. "Germans of great wealth are now appearing on the scene after an absence of decades," the dealer said. "The Swiss are active and the English, instead of selling to us, are now buying heavily."

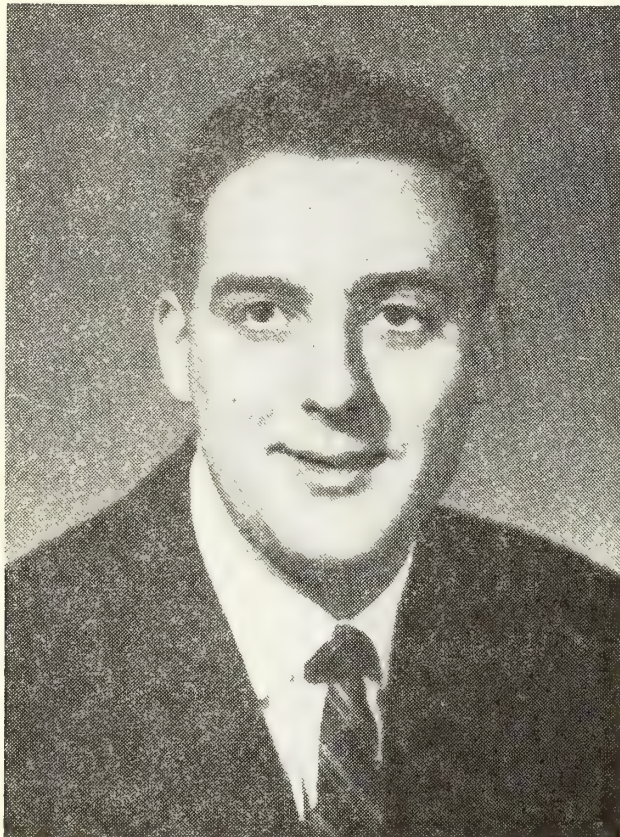
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FINLAND—The University of Helsinki theological faculty has begun a new session with the largest number of new students in its history, due mainly to an unprecedented number of women applicants. Professor Aimo T. Nikolainen, dean of the faculty, said the entering students totaled 123, of whom 62 were women. The enrollment has been steadily rising for a number of years, and last year's total of 95 new students was already called the highest since the war. In last year's group, however, there were twice as many men as women, as compared with the division this year in which the women outnumber the men by one. The theological faculty of the Swedish-speaking Abo Academy at Turku, Finland's other Lutheran theological training center, has nine new enrollees this year. Studies for the degree of bachelor of divinity, which is required for ordination in the Church of Finland, take five or six years.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Phil Lersch, Youth Director

PIC of the WEEK



Marlin McCann
New Brethren Youth Director

(Upon the beginning of Marlin's part time duties in the Brethren Youth Office, we welcome him to PAGE 18. These next few months of working together in the planning and executing of activities will be extremely helpful to the Total Youth Program and also, I believe, to him. The duty of supplying weekly materials for PAGE 18 will be shared by both of us. But, to start things off, I believe you would like to hear from the new Youth Director himself. P. L.)

A WORD FROM MAC

I feel greatly honored to have been called to the position of National Brethren Youth Director by the Brethren Youth Board. I know that God has led me to the accepting of this position. I feel that the future for the Brethren Church is extremely bright in all areas, and especially Brethren Youth. To be in camps and conference and rallies with them and to hear them and see them in action, I know that they are concerned with their future and the future of the Brethren Church.

Phil Lersch and the other Youth Directors preceding him have done a marvelous job in organizing and working

with Brethren Youth. Already I can feel the responsibility and great task that is before me. Having worked some with young people and having served on the Brethren Youth Board, I know some of the problems that face the Youth Board. Every member on the Youth Board is greatly concerned with the welfare of the youth of today; and I know I can count on their full support and you can count on our full support as Brethren Youth goes forward. I am looking forward to working with the Brethren Youth Board again.

Some people have asked me, "Why did you decide to go into Youth Work instead of the ministry?" I feel very strongly that youth work is a part of the Christian ministry. At the present time I feel that I can serve God and the Church in this capacity as well as I could serve God in a local pastorate. I feel very near to youth work since it brought me closer to Jesus Christ when I was in Junior High and High School.

As you read this article I will have begun my new duties on a part time basis until June when I will be graduated from Ashland Theological Seminary. I am very glad to have the opportunity to work with Phil in the Youth office until he takes up his full time duties as pastor of the Park Street Brethren Church here in Ashland. I am also looking forward to working with Beverly Summy, the youth office secretary.

To me, young people present a challenge. Having been a local youth director, I know with what great difficulty it is to have Sunday Evening Youth programs. I am sure that this problem faces every local youth advisor and pastor. We hope that in the future we can supply you with practical, working program ideas that will include all areas of youth work and that will tie in with your total church program. We must continue to have good materials to keep the youth interested in their fellowship and groups. Young people of today are full of vitality and energy. Let us as Brethren keep directing these energies to work for God and His Church, that all of us may grow together in strength, spirit and numbers.

Soon I will be getting more and more into our churches and youth groups. I am looking forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones. I know that the Brethren denomination will continue to be behind the Brethren Youth office 100% as it has been in the past. Let us continue working together for God's glory. I ask you young people and adults, that you pray for Brethren Youth, that you pray for me as I take on this position that all of us may continue to grow in strength in Jesus Christ.

In His Service,
Marlin McCann.

Roanoke Organizes B. Y. C.

A brief note from Rev. E. M. Riddle announces the birth of a new B. Y. Crusader group in Roanoke, Indiana. Eleven members were present at their organizational meeting. A special carolling party was planned for December 20th. Elected officers are:

President—Don Zent
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The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

THE SEARCH FOR SECURITY

FRIGHTENED AND INSECURE, we are chasing hither and yon after the bubble of security. There was a day when the self-reliant American set out to carve a future for himself and his family without weighing the risk. There would have been no pioneers across the Rockies to Oregon and California if the Americans of 1850 had had the philosophy of the average man and woman of today.

Employers say that job seekers have a dominant theme: What kind of pension will I get? They want severance pay, unemployment benefits, health insurance, sick pay, and every other conceivable fringe benefit for the least amount of work.

But, as Sam Dawson writes for the Associated Press, business is also seeking security. It wants government subsidies and every possible type of insurance. It cries out against competition from foreign trade and domestic price cutting.

"Security extends right into the home, also," declares Dawson. "Opponents of public housing contend that at the expense of the taxpayers some citizens are guaranteed cheap rent—something that other citizens can't find."

Where there is no struggle, no conquest, no testing of the individual courage and fortitude, there will be weak, flabby character. We are in danger of becoming leaners whose backbone never stands up to issues, since they are all made secure for us in a paternalistic plan of living.

There are countless blessings in the modern social structure with its safeguards to employees, families, and business concerns. But if we become too petted and pampered, how shall we face social, economic, and political crises that we know will sweep our world?

Soren Kierkegaard put the issue in these words: "To venture is to suffer anxiety, but not to venture is to lose yourself."

Could it be that some of our search for security is in form of atheism, a denial of God? If we demand a completely secure manageable life, we are saying we do not trust God and that we are afraid to trust the future in His hands. God can give us a security beyond all the promises of man. It is well to have temporal security, but let it never rob us of initiative, courage, and most of all, faith in God.

PASTORATE OPEN

After January 1, 1960, the First Brethren Church at Muncie, Indiana, will be without a pastor. Any minister who might be interested, please contact:

Mrs. Rosa Richey,
1321 East First Street,
Muncie, Indiana

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyall Belote

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS TO HEAVEN

"Now they desire a better country . . . for he hath prepared for them a city" (Hebrews 11:16).

FOR DEBT which the king of England owed his father, the king gave to William Penn a grant for the land included in the state of Pennsylvania. Penn planned to build on the land what he characterized as a "fair greene countrie towne." Penn was, as you know a member of the Society of Friends, and when he made his plan known, numbers of members of the Society who were eager to become colonists in his country bought lots in the city, even though it was not yet located or mapped out. And so eager were some of the purchasers that they left for America before Penn himself sailed for the new land. Many people laughed at these good people for being so credulous as to buy something they had not even seen, and for investing in property in a town which as yet did not exist. "Foolhardy", they said. Not at all. Those purchases rested on their faith in a great and good man, whose Christian life and integrity were known to all England.

This story of Penn, and the confidence men invested in him, reminds us that we who are Christians are in much the situation of Penn's friends, who invested in what they had never seen, in a land they did not know anything about. Mankind has always wondered about heaven and the "many mansions" which Jesus told His disciples He was going to prepare for them when He went away back to glory. We ask ourselves, "What will heaven be like? Will it be a place and time of rest? Will we know each other in heaven? Will we have duties and obligations in heaven?" Certainly we do not know the answers to all these interrogations. But for those who hold deeds to apartments in the "Building not made with hands", there are no doubts or fears. The validity of those deeds is without question; they are guaranteed by Him Who said: "I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go, I will come again . . ." Our task is to so live as to warrant our right to lay claim to our inheritance.

PASTOR NEEDED

The Calvary Brethren Church, Pittstown, N. J., would like to correspond with anyone who would desire to fill our pulpit and care for pastoral duties on a part-time basis while doing some other work besides, such as school teaching, office work, etc., which are available.

Anyone interested, please write to:

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Prosperity often shuts its eyes, opens the throttle and rushes off to ruin.

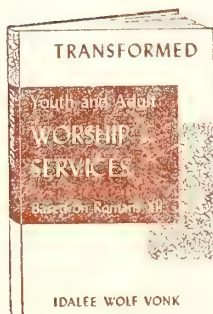


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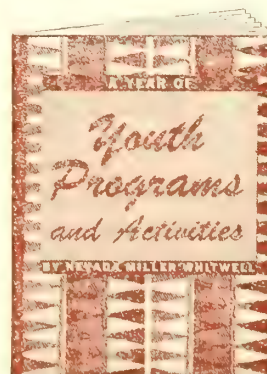
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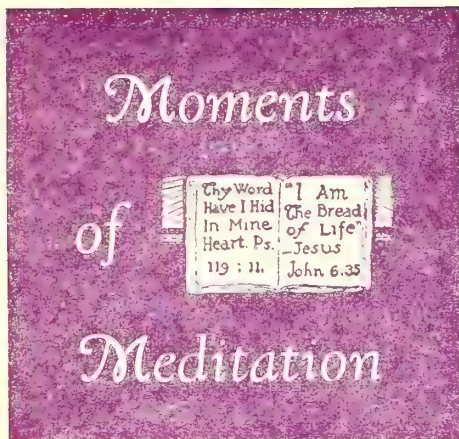
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THE GIFT OF GRACE

Christ's mercy, like water in a vase, takes the shape of the vessel that holds it. On the other hand, His grace is infinite, and is "given to every one according to the measure of the gift of Christ," with no limitation but His own unlimited fullness. On the other hand, the amount we practically receive from that inexhaustible store is determined by the intensity of our faith.

On His part there is no limit but infinity; on our side the limit is our capacity, and our capacity is settled by our desire. His word to us ever is, "Be it unto thee even as thou wilt."—God's Revivalist.

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THE CHURCH SCHOOL

If the gospel of Jesus Christ is the hope of the world—and it is:

If the church is the divinely appointed agency for the dissemination of the gospel—and it is:

If the church school is the recruiting station and training camp of the church—and it is:

Then the church school is the hope of the world.—Selected.

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A bad habit is first a CALLER, then a GUEST, and at last a MASTER.

"HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE"

A passenger on board an ocean liner was very seasick. While in this condition he heard that a man had fallen overboard, and that the lifeboat had been lowered to search for him. He wondered if he could do anything to help to save him. He laid hold of a light and held it up to the porthole of his cabin. The drowning man was saved.

When the passenger got over his attack of sickness, he was up on deck one day and was talking to the man who had been rescued. He said he had gone down for the second time, and was just going down for the last time when he put out his hand. Just then someone held a light at the porthole, and the light fell on his hand. A man caught him by the hand and pulled him into the lifeboat.

It seemed a small thing to do—to hold up the light, yet it saved a man's life. If you cannot do some great thing you can at least hold the light whereby some poor perishing sinner may be saved from eternal destruction.

Let us take the torch of salvation and hold up Christ to the people as the Saviour of the world.—Gospel Herald.

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We may travel the sea of life without Christ but what about the landing?



CALLING STILL

Sinner, do you hear the Saviour calling,

Calling from His throne above,
Calling yet in tenderest mercy,
Calling you in tones of love?

Calling you in earliest childhood,
Calling you in youth's bright day
Calling you in strength of manhood
Yes, calling all along life's way.

Can't you see Him standing, pleading,

Saying, "Child, give Me thine heart?"

Say not: "Nay," for life is fleeting
Bid His Spirit not depart.

Call upon Him while He's near you
Confess your sins this very day,
He will listen and draw near you
When He sees you really pray.

He will throw His arm around you
Lift you from the pit of sin,
Put the Blood-washed robe upon you
And His joy and peace within.

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Those who live in the past, regardless of how good or bad it has been, make little progress in the present.

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Greatness consists not in holding some office; greatness really consists in doing some great deed with little means, in the accomplishment of various purposes from the private ranks of life; that is true greatness. He who can give to this people better streets, better homes, better schools, better churches, more religion, more of happiness, more of God, he that can be a blessing to the community in which he lives tonight will be great anywhere, but he who cannot be a blessing where he now lives will never be great anywhere on the face of God's earth.—Russell H. Conwell
Christian Herald.

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The Editor's Pulpit

Can Democracy Survive The Present Wave Of Optimism?

OUR NEWSPAPERS are filled these days with optimistic reports of business conditions, predictions for the future, and of great and mighty things to come. The "Soaring Sixties" give every indication, according to the reports, of being the most fabulous period in the history of our country. Copywriters are being carried away, so far in fact, that when we read their writings, we are almost led to believe that nothing can happen to destroy our prosperity and progress.

It sounds good on paper! In view of some of the war threats and business recession which occupied our minds during the fifties, it could be much comfort to know that we have nothing to worry about as we look ahead. The old "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die," has suddenly turned into, "Let's live it up, for tomorrow we live even better!" Perhaps there is some reason for optimism. Surely Christians everywhere have been praying for peace among the nations, and a better understanding of one another. We have been praying that God would hold back the tide of evil and hate, preventing a war which would prove to be the most devastating carnage ever seen.

So, optimism runs high, and a great pressure seems to have been lifted from the hearts of Americans. Premier Khrushchev's visit to our country, President Eisenhower's world tour, and the settlement of the steel strike, have given their support to the present wave of optimism weeping our country.

Is it real, or isn't it? Are we being carried away by the seeming brightness of the day, forgetting that sinister forces are still around, working silently, yet surely, to destroy our way of life? While riding the crest of the wave of optimism, we must constantly be alert to the forces which are seeking to destroy our democracy—freedom of worship, freedom of speech, etc., etc. Communism has the avowed purpose of destroying our way of life. Atheism and other paganisms, are still seeking to nullify the good we are doing for God; Roman Catholicism, and the avowed loyalty of its adherents to the pope

at Rome ahead of loyalty to country, is knocking at the door of the very vitals of our country's democratic way of life. These, and other forces, are still at work; we must reckon with them if we are to continue to enjoy a country of peace, freedom and liberty.

As this scribe sits at his typewriter writing these words, on the wall in front of him hangs a calendar with the twelve months of 1960 spread thereon. The picture on the calendar shows a beautiful scene entitled "The Country School," by Winslow Homer. The scene naturally goes back to the nineteenth century when the one room public school was predominant in our country. There are a dozen boys and girls in that plain but neat school room, a few teaching aids, a teacher, and, on her desk the Holy Bible in full view, and occupying a place of prominence.

One cannot deny the place that the teachings of the Holy Word of God have had in the formation of our country's ideals, morals and conduct. Democracy is Christianity in action—nothing else. That is why, if we are to survive in this fabulous age which is being predicted, and which even now is with us, we must still reckon with the basic needs of each individual—spiritual sustenance! We cannot do it by giving place to godless systems of government, nor by giving in to isms which seek to wipe every thought and teaching of God from our schools, nor by capitulating to a form of religion which declares the need for loyalty to church and dogma ahead of that to God and country.

Thus, Brethren, true American Protestantism holds the key to stability in the "fabulous" years ahead. Your church in your community is important. If the years ahead prove really as they are predicted, man will still need to know Christ as his personal Savior from sin, or all is lost. If we are riding a wave of false optimism, then we of the church must be ready to cushion the shock by the demonstration of a real faith in God. Either way, our democracy needs a reaffirmation of faith in God, for, "Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord!" W. S. B.

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RETURNS FROM ARGENTINA

After six weeks in Argentina, visiting the churches and annexes, conferring with North American workers, and overseeing the mission work in general, W. Clayton Berkshire has returned to the States and to the office in Ashland, arriving on December 24. As soon as business requiring his immediate attention has been cared for, he expects to write a more detailed account of his trip and findings in Argentina, with which he was very much pleased. Watch for more about this later.

ACTIVITY AT LASSA

(Taken from Bob Bischof's letter 12/3/59)

... A helicopter landed just about 100 yards from our house today with the Premier of Eastern Region Chief Awolowo to make a political speech. It caused quite a lot of excitement.

When the helicopter landed, Bea and I walked over with the children to watch it land; we talked a little with the pilot. The Premier of the Eastern Region stopped and talked about ten minutes, but it certainly was something new for the people around here to see. Most of them had never seen an airplane up close.

Last week we were at Lassa. Bea and Barbara and Bobby stayed at Lassa while I went out to the village of Dille for four days. Dille is only a small village with a church of about 86 members. We had a spiritual life or fellowship meeting of all the churches in the eastern area. People came from all of the churches; some of them rode bicycles or walked to the meetings. Some walked as far as 35 miles or more.

They put up grass shelters for everyone. Each man or boy brought a shilling and four cereal dishes of guinea corn (ground); each woman brought 6 pence and 4 dishes of ground guinea corn. The money was used to buy meat and fish and greens. Each one, or perhaps a small group of 4-8, cooked their food together.

The day began with prayer and a speaker at 7; then from 8-10 there were classes. The evening services were inspirational, with Reverend Zigler, a missionary from India one evening, Dr. Petcher, another evening; an African pastor from the British branch of the Sudan United Mission brought the message on Saturday evening and on Sunday morning. After the evening services there were slides, a film from India, and then a filmstrip on the resurrection of Christ. The evening meetings were well attended with the top attendance of 1,500. A communion service on Sunday afternoon was attended by 210. (More would have taken part; but because of the great distance for them to walk, some returned earlier.)

Everyone enjoyed the meetings and all felt that they were helpful to them. Next year the meeting will be at Chibuk . . .

MORE NEW EXPERIENCES

IN NIGERIA

(From the Krafts' letters, Sept. 28, 1959)

... Last week Chuck went to Hudyikwi on Thursday morning and spent 2½ days living among the Higi people. He stayed with the CRI teacher there and spent all of his time listening to and learning Higi. He came home all enthusiastic, convinced that living among the people is the way to learn a language. He found a couple of empty huts in a compound where one of the men very graciously suggested that we come and live. One is large enough so that we may all sleep in it. Chuck tried to sleep on a cornstalk bed, but decided that when we all go we should take cots for comfort . . .

October 23, 1959—Here we are at Hudyikwi; and we are really learning Higi! We surely wish all of you could visit us here. The people are so friendly, and whenever they eat they call Chuck to come eat with them. Then they send a big dish of their food for me and the children to eat. We, in turn, invite them to the compound to eat with us when they are around.

We are all sleeping on cots which just fit across about half of our hut. We enter the hut by crawling under a net. The other half contains our metal picnic table with water filter, suitcases, a box for dishes, a kerosene tin of water in coolers. Outside we have a stove made from a kerosene tin turned on its side, and another "stove" consisting of three stones on which we heat dish water. We have a plank up on stones at which the cook squats and washes dishes.

We carry all our water from a waterhole nearby or from a mountain spring about three fourths mile away. Each day we take the children down to bathe in the spring water, and they love it—even Ricky. Since there is usually quite an audience there, Chuck and I usually bathe just before we go to bed, right outside our hut.

One old lady in this compound often comes over to help me. I have to spend much of my time here while the

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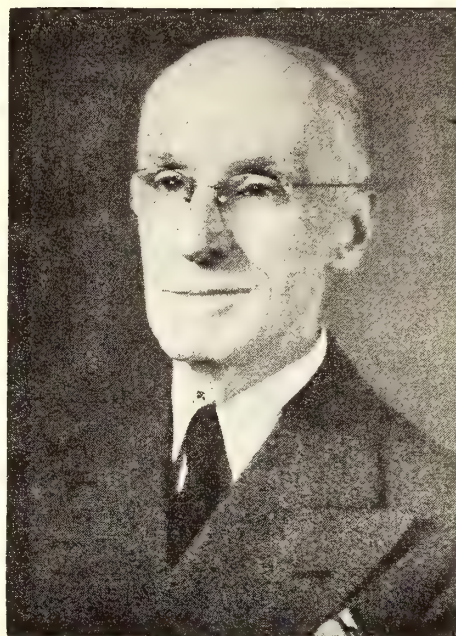
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Dr. W. D. Furry called home at year's ending

children are sleeping; so I appreciate having someone with whom to talk Higi. This is the way to learn the language—living with it. Chuck often goes out visiting or to work with the men. I sometimes help the women crush peanuts or beans and then occasionally help them grind flour from the guinea corn. Several days ago, all of us—even the children—went out in the field to help harvest the peanuts. Everyone is harvesting peanuts, and everywhere we go people give us some to eat—raw, roasted or cooked in water. We do enjoy them!

... Chuck went to Mundura on his motorcycle today to have baptisms and covenants—9 baptisms and 21 covenants. In the last two months more than 300 people in the area have taken the covenant (as many as all last year) and more than 50 have been baptized. What a great revival! and what a responsibility this puts on all of us and the church here to see that they grow in Christ! We thank God for the progress that we see.

This Saturday is the election as to whether the Trust Territory remains under the United Nations or goes in with Nigeria when they get full independence next year. The mission stations in Trust Territory are Mubi, Ibororo and Gulak. Voting is a real job among the many illiterates around here. School is closed and the teachers are all helping take the votes . . .



DR. WILLIAM DAVIES FURRY, former Ashland College President, and a Brethren Minister, died Thursday evening, December 31st, at 6:00 P. M. at the Castle Rest Home, Millersburg, Ohio. He had made his home at Ashland, Ohio, until a short time before his death.

Dr. Furry was born in Maryland, June 21, 1874, and began his ministry in the Brethren Church as a lay pastor. While preaching in and near South Bend, Indiana, he completed his studies at Notre Dame University for the bachelor's and master's degrees and subsequently studied at the University of Chicago. He later received his doctorate from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Dr. Furry came to Ashland in 1900 to teach in Ashland College under the leadership of Dr. J. Allen Miller. From 1911 to 1919, he served as president of the College. After this he spent 14 years as dean. Dr. Furry was absent from Ashland from 1933 until after the death of his wife in 1943, when he returned as professor of philosophy, remaining active until his retirement in 1957.

Funeral services were held in Ashland, Sunday afternoon, January 3rd, in charge of Elders Edwin Boardman, Charles Munson, and Phil Lersch, and Dr. Glenn L. Clayton. Burial was on Monday, January 4th, at Sharpsburg, Maryland, in charge of Elder George W. Solomon, pastor of the church where Dr. Furry held his membership, the First Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, and Elder Freeman Ankrum.

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Guest speaker on December 7th, was Brother Ora Lemert.

VINCO, PENNA. Brother and Sister Henry Bates became the proud parents of a baby girl, December 29th, at Lee Hospital, Johnstown. The new arrival joins her three older sisters to make a quartet of girls for Brother and Sister Bates. Congratulations are in order.

Brother Henry Bates reports the reception of one new member by reaffirmation of faith and former baptism, on December 13th.

CANTON, OHIO (TRINITY). Several "firsts" for the new Trinity Brethren Church, are reported by Pastor Robert Keplinger. The first baptismal service in the new church, at which time five were baptized, was held on the evening of December 31st. The first communion service was held the evening of January 3rd. The Trinity Brethren began holding services in their new edifice the early part of December.

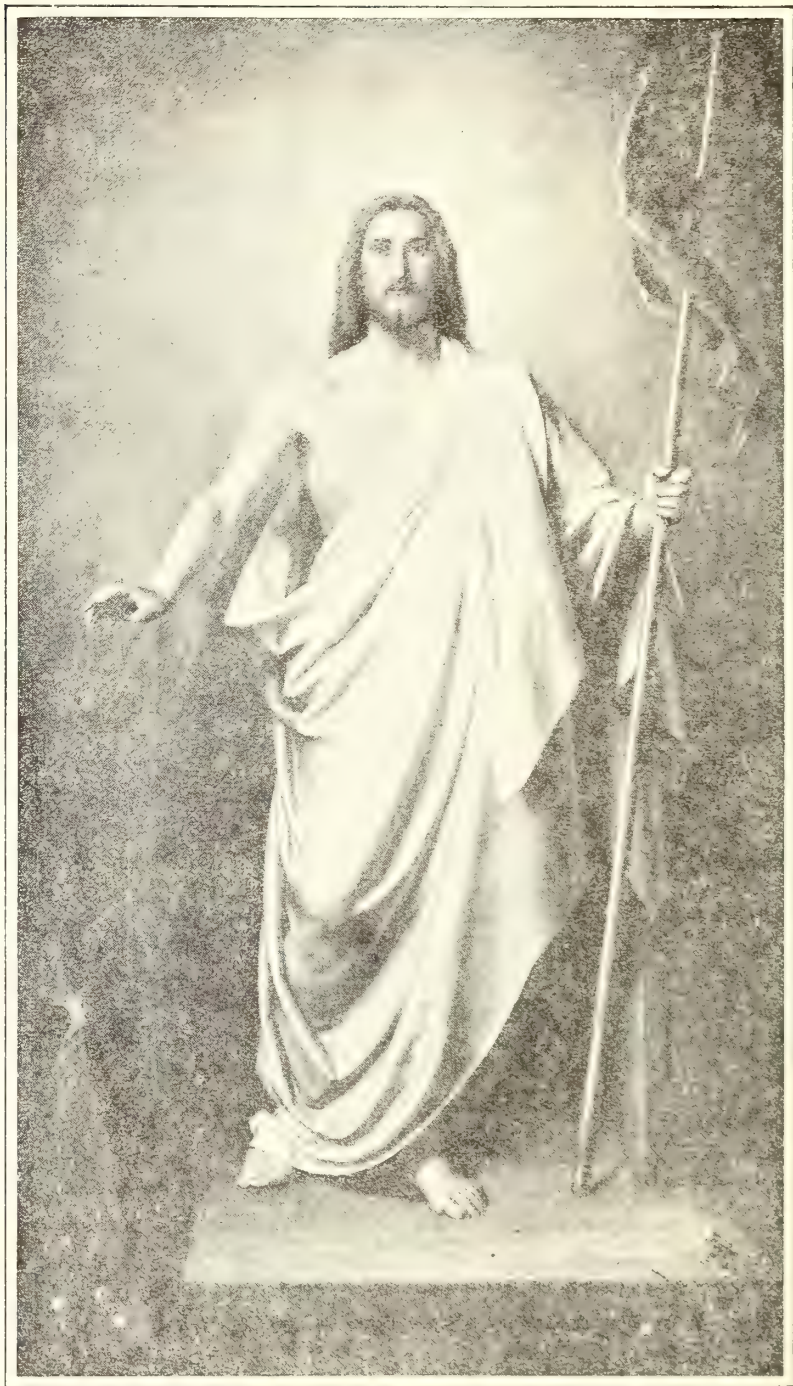
MUNCIE, INDIANA. Brother E. J. Black, who has pastored the Muncie church for the past seven years, closed his pastorate at the end of 1959, for reasons of health. Let us remember our brother in prayer at the throne of grace.

Paul Richey, ministerial student at Ashland, from Muncie, was the speaker for the morning worship service on January 3rd in his home church.

The DEITY of JESUS CHRIST

Text: John 1:1-12

Rev. Duane Sholly



A message delivered at the Central District Conference, Cerro Gordo, Illinois, September 1959.

YOU CANNOT DIVIDE CHRIST any more than you can divide the elements of water and still have water. This paper is therefore not an attempt to divide Christ.

Nor is this any attempt to prove that Jesus Christ was or is God. Only time itself will allow Christ to prove to this sinful and ignorant world that He is God. After all, the only thing Christians today can do is to hold up the credentials of Christ's deity to the sinner and pray to God to enlighten his heart and mind that he might receive Him as Saviour and Lord.

We must not belittle this important Christological doctrine—that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. It is the "Rock of Gibraltar" upon which the Church of God is built. It becomes the line of demarcation between Christians and non-Christians. Dispute of this fact immediately places one in the camp of the Anti-Christ. Rejection of the truth and rejection of Christ and His saving power leaves one without hope in a doomed and dying world. It is the great mystery which, since the time of Christ on Earth, has never been solved—how God could become man! Yet it is a fact today.

Now you are a Christian and you want to show to the world that Jesus Christ is God. Here are some of the credentials of Christ's deity. These credentials are to be found in the Bible—the only book in the world devoted entirely to Christ. They are His names, His powers, and His claims.

1. NAMES and DESCRIPTIVE PHRASES Denoting His DEITY:

PAUL, in his letter to the Philippians, reminds all Christians that because Jesus was obedient unto the will of God the Father, even unto death, that God exalted Him. He exalted Him in position. He asked Him to forever sit at His right hand. He also exalted Him by giving Him a name which is above every other name. We may admit that this name is in all probability the new name that now only God knows and which only we will know when we shall know even as we are now known. But even the Jesus who walked the roads of the Earth was given a name above every other name—CHRIST. Christ means "The Anointed One," "The Messiah." To me, CHRIST is a summation of many names.

WORD OF GOD: "In the beginning was the WORD and the WORD was with God and the WORD was God. And the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:1. Jesus Christ always was, is, and shall be God.

SON OF GOD: The Psalmist David, long before the birth of Jesus, heard the words echoing from the heavens "Thou art my Son. This day have I begotten thee" Ps. 137:7. The writer to the Hebrews centuries later definitely attributed this statement of God which David heard as referring to Jesus Christ. See Heb. 1:5.

When Peter confessed his faith in Jesus Christ as being the Son of God, Jesus immediately said, "Upon this rock will I build my church." He also called him a blessed or happy man. He added that only the Spirit of God could have revealed it unto him. The same marvelous truth applies today. Oh that God might so enlighten more men and women that they might see this truth.

Now we shall refer to some names given to Him by Isaiah the prophet.

In Isaiah 9:6-7, he is named **WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD**: Isaiah called him GOD. Is that so strange? Even God called him GOD. Again, David, as well as the writer to the Hebrews, quotes God as saying to the Son, "Thy throne, Oh GOD is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom." Heb. 1:8, Ps. 104:4. Who is man that he should deny it?

EVERLASTING FATHER: This name at first bothers the unlearned Christian. I liked the explanation of Rev. J. T. Tuck who said, "EVERLASTING FATHER" or "FATHER OF ETERNITY" (as is brought out in the Hebrew wordage) is applied to Messiah as the revealer of God to men." Even Jesus said, "He that hath seen the Father." No, Isaiah was not mistaken, and he was not referring to any other than Jesus the Christ.

PRINCE OF PEACE: Only God is the source of all true and lasting peace. It is another appropriate name for Christ denoting His deity.

THE ARM OF THE LORD: Read Isaiah chapter 40, verses 9-11. Had you ever thought about this when you hear and read so often the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. The Messianic prophet opens that chapter which, by the way, refers entirely to the Christ, by asking the question, "To whom is the ARM OF THE LORD revealed?" He goes on to give the whole case history and future of the CHRIST.

EMMANUEL: Isaiah 7:20, "A virgin shall conceive and thou shalt call him EMMANUEL—meaning GOD WITH US." This was also the message of the angel to Joseph before the birth of Jesus. This is one of the lesser-referred-to names of Jesus, but yet one of the most meaningful names ever given to him.

THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH: This name is referred to in Jer. 23:5, 33:15, Zech. 3:8, and in Zech. 6:12-13. Indeed Jesus Christ is a branch from God and from man—all in ONE.

SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: He is the brightness of God. Thus Malachi, the last of the writing prophets of God before the time of Jesus, refers to the coming of the SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. Again the Apostle John, in referring to Jesus Christ, said, "The Light shineth in the darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not." "That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." I refer you also to I Tim. 6:16 and to Heb. 1:3. Some of the disciples saw Him in His glorified light. Saul saw Him thus, and became the Paul of the early Christian church. And in the book of Revelation we are told that the citizens of the New Jerusalem will forever abide in His Light.

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS: So Paul calls Him in his letter to Timothy.

2. POWERS of Christ Denoting His Deity:

POWERS OF CREATION: John 1:3 says, "All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made." May I remind you that he was there speaking of the WORD OF GOD. Colossians 1:16 says, "For by him were all things created, that are in Heaven and in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities or powers: all things were created by him, and for him." So I can see Christ at work in Genesis. So I can see Christ in the world of nature today. The heavens declare His glory. So I can see Christ at work today among nations. And there are so many things in the field of science which the naked eye cannot see but where Christ is. He is the Creator as well as Redeemer.

MIRACULOUS POWERS: The Gospels give sufficient evidence as to His power to heal, give sight, still storms, and to cast out demoniac spirits, etc.

POWERS OF GREAT TO INFINITE KNOWLEDGE: He was able to know the thoughts of men. He knew where the Disciples should let down their nets to make the best catch of fish.

RESURRECTING POWERS: He raised the dead son of the widow of Nain. He raised Lazarus from the dead. And there were others. He said to His Disciples, "I have power to lay down my life and I have power to take it up again." "Destroy this temple and in three days I can

raise it up again." He spoke concerning His own body! Paul, in his letter to the Thessalonians, promises all Christians that Christ's coming again will mean life for us. His presence even in the clouds would stir once more our mortal bodies. See I Thess. 4:14-18.

POWER TO ABOLISH DEATH: See II Tim. 1:10.

POWER TO FORGIVE: He forgave Zacchaeus. He forgave the woman caught in the act of adultery. Who can forgive but God? I could not here even begin to unfold His forgiving ministry for us which did not end on the cross, but continues today. Have you found the forgiveness of God for your sins in Christ?

MEDIATING POWER: "There is one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ" I Tim. 2:5. He is today interceding on our behalf. He is our Great High Priest. It is only in His name that we today can approach the throne of God and be assured that He will hear us and answer us and give us what we ask.

3. CLAIMS of Christ:

Christ Himself claimed that He came from God, the Father, that He was God, and that He was going back to the Father. These claims assert His deity.

"I and the Father are one."

"I am the bread of life." At this point Jesus Christ claimed to be the same bread the Israelites ate of in the wilderness—of course implying again His eternity.

"Before Abraham was, I am."

"I am the way, the truth, and the life . . ."

"All power is given unto me in Heaven and in Earth."

"I go to prepare a place for you."

"I am in the Father and the Father in me."

"I came from the Father and I go to the Father."

"He that hath seen the Son hath seen the Father also."

"I am the Alpha, the Omega, the beginning and the ending."

And Jesus said to the world of unbelievers in his day, "Believe me for my very works' sake." They refused to believe His words.

Yes, beloved, Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. Is it a mystery? Yes, and one that through nineteen centuries remains unsolved. Huffman in his book on **The Meanings of Things**, and in the chapter on the meaning of the Incarnation, says, "It was a mystery in Christ's day. He was not understood. The mystery of the God-Man confused the early church. So it had its councils and controversies. This remains a mystery yet today, despite all attempts which have been made for its solution." But there are so many things in the material world of today that we do not fully understand. Yet that does not deny their existence and we continue to take them and utilize them in our lives. So, by faith, we too can accept Jesus Christ as the Holy Writ presents Him and He will become our Saviour and Lord. Eric Saur in reference to Jesus Christ said, "The incomprehensible came to pass." Yes, he is the "Unspeakable Gift" that God has given to the world.

Billy Graham, in his book on **Peace with God**, and sounding like a negro preacher said, "Looking down over

the battlements of Heaven, He saw this planet swinging in space—doomed, damned, crushed, and bound for Hell. He (God) saw you and me struggling beneath our load of sin and bound in the chains and ropes of sin. He made his decision in the council halls of God. The angelic hosts bowed down in humility and awe as Heaven's Prince of princes and Lord of lords, who could speak the worlds into space, got into His jeweled chariot, went through the Pearly Gates, across the steep of the skies, and on a black Judaen night, while stars sang together, and as the escorting angels sang his praises, stepped off his chariot, threw off his robes, and became man!"

Now, beloved, take the credentials of the deity of Jesus Christ and show them to the lost and dying world that they might have faith and hope while in an otherwise doomed and dying world. Show them His names. Tell them about His powers. Give to them His claims. Then let God do the rest. He alone can convict them. He alone can enlighten them. He alone can give them saving faith. He alone can save them.

Cerro Gordo, Illinois.

BY-PRODUCT

Somewhere I read of the Mohammedan Arab who did big business. He placed a Bible in the room where a prospect for his enterprise would be spending the night. Then through a prepared peephole he would watch the man as he was making ready for bed. If with reverence he read the Book the Arab knew him as one who could be trusted.

It was in our own land where a woman was watching children playing in a swimming pool. A small boy came to her, asking, "Say, lady, do you go to church?" She told him that she did. Then he said, "Then will you please hold this twenty-five cents for me while I take a swim?"

You get the idea. That Arab's concept of the influence of the Book upon a life was right. And though some dishonest people do go to church, the fact that one goes to such a place would be circumstantial evidence that he is more trustworthy than others.

Now, do not begin to tell of the hypocrites in the church. We all know them. We also know those who do not accept the standards of the Book and the church. When this religion is operative in any life, the by-products are good.

—Free Methodist.

**Read your
Brethren Evangelist
every week.**

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

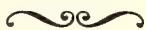
Lathrop, California

January 21-24, 1960

CONFERENCE THEME:

"A Sure Foundation For Eternity"

Text: Eph. 2:20



Thursday Morning—January 21

10:00 Opening Session
Devotions and Welcome
Lathrop Church Moderator

Response of Delegates

10:30 Business Session

Report of Credential's Committee

Substitution of alternates

Conference Board minutes

Nominations for Conference Board

Nominations for Mission Board

Nominations for Scholarship League

11:30 Moderator's AddressMilton Robinson

Thursday Afternoon

2:00 Song service

DevotionsAvis Lawrence, Stockton

2:15 Progress reports of the local churches

General Brotherhood reports

Missionary Board

Sunday School Board

College Trustees

Brotherhood Board

Central Planning and Coordinating Committee
John Porte

3:30 Business Session

Report of Credential's Committee

Constitution revision report

Thursday Evening

6:45 Prayer MeetingWade Loveday

7:00 Song service

DevotionsMrs. Hazel Crom, Manteca

Special Music

7:30 MessageJohn Porte

8:15 Fellowship HourTesibel Frey

Friday Morning—January 22

0:15 Song Service

DevotionsVersi Loveday, Stockton

0:30 Business session

Report of Credential's Committee

Reading of Thursday's minutes

Nominations for College Trustee

Nominations for National Executive Committee

Election of District Ministerial Examining Board

Nomination of District Delegate to General Conference

Report of District Mission Board

1:30 MessageJohn Porte

Friday Afternoon

2:00 Song Service

DevotionsJulion Hallett, Manteca

2:15 District Ministerial Association

Roger Darling, Speaker

3:15 District W. M. S.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Vice-ModeratorWade Loveday

SecretaryJulion Hallett

TreasurerDon Huse

Statisticians: Dave Frey, Harlin Lawrence, Tesibel Frey,
Alvin Grumbling, Larry Mullins.

Friday Evening

6:45 Prayer MeetingWade Loveday

7:00 Song Service

DevotionsHoward Frey, Lathrop

Special music

7:30 MessageRev. Jerry Flora

Saturday Morning—January 23

10:15 Song service

DevotionsHoward Crom, Manteca

10:30 Business session

Report of Credential's Committee

Reading of Friday's minutes

Resolutions Committee Report

Conference Treasurer's Report

Invitation for the 1961 District Conference

Other business

11:30 MessageRev. Jerry Flora

Saturday Afternoon

2:00 Song service

DevotionsGlenna Cox, Lathrop

2:15 Business session

Report of Credential's Committee

Statistics report

Conference expense

Unfinished Business

3:00 Brethren Berean Band business session

Saturday Evening

6:45 Prayer Meeting.....Wade Loveday

7:00 Brethren Berean Band programJohn Porte

8:15 Singpiration

Sunday Morning—January 24

9:45 Sunday School in local churches

11:00 Worship service in local churches

Sunday Afternoon

2:00 District S. M. M.

3:00 Boys' Brotherhood

4:00 Testimonial service, songs, and fellowship

Alvin Grumbling

Sunday Evening

6:15 Prayer MeetingWade Loveday

6:30 Christian Endeavor

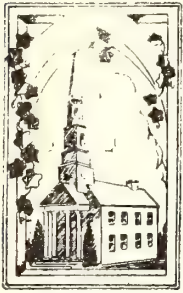
7:30 Song service

DevotionsHarold Wolfe, Stockton

Special Music

Installation of new Conference Board

8:00 MessageRev. Jerry Flora



What's Doing in the Churches



TRINITY BRETHREN, CANTON, OHIO THE OLD AND THE NEW

Each year we try to send a report to the *Evangelist* concerning the activities at Trinity Brethren Church in Canton, Ohio. This time our report can be summarized in the word of old and new.

On Sunday evening, November 22, our congregation worshipped with the Antioch Baptist Colored Church which now occupies our old church building. It was indeed a real blessing to worship with this enthusiastic group of Christians. Their singing made the service, and then in addition our own minister brought the evening message. Not only did we enjoy the fellowship of the evening, but it was interesting to return to the old church.

Then on Sunday, December 6, we entered into our new church, and had consecration of the building at all the services. The following poem used at the service speaks so well our feelings.

"The Blessings of Consecration"

Margaret Chaplin Anderson

At last we've built it!
God's House!
We've dreamed about it, and the dream's come true;
And now it stands all beautiful and new,
And we, who've sacrificed and watched it grow,
Are close to tears, We love it so.

We enter softly,
Slowly . . .
God in the midst of us. Our hearts embrace
The pews, The pulpit; now this holy place,
The candles, windows, carpets, carven door,
Is part of us . . . Forevermore.

They must have felt this
Reverence—
Abraham beside his simple altar stone,
And countless worshippers the world has known
Who built for Thee a house. With them we cry,
"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord Most High!

What shall our prayer be?
"Father, O grant that all who come to worship here
May feel Thee very close and very dear;
Make this the high resolve of every mind,
To walk with Thee. To serve mankind.

"And send Thy spirit
Falling
Like cleansing fire, filling us with Thy might,
Strengthening our hands, setting our feet aright,

We consecrate our church, dear Lord, and then,
We consecrate anew—our lives!
Amen!"

It is indeed thrilling to be in our own church building again and we are looking forward to having many of you visit and worship with us, as we are again able to be host to different events in the Brethren Church. Our dedication will probably be sometime in February, as there is still some painting and fixing up that the men of the church want to do.

It is interesting to note that during the time we were meeting temporarily in the school building, there were 15 confessions of faith and these were all added to the church except one. It was also a thrilling moment when four others stepped forward on Sunday, December 13 to confess Christ as Lord and to unite with our church. The Scripture says, "Old things are passed away, behold all things are become new." And so, at Trinity Brethren, the old has passed, we are now in our new building, facing a new task, the evangelizing of a new and growing community. May the Lord bless us as we serve Him with a new vision.

Mrs. Lloyd Brown, Secretary
Robert Keplinger, Minister.



FROM NEWARK TO PITTSBURGH

It was quite a transition, last April, to change from a five-year-old Mission Church, Newark, Ohio, which we had fostered from its beginning with members of three families, to this Pittsburgh, Pa., Church which will celebrate the seventieth anniversary of its organization, 1890 in January, 1960. The Church building and Parsonage were erected in 1900. But, the Lord's chosen are gracious wherever they live and whatever their status.

The Church at Newark, where the forty-third member had been enrolled, registered surprise when our resignation was read, and, for the most part, expressed reluctance in accepting it. It has been gratifying to learn of the continued progress at Newark, both during the four months when they were without a regular, resident Pastor, and since the tempo has been stepped up under the capable leadership of the resident Pastor, the Rev. Thomas Shannon. May the Lord continue richly to bless His work and workers in Newark, that, before not too many years, it may become a full-time, fully self-supporting Brethren Church, there in that splendid suburb on North 26th Street!

The Pittsburgh Church gave us a real "welcome back home" reception, implied in the greetings. We have served this Church before, from August, 1943, to April 1948, going from here to Gratis, Ohio. After six happy and constructive years there, we resigned in order to accept The Missionary Board's invitation to undertake the founding of a Brethren Church in the western suburb of Newark. The progress there was reported in occasional reports in this Organ.

In the eight months here, we have received five into the membership by baptism, and six by letter, including five members of our family. The average Worship a

attendance for the current quarter is 50. The Church has a Sunday School, choir, mid-week Praise, Prayer and Bible study hour, a Laymen's Organization, and a Woman's Missionary Society of some 30 members.

Sunday, November 29th, in connection with the regular Worship Service, the Church accepted the gift of a new Allen electric organ and speaker, and formally dedicated it. The instrument is a memorial to a pillar family of the Church since the early 1900's, John S. and Alverna May (Wilcox) Walker, given by the children. This modern organ replaces an Estey "pipe" organ, bought in 1924, which has been used in the praise of the congregation during 35 years of its progressive history.

Evidences of the Lord's leading in recent years are seen in the material improvements which have been made. The addition of the electric organ climaxed a series of advances. Automatic gas furnaces in both Church and parsonage have replaced the coal-burning furnaces. Maroon wall-to-wall carpeting has been laid in the Sanctuary, Chancel, Church study and entrance. Both the sanctuary and the downstairs, grade-level Sunday School and social rooms have been repainted. Other memorials, consisting of matching United States and Christian flags, Communion Table, and brass cross and candlestands are to be noted. An amplifier in the Sanctuary and an instantaneous water heater for readying the baptistry are also appreciated.

Many changes have also taken place, during the eleven years in the membership. Many, many of the erstwhile members of "pillar families" are no longer here, due to the homegoing of many, and the withdrawal of others. But, capable and loyal individuals and families have been added who are assuming places of leadership.

William S. Crick, Pastor.



FT. SCOTT, KANSAS

Thought I had better get a few lines sent to you and let you know some of the news out here in the Midwest.

First of all I think you should have some report of the trip that Bill Curtis and I made throughout all of the churches in this district. This took place from October 8th, to 24th. We, (Bill and I), left Fort Scott after having services on Sunday and headed for Morrill, Kansas. Monday night we were in Morrill, and then Tuesday we had services in Falls City, Nebraska. Moving on from there Wednesday, our next stop was in Carleton, Nebraska. Thursday morning we left for Cheyenne, Wyoming and arrived there about 4 P. M. After having services there we moved on the next morning heading north. By Saturday we were in Mulvane where we held Saturday evening service. Then back home to Fort Scott.

As we traveled to the different churches Bill told of the work in the Argentine field. Also those things that he and his wife are planning to do as they go to school and study the Spanish language with the hope that when they go on the field they will be able to use this to great advantage. They also expect to have the use of aviation

which will shorten the time for travel. There was also a tape played which was sent from Argentina.

Along with this I was able to show the slides that I had taken at Camp Wyandott.

From the reports that I have received, everyone was very pleased about the contacts that were made. Now all of our churches have a greater outlook to our field in Argentina.

The next item to report is that of our Revival. It was held from November 16th to 27th. The meetings were very well attended. Rev. William Anderson was the evangelist.

He spoke two nights from 6:30-7:30 to the Brethren Youth. He also had a children's sermon each night. The regular services were held at 7:30 each night. We were very pleased with the results. There were five who accepted Christ for the first time; then we had 14 who rededicated themselves to the Lord. Out of the 14 who rededicated their lives there were five who want to join the church. Then there are the five who came forward for first-time confession whose desire is also to join with the church.

The Pastors class started December 9th, for all of those wishing to come into the church.

We have been very happy with the results that have been brought from the meetings. I feel that there is an even greater Spiritual relationship within our own church because of the wonderful fellowship we have had both in our meetings and our prayer services.

We want to once again thank Brother Anderson for being with us and hope he can come again.

Rev. Kenneth Howard, Pastor.



COLLEGE CORNER, WABASH, INDIANA

The College Corner Church recently enjoyed their annual Christmas supper in the church basement. A short program followed the fellowship hour. Other events held recently at the church were the three district meetings of the Laymen's, the Sisterhood and the Brethren Youth Organizations. One hundred five young people attended the Brethren Youth Rally. Rev. Herbert Gilmer of the Roann Church was the evening speaker and the youth of that church received the attendance banner.

With pleasant memories of having been privileged to be the host church to the above named meetings we looked forward to a one-week revival meeting starting December 13th. Our new pastor, Rev. Glenn Grumbling, conducted the services.

The College Corner congregation have been very busily engaged during the late summer and early fall months in remodeling the church. At a business meeting held October 7, 1957 a building committee was appointed to start planning for the expansion of the church and other facilities needed. After many meetings by this committee and lengthy discussions on such expansion at various business meetings, a special called meeting was held May 20, 1959. At this time present conditions of the church building and needs were presented by the build-

ing committee. Recommendations were made, cost estimates were given and financing of such a project was discussed. On June 5th the second special called meeting was held at the church and the congregation voted to proceed with plans as outlined by the building committee.

The end of June found the project well under way. Much labor and time was donated in addition to money given to accomplish what was to be done. By early October the work was almost completed. A new wing had been added containing six much needed rooms for Bible School classes, rest rooms were put in, a gas furnace installed to heat the basement, and a beautiful sanctuary remodeled and decorated. New pews and pulpit furniture were purchased, new carpet laid and indirect lighting installed. A new piano matching the new furniture was given by a devoted family of the church.

Dedication and Homecoming services were held October 11th with Rev. Grumbling bringing the morning message and Rev. C. A. Stewart taking charge of the afternoon and dedication services.

The church farm, on which the parsonage is located, is operated cooperatively by the men of the church. It is planned to use the income derived from the crops raised to retire the remaining debt on the remodeling costs.

We are looking forward to a New Year and may all that we do with that year find favor with Him who cares and provides us with all good things.

Mrs. Herman Hood, Sec'y.



REVIVAL AT VINCO, PENNSYLVANIA

Although our two weeks of special evangelistic and revival services are over we cannot say that we "had a revival"—but rather must say "We are having a revival." This revival began several weeks before our special services began, and has been continuing through the month or so since the services closed. We would like to share with the Brethren some of the highlights of this on-going revival in the Vinco Brethren Church.

One of the major contributing factors to the success of this revival was visitation! First of all the deacons, with the help of the pastor, planned an extensive and intensive visitation campaign among those who for various reasons had become inactive or indifferent as far as the church's program was concerned. Each of the deacons and deaconesses took a number of names and during the designated period made it a point to visit in the homes of those whose names they had taken. As a result of this work by the deacons a number of folks have shown new interest and new enthusiasm for the Lord's work—for this we praise the Lord.

The next phase of preparation for our revival meeting came about through the Laymen's Organization. Under the fine leadership of Brother William Stevens, the Vinco Laymen's Organization had developed and is striving to meet a set of goals of their own—in addition to the National and District Goals. One of these goals includes a visitation program. From the pastor's

files the president of the Laymen's Organization was given a list of unsaved folks in our area with whom the pastor had been working, also names of families who held church membership in other communities but who now lived in our area and were either attending this church or not attending anywhere. Each member of the Board of Deacons paired off with one or two laymen and our second visitation campaign got under way. It was a real thrill to have these men come back to report from time to time just filled with enthusiasm as a result of the kind receptions they found in all of the homes visited.

During our two weeks of services a number of the families contacted through this visitation campaign were in the services, and all of those who made a decision while these services were in process had been reached by some laymen of the church.

The services were well attended and were well-blessed with lots of special music. Our Music Committee had arranged for at least two vocal or instrumental special numbers each evening. Also each evening the pastor showed filmstrips bearing an evangelistic message for the children. A number of young people were present at each service. On the three Sunday evenings preceding the two weeks meeting we used a series of evangelism filmstrips which provided some very useful suggestions for the entire congregation relative to winning their friends, neighbors and strangers to the Lord.

To date the visible results of this continuing revival include four young people baptized and received into the church, three young married people baptized and received into the church, one young mother making reaffirmation of faith and being received upon rebaptism, and five adults being received upon former baptism and the right hand of fellowship. At this writing others are awaiting baptism and reception into the church. For the past five Sundays we have seen somebody accepting the invitation to step out to make a definite decision for the Lord Jesus. Other results of our revival include an enthusiasm for the Lord's work which is carrying over into every phase of the church's program; the continuation of our Laymen's-Deacon visitation program; a growing concern for winning the unsaved in the area; and a feeling of oneness and cooperation.

We of the Vinco Church are praising the Lord for His leading in this revival, and are praying that this might be just the beginning of a revival which will completely sweep through the congregation and throughout the community. Toward this end we earnestly solicit the prayers of the entire Brotherhood.

Henry Bates, Pastor.

In the crypt of Allegheny Observatory, at the University of Pittsburgh, there is an inscription that reads "We have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night."

That is good! It speaks of the faith of those who know that the love of God, revealed to them in Jesus Christ, protects them against any darkness, any evil. The love of God is the most potent power in our world.

Frank S. Mead in *TARBEL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE* (Fleming H. Revell Company)

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

LONDON

We marched into the air station showing our Passports which were soon stamped. Papers were turned in, and luggage was taken through customs. However perhaps on the testimony of the Travel Agent, none of the suitcases were opened. Like sheep we followed our leader to a bus reserved for us, and soon were away in the busy streets of the world's largest city. London, larger than New York, had a population of 8,349,850. The airport was some 15 or 20 miles from our hotel, which was the Grosvenor Court, and was in the heart of London.

Being strangers in a strange land with its customs peculiar to us we soon noticed a number of things. Among them were the driving on the left, the many chimney pots topping the large chimneys and the infinitesimal number of baby carriages. There were many flowers which were around the various houses which added an air of beauty to our pathway, if such could be called that over which we traveled. We were delayed some by a man getting on our bus who had no business there, but who eventually was headed back to the airport where it is hoped that he fared better the next time. Since the most of us had had but little sleep, and the writer little for two nights, a wash and a sleep in the hotel meant freshness for the evening meal.

Tables were reserved in the dining room, with "The Ashland Seminary Tour" placards upon them. The waiters were formally dressed and the service as well as the food was all that could be desired. Leader Flora had called the group together for instructions regarding the morrow, etc. Incidentally we had passed Hyde Park before we got to the hotel. The writer was interested in the "Lampton Court," which was passed on the way from the airport to the hotel. There are numerous Lamptons in the states, relatives of the writer, whose forebears came from England. The name, Lampton, goes back here for hundreds of years. There is a Lampton Castle in County Durham, but on inquiry it was thought not wise to try to make a trip to northern England to visit this ancient structure. It is still owned by the Lamptons and is still in use.

The trip was set with considerable free time. Members of the party thus followed their own desires and visited various places while others retired to be ready for the trip on the morrow. This travel account of the trip naturally relates to the observations and experiences of the writer. Others have a different version, for there were days when the party went different places.

Wednesday morning, in old London was a typical English morning. It was rainy and chilly. We traveled by Windsor Castle, the home of English Royalty, by Piccadilly Circus, or park and other historic places, finally ending up at the Tower of London on the Thames

River. We had passed by Buckingham Palace on our way to the old and historic tower. It stands supreme of all the ancient buildings in the city and was built by William The Conqueror. Rain came down as we waited and gawked. The colorful guards were in their booths out of the rain, and were just about as expressive as wooden Indians.

The Tower contained the Crown Jewels, which we saw. The Tower has a bloody history. The writer wonders why the English so unashamedly bare the devilishness of the ones who passed before them. But if they concealed any thing it was not evident. There was a time when Rome ruled what is now Great Britain. An old Roman wall was shown us, which we photographed. It was said that the cement used in constructing the wall was made with human blood. This was told a Roman guide, who strongly stated that it was not true. The old wall is 1,900 years old and once inclosed the Roman city of Londium. Alfred the Great repaired the wall in 885. It should be said in this connection that anything in England only three hundred years old is considered modern.

Before entering the old historic tower, which has never been captured by an enemy, we passed down a narrow way and looked up at "Raleigh's Walk," where he took his exercise while imprisoned in the tower for twelve years. Here he wrote his History of the World. Later on he was beheaded. We entered over an old drawbridge, under the just-as-old portcullis, into the Tower proper. The portcullis is still in operation as it has been for almost a thousand years and is lowered nightly. We were not allowed to photograph the Crown Jewels. Warders or "beef eaters", dressed in uniforms of bygone days, were carefully watching the hundreds of visitors tramping over the old cobble stones. The Tower has been the setting for some of the bloodiest deeds in British history. The old Rascal, Henry VIII, was the perpetrator of many of them. He had no mercy on anyone and especially not on some of his wives whom he had murdered. The Tower was of interest, and much time could be spent there. None the less interesting was the joining bridge known as "The Tower Bridge" which spanned the Thames at that place.

Trafalgar Square was of interest, as well as Number 10 Downing Street. We were interested in the Double Decker busses. The guide stated that all of them were tested and must turn over to 45 degrees and return or they would not be put into service.

In the afternoon we went to Westminster Abbey, the history of which covers too much time to be given here in detail. Suffice it to state that it is the scene of Coronations and Royal weddings. Until 1760, England's kings were buried there. Here are also the tombs of great cultural leaders, as well as that of the unknown soldier of World War I. It was of interest to note that Charles Darwin had a very simple floor marker over his grave. It gave the date of his birth and that of his death. The grave of Livingstone, who gave his life for the dark-skinned people of Africa, received much more honor. A visit was made to St. Paul's Cathedral, which is the largest cathedral in the world. It is within a short walk of the Tower and stands on Ludgate Hill. Within this cathedral are memorials and tombs of some of England's famous men. A visit to "The Old Curiosity Shop," made famous by Charles Dickens was enjoyed.



Prayer Meeting Studies

by C. Y. Gilmer

THOUGHTS OF HEAVEN

In my Father's house across the sea
There is a mansion made for me;
There the good shall live for aye
In a place of brightest day.

No earthly cares do linger
In this land of perfect splendor;
The redeemed are singing praise
To their Savior through endless days.

No parting word shall e'er be spoken,
Friendship ties shall ne'er be broken;
Precious are thoughts of Heaven above,
Where all is life, all is love.

With jasper walls and streets of gold,
Many wonders are still untold;
Pearly gates swing open wide
For the pure and glorified.

Waft me at the closing day
To this beauteous place, I pray;
No more weary paths I'll tread
In the happy home of God.

—Nannie Bonds.

HEAVEN IS A PREPARED PLACE (John 14:2, 3; Rev. 21:2). The filth of sin will not be there (Rev. 21:8, 27). God will one day renovate the universe of the effects of sin with fire (2 Pet. 3:7, 12). The redeemed are promised "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Pet. 3:13), created by God (Isa. 65:17). The "new heavens and the new earth . . . shall remain" (Isa. 66:22), after "the first heaven and the first earth" are passed away (Rev. 21:1). The new earth will have "no more sea" (Rev. 21:1c), meaning no more separation, no briny oceans as the cesspools for the filth of the continents. Secondly, the Scripture declares that only righteousness shall dwell in the new earth (2 Pet. 3:13). It is on the new earth without sea and with righteousness that the new city will be located (Rev. 21:2). In this city God will dwell among and enjoy the fellowship of redeemed men (v. 3). There Christ will be seen in all His glory (Rev. 1:13-16). He will be there in the splendor of His victory (Rev. 1:17).

"When I reach the strand of that love-bright land,
O I want to see Jesus, don't you?"

"Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people" (Rev. 14:13). To die in the Lord is to be living in the Lord when you die (1 Jn. 4:13). The righteous dead are alive and conscious even now in the presence of Christ

(Luke 23:43; Phil. 1:23), who is seated on the Father's throne, interceding for us (Heb. 9:24). According to Christ those who have died in Christ have gone to be with Him (John 13:36; 14:3; 17:24). Those who are absent from the body who are Christ's are present with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8). They live as they have never lived before in their service unto Him (Rev. 22:3). We are not to mourn for them as those who have no hope (1 Thess. 4:13).

Our loved ones who have gone on before are concerned about and are conscious of us (Heb 12:1).

"I want you to know you are never forgotten,
That the old, old days hid in memory sweet,
Are still a part of my life that I cherish,
Without them so much would be incomplete.
And you are mixed up with so much I remember,
Your name so often I utter in prayer;
Never forgotten on earth or in Heaven,
Always the child of God's tender care."

David expected to go to his child, not just where he had gone (2 Sam. 21-23). Peter, James and John recognized Moses and Elijah on the Mt. of Transfiguration. Saul recognized Samuel; the resurrected Christ was recognized by His followers; the patriarchs were gathered to their people (Rev. 7:16, 17; 22:3-5).

Lesson

Comments
by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for January 24, 1960

THE GOSPEL CHANGES LIVES

Lesson: Acts 16:13-15; 25-34

"BILLY SUNDAY WAS accosted in Chicago by a drunk, who muttered, 'Hey, there, Billy, don't you remember me? I'm one of your converts!' The evangelist eyed the man sorrowfully and answered, 'You must be one of my converts. It's plain to see that God didn't have anything to do with your conversion!'"

When men are truly and genuinely converted their lives are changed! Our lesson tells of two individuals whose lives were transformed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul's first missionary journey met with such great success that he decided to take a second. The purpose of his trip was expressed in his words to Barnabas: "Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do" (15:36).

THE CONVERSION OF LYDIA

Because of a disagreement with Barnabas over John Mark, Paul took Silas with him on his second journey.

us they came to Philippi. Only a small group of women greeted them, among whom was "a certain woman named Lydia, . . . which worshipped God" (16:14).

It was the sabbath day, and Paul and Silas preached the Gospel unto the women. Lydia was among those who listened, "and the Lord so moved upon her heart that she accepted the message spoken by Paul" (16:14—Williams).

The skeptic might ask, "How can we be sure Lydia was truly converted?" It's a good question, and one that comes up each day. We have many in our churches who hear the Gospel and make a profession of faith in Christ. But how can we know whether such individuals are genuinely saved?

Christ said, "By their fruits ye shall know them" (Mt. 7:20). John the Baptist challenged the professing Pharisees with these words: "Bring forth therefore your fruits meet for repentance" (Mt. 3:8). The Apostle Paul said the Christian is "created in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Eph. 2:10).

If Lydia was really converted, her life should have borne testimony to her salvation. Did it? Yes!

Because her heart and life were changed, Lydia manifested that change in three distinct ways:

1. **She gave careful attention to the Word of the Lord as spoken by the Lord's servants.** "She attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul" (vs. 14). New converts will have an hunger and thirst for God's Word. As newborn babes in Christ they will "desire the sincere milk of the Word" (1 Pt. 2:2).
2. **She demonstrated her faith in Christ by being baptized, along with her family.** "And when she was baptized, and her household . . ." (vs. 15). The one who is saved is desirous of fully obeying the Lord and His teachings.
3. **She extended hospitality to the missionaries.** "If ye have made up your mind that I am a real believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house." And she continued to insist that we do so" (vs. 15—Williams). When the Lord opens our heart He does so, not only that we might receive HIM, but that we might also receive OTHERS in His Name!

THE CONVERSION OF THE JAILOR

Even though Lydia and her household received Paul and Silas with joy, there were others in Philippi greatly troubled at their presence. So the two men soon found themselves in prison.

They were unafraid! They "prayed, and sang praises unto God" (vs. 25). What happened is known to all of us. There was an earthquake! The prison doors were opened! Their bonds were loosed! The jailor was terrified!

Space does not permit a detailed account of the events that followed. Let us notice a few significant features in the jailor's conversion:

1. **He recognized Paul and Silas to be men who could help him find God.** "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (vs. 30).

2. **He heard the requirements of salvation and eagerly met them.** Paul and Silas answered him: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy

house . . . He . . . rejoiced, believing in God with all his household" (vs. 31, 34).

3. **He and his household were baptized as proof of their faith in Christ.** "And he . . . was baptized, he and all his, straightway" (vs. 33).

4. **He manifested the fruits of salvation in his life by his treatment of Paul and Silas.** "He . . . washed their stripes . . . and when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them" (vs. 33-34).

Yes, the Gospel is able to transform lives! And those truly converted will soon manifest their salvation by the good works which they perform!

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

IT MUST BE AND IT CAN BE

"Ye must be born again." John 3:7.

THE MOST REMARKABLE THING about Jesus' insistence that we must be born again is that we can be born again. We are far enough this side of the time when Jesus spoke the words of the text that we do not raise the questions that came pouring from the lips of Nicodemus. We can see the possible interpretations—and we know how Jesus explained the truth to His inquirer. The acceptance of the interpretation means new life for all who do accept.

Some people assert that we need a revolutionary Christianity that will assert that the world is evil, and then proceed to change it. Jesus did not come to change society, but humanity, and through redeemed, changed humanity, to change the world. But the world of men is slow to embrace changes that require it to change its ways and customs. And until men are redeemed by the spirit and power of Jesus Christ there will be no world reformation. The highest type of civilization is found only where men have been redeemed from iniquity and sin by the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

What we must have—and what it is possible to have—is that kind of self surrender, or new birth, that will quicken the conscience, open the heart to the indwelling of God's love, and lead the will to embrace the purposes of God as the rule of life. God will accomplish His will in us just in proportion as we give Him the chance to possess us and use us.

There will be beauty in the dullest day,
There will be sunshine rimming clouds above,
There will be flowers by the hardest way
As long as there is love.

There will be a song where only silence dwelt,
And gold threads in the drabest fabric wove,
And glory leaving every care unfelt
As long as there is love.

—Clarence Flynn.

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

GUEST WRITER—REV. SPENCER GENTLE

STEPS TOWARD A SUCCESSFUL VISITATION PROGRAM

APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS before the date of a visitation program, the Sunday School Superintendent or the Pastor, should meet with the Church Planning Committee or the Sunday School Council to secure the approval of these bodies to institute a visitation program. A committee should be appointed to carry out such a program.

Immediately, a campaign chairman should be appointed. Such a person must have the following qualifications:

1. He must be sold on the program.
2. He must be enthusiastic about the program.
3. He must be a good leader!
4. He must be able to get along with other people.
5. He must be able to take discouragements without giving up.
6. He must be a praying man!

A man who is engaged in sales work is certainly an ideal person for such a position as chairman of an Every Member Visitation Program.

The committee then meets with the newly appointed Chairman and they choose the captains, the number depending upon the size of the Sunday School. The captains are responsible for a certain amount of teams. He should never have over ten teams (or twenty people).

Announcements of the program should be made in the bulletins, from the pulpit, in the newspaper, etc. The best way to spread enthusiasm about the program is to talk about it! Get everyone talking about it, people will begin to look forward to it.

The Committee, the Chairman of the program and the Captains meet to CHOOSE the workers. Each prospective worker or visitor is called on PERSONALLY by the captains, requesting them to assist in this program. Do not use the telephone, call on each one PERSONALLY—this is important! Make your list complete, using every person qualified to call; the more you have working, the more successful the program will be.

Two months before the date of visitation, the following work should begin: preparation of the visitation cards; preparation of the brochures; the visitors' packets; progress charts; arrangements for the send-off dinner; and prospect lists.

One month in advance of the date of the program, be sure that every detail is well organized. Take inventory of all plans, making sure that nothing is left out.

Two weeks in advance of the program, the committee, the Chairman and the Captains should meet often to compare notes and make further plans. During this time the following can be done:

1. Pair off the workers. Teams should be either two MEN or two WOMEN. Never use man and wife as a team, be sure that all teams are composed of the same sex. If this is not done, the visit then becomes a social thing. **THIS IS IMPORTANT!**

2. Map out visitation areas—geographically, if possible.

3. Send out general letter announcing special date relative to the program.

4. Send out letters to all workers confirming their appointments and announcing all workers' meeting and services.

On Sunday morning before the program begins, have a consecration service for all workers. In the evening plan a pot-luck supper for the church and Sunday School membership at which time the program is explained in detail to the members.

Two evenings before the visitation is to begin, conduct a meeting for the workers at which time all forms and procedures are explained. Do not hand out materials at this time! If materials are handed out, someone will be sure to "jump the gun" and visit before he is supposed to, thus defeating the whole impact of the program.

On the night that visitation is to begin, plan an ALL WORKERS dinner. This dinner is to be provided by the Sunday School. No worker in the visitation program is to do any work toward this dinner! The various teams under each captain sit together. The materials are handed out at this time; exchanges are made during the dinner.

Immediately following the dinner; devotions are conducted and the visitors are sent out "two by two." They are to return within one hour.

ALL CALLS ARE TO BE COMPLETED IN ONE WEEK!

This is a very brief outline of the program. Sample of visitation cards, etc., will be sent upon request to the writer.



KOREA—Proof of the Korean's eagerness to learn read is the growing interest in "little libraries." Meeting under trees, on the hillsides and on the rocks along the shores the villagers come together to read. The little library, so successful in India, has taken a firm hold on Korea. Over 1,270 little libraries have been established and more than 18,700 people are enrolled readers. Fifteen members are needed to start a little library. To participate, each person must be above 10 years of age and must not have graduated from Middle School. Members are asked to read for at least half hour each day four days a week. Once these requirements are met, 20 books become the nucleus of the little library. When the entire membership has finished reading a book, a new one is added to the original library.

When a total of 100 books has been given by the Korean Christian Literacy Association, the little library is graduated to an independent status and takes over its own support and management.

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GERMANY—The reformers are again alerting German churchgoers. Last October 19 eight deep-throated bells, each named for a leader prominent in the Protestant Reformation, were dedicated in the presence of some 500 persons. The bells located in the tower of the Memorial Church of Speyer, West Germany, were recast from bells removed from the 215-foot high church tower during World War II. Biggest of the bells was named in honor of Martin Luther. Others bore the names of Calixtus, Zwingli, Melancthon, Gustavus Adolphus, Mutzer, Casparius and Bader, all prominent in the Reformation period. (Memorial church had been erected in 1893 as a monument to Protestantism through contributions from all over the world. The "protest" of German princes at the Diet of Speyer in 1529 against restrictions on the followers of Luther had originally given "Protestants" their name.)

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ISRAEL—In Tel Aviv, during the most recent national election, voting officials were worried about an elderly woman who entered a curtained booth to cast her ballot. She was 91-years old and not very strong. It seemed to them that she had stayed unnecessarily long. And yet they were reluctant to invade the privacy of the voting booth to see if she needed help. When they finally did investigate, they found that, indeed, she did need help—not the kind they could give—and she was already getting help. They found her with a shawl over her head crying. And her explanation was simple. "I need God's help to decide who will govern us for the next four years."

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AFRICA—An important decision has recently been handed down by the High Court of Northern Rhodesia, in Africa. Fines imposed by lower courts upon two native Africans, members of the Bemba tribe, were rescinded. The issue was the legality of a tribal requirement that Bembas must offer their chiefs small amounts of grain, to be made into a kind of beer for use in pagan tribal ceremonies. The two Africans—both Christian converts—refused to make this grain offering, and had persuaded other Bembas not to do the same. For this offense they were fined by a native court, and this decision was upheld through two appeals. But the High Court action rescinded the fines. By this action it has opened the way for an expansion of religious freedom in this part of Africa.

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VATICAN—At the Vatican, it has been officially announced that plans for theological discussions between the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church have been indefinitely postponed. Meetings, which had been scheduled for Venice next year, had been reported as paving the way for reconciliation between the two churches which have been separated for 900 years. The reasons now given for the postponement were what Vatican officials called "complications." It was said that

publicity had given rise to "false and unreasonable hopes" of prompt reunion. It was also pointed out that certain Protestant bodies had asked to be represented at the meeting. And at one point the Orthodox Church had insisted on the inclusion of Protestants.

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ENGLAND—Recently, for the first time since the time of Queen Elizabeth I in the 16th Century, the palace of the Bishop of London at Fulham was the scene of a dancing party for the purpose of raising funds for a church building fund. The crowd was so large and the noise so great that the Bishop had to go into the city to sleep at his club.

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INCLUSION of the word "equality" in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States has been proposed by two members of Congress. Joint resolutions sponsored by Republican Representative James G. Fulton of Pennsylvania and Democratic Representative Charles C. Diggs of Michigan is being considered by the House Judiciary Committee. The Pledge, which was amended in 1954 to include the words "under God," would be further amended to pledge allegiance to a nation that has "liberty, equality, and justice for all." With the addition of the word "equality" the Pledge would go as follows: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty, equality, and justice for all."

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A WESTERN MARYLAND GROUP of newspapers has refused to carry any movie advertising which they consider indecent or unwholesome. The Times and Alleganian Company, which publishes three newspapers at Cumberland, Maryland, said it noted "with some concern" the increase in indecent movie ads. Such advertising, the company said, "makes its bid for customers by stimulating an unnatural or unwholesome attitude towards sex, violence, narcotics, or other subjects socially unacceptable." The publisher said "it is not the intention of the Times and Alleganian Company to assume the functions of a board of censors." At the same time, he asserted that newspapers have an obligation "to exercise care in what is carried into the homes through advertising and news facilities."

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LAWYERS for Roy R. Torasco, who was denied a notary public commission in Maryland because he had refused to swear belief in the existence of God, threaten to take the case to the United States Supreme Court if necessary. However, they were hopeful that the Maryland Court of Appeals would overturn the decision handed down recently by Judge Ralph G. Shure of the Montgomery County Circuit Court. They cited a decision by a Prince Georges Circuit Court ten years ago. They said the earlier decision was in "direct conflict" with Judge Shure's ruling. Mr. Torasco is office manager for a Bethesda building concern. He filed suit to compel the granting of his commission but Judge Shure ruled against him. The judge held that a notary's post was a privilege, not a right. He said the "people of Maryland have imposed a qualification of belief in the existence of God as a condition" for the commission.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:

Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

What Really Happens at a Brethren Youth Retreat?

IF YOU have been faithful in reading PAGE 18 every week, you know a partial answer to the question given above—but only a partial answer.

You know (because you have read about them) that many special activities fill each day the young people are “retreating.”—activities about which you read so often that they have now become commonplace in your mind. You know, the usual! Singing, games, devotions, talks by a speaker or two, eatin’, recreation, discussions, Bible study, films and so forth . . . and these features are all very fine.

But today let’s talk about something deeper, something even more valuable to spiritual growth. I mean the THINKING and CONSECRATION that becomes imbedded in the heart and life of each attender.

To be sure, to put ideas and inner-thinking on paper is almost impossible; but the following may be one way to do it. At the recent Indiana District Retreat (held December 28-30 at Camp Mack) one session was held in “Brainstorming.” During this time the young people dealt with three questions, giving as many answers to each one as they could in a short period of time.

If nothing else, this report will show that our Brethren Youth are thinking, anticipating, and willing to work. Here are the three questions and the rapid-fire answers that resulted. Read them carefully! Be willing to analyze where you fit into the picture!!

I. NAME SOME THINGS YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT THE BRETHREN CHURCH.

1. Three Fold Communion
2. Baptism
3. Ambassador Quartet

4. Summer Crusaders
5. Brethren Camp Shipshewana
6. District Youth Meetings
7. Local Youth Meetings
8. Brethren College Days
9. Ashland College & Seminary
10. Speech Contest
11. Winter Retreat
12. Prayer Meetings
13. Bible Study Classes
14. Church Choirs (adult & junior)
15. Brotherhood for Boys
16. Sisterhood for Girls
17. Mission Program
18. Church Athletic Leagues
19. Fellowship in local church
20. Brethren Beliefs (sound doctrine)
21. National Conference
22. Dedicated Ministers & Leaders
23. Unity of the Church

II. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE BRETHREN CHURCH DO IN THE NEXT 10 TO 15 YEARS?

1. Expand in all ways
2. Increase number of pastors and missionaries
3. Hold on to what we believe
4. Create more interest in church work
5. Winterize Camp Shipshewana
6. Enlarge Ashland College
7. Improve our home churches
8. Establish more new churches
9. Get younger kids interested in church work
10. Stimulate interest in the college and church
11. Offer more and better scholarships
12. Increase denominational finances for bigger and better programs
13. Increase total church membership
14. Increase interest in Brethren Youth activities
15. Expand Ashland College — increase salaries and curriculum
16. Improve camp program
17. Increase our study of the Bible
18. Set up even better youth programs
19. Publish a standard youth book for all our Youth Groups
20. Have more winter activities
21. Put more emphasis upon Speech Contest and Crusading
22. More singspirations at different churches
23. More interesting programs for Sisterhood & Brotherhood
24. Establish a Brotherhood in every church

25. Use Brethren Youth in more services of the church
26. Continuation of youth Prayer Meeting (after project is over)
27. Teacher training courses
28. More youth Sundays
29. Emphasize missionary offerings
30. Ashland College & Church ties stronger
31. Make camps more personal

III. WHY AREN'T MORE BRETHREN YOUTH ENTERING THE MINISTRY OR MISSION FIELD?

1. Lack of encouragement
2. Lack of interest in youth groups
3. Discouraged by parents
4. Lack of interest by people of the church
5. Fast pace of life
6. Other side of life looks brighter
7. Don't want to sacrifice
8. Don't attend church camps
9. Can't afford to pay their own way
10. Think they don't have good enough grades for college
11. Afraid to speak in front of people
12. Poor Ministerial salaries
13. Fear within one's self
14. Length of training (7 years)
15. Laxity of the congregation (Minister does most of the work)
16. Unwilling to sacrifice some luxuries for their home and families
17. Don't acknowledge the Call
18. Lack of security in Ministry
19. Afraid of friend's opinions
20. Strife in the church
21. Everyone tries to tell the minister what to do.

THESE CANDID OPINIONS, think you'll agree, are very much the point and should give us very much to think about.

NOTE TO INDIANA PASTOR
These comments have come from young people in your church. Where we can help meet the need they express, “let us be about our Father's business.”

If somebody thinks you are a crack brain because you praise the Lord, ask him where multitudes of people obtained so much knowledge and wisdom that causes them to yell and scream at the top of their voices at ball games and prize fights.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

TIME VALUES—WHEN MINUTES MATTER

AS A MOTHER with the care of a five-year-old spastic child and now a new baby, I have become doubly impressed with the fact that the clock is so much speedier than I. Even with a system of keeping two or three tasks going at once, the day ends leaving so very much to be desired left completely undone. Therein lay the necessity to place values upon my tasks so that the most important ones would be selected and deliberately put first. In a soul-searching evaluation of my day, I was shocked to discover that in trying to be a good Christian mother, unconsciously I had come to give my family first place in my life and God was gradually and unobtrusively being shoved into second place, or ignored completely. In an effort to remedy the situation, I considered the following needs for my Christian living.

Church attendance: Sometimes the constant plugging along required to be faithful to God and His church seems burdensome. The beds must go unmade and the dishes left in the sink to get all the brood to church and Sunday School on time or at all. Yet, nothing can equal the wonderful feeling of satisfaction and well-being which comes with the knowledge, that because of a struggle, we have been able to put God first on His day, worshipping in His house. Personally, I never appreciated the ability to attend church twice on Sunday and during the week until I was banned from worshipping in God's house at all for several years because of family illness. Then, what once considered a necessary duty became a cherished privilege I hope never to lose again. "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Personal devotions and child training: Practically speaking, it may be a little disrespectful slipping God along with the daily household chores but it is certainly better than not at all. The baby takes his bottle just as heartily when I read from my open Bible on the table beside me or go over my personal prayer list and ask God to renew a right spirit within my heart and heirs that fruit will become evident in all our lives. Christian training of children in the home does not always work as planned. It is difficult to keep my five-year-old's attention riveted on a Bible story, yet he dearly enjoys my singing gospel choruses to him while I wash dishes or iron. This falls short of my dream of a story hour, but it does teach him in a way he can accept and gives me the opportunity to witness to his young soul.

The need for Christian concern and fellowship: As the mother of a child who requires constant and special care, I had unconsciously come to feel that Christian concern for others beyond my family was someone else's task. Still this does not deny me the possibility of a quick phone call to a fellow Christian or even a stranger to say, "I haven't been able to come see you because of my little ones, but I did want you to know I was think-

ing about you. I would like to know you and am looking forward to meeting you in church." If busy mothers would wedge in a five minute call once a day or week, the results of warm Christian fellowship would be very gratifying.

In the rush hours of our lives we must select minutes to matter for God and for eternity, lest we become so absorbed in doing the good routine tasks we unconsciously crowd out the values which count most. We all strive to eliminate evil and sin from ourselves, but sometimes we must also sacrifice things that are good in order to have time to give God His rightful throne in our living. But let us make the sacrifice and have the joy and peace of mind which comes when we deliberately make our minutes matter for Him who gave His all for us.

Mrs. Alvin H. Grumbling,
Stockton, California.

Laid to Rest

HASSETT. Mrs. Rose Mary Hassett passed away after many years of service to her church. For fifteen years was recording secretary of the Peru First Brethren Church; taught teenage class, active in W. M. S. and youth work. Funeral services by Rev. John Turley and Rev. Milton Bowman; burial, Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Sedam, Rec. Sec'y.

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FOGLE. Claude H. Fogle died at Victor Cullen State Hospital, Cullen, Md., Nov. 8th. Funeral services by the writer. Interment, Sam's Creek Cemetery. Was a brother to Mr. Myrle Fogle of Linwood.

Bruce C. Shanholtz.

"Clarence E. Macartney used the illustration of a woman who came to one of the Old Puritan divines of London and complained that the bands on his pulpit gown were altogether too long and that she was exceedingly annoyed by them. She was so confident that he would grant her desire that she had brought a pair of scissors. The minister mildly agreed to her desire, and gave her the offending bands. She shortened them to her taste and gave back to him what was left of them. When he had received them he thanked her and said, 'Now, my good woman, there is something about you that is altogether too long, and I would like permission to shorten it.'

"'Certainly,' said the woman. 'You have my permission to do so. Here are the scissors.'

"Whereupon, the minister said, 'Very well, madam, put out your tongue!'

—Frederick K. Gordon, quoted by Frank S. Mead in
TARBELL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE
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Hopefulness and patient submission are the greatest ingredients in real prayer.

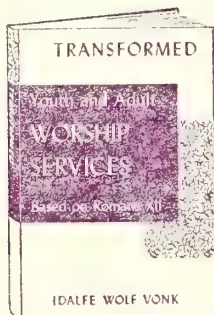


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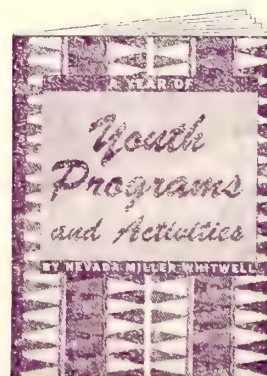
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I cry, the call, e'en the low moan was stifled:
I pressed my lips; I barred the tear drop's flow.

Will be still, although I cannot see it,
The love that bares a soul and fans pain's fire;
It takes away the last sweet drop of solace,
It breaks the lone heart string, hides Thy precious lyre.

God is love, so I will bide me, bide me—
Ye'll doubt not, Soul, we will be very still;
I'll wait till after while, when He shall lift us—
Yes, after while, when it shall be His will.

Have

Thy

Will



And I did listen to my heart's brave promise;
And I did quiver, struggling to be still,
And I did lift my tearless eyes to Heaven,
Repeating ever, "Yea, Christ, have thy will."

But soon my heart upspoke from 'neath our
burden,
Reproved my tight-drawn lips, my visage sad:
"We can do more than this, O Soul," it whispered,
"We can be more still, we can be glad!"

And now my heart and I are sweetly singing—
Singing without the sound of tuneful strings;
Drinking abundant waters in the desert;
Crushed and yet soaring as on eagle's wings.
—Author Unknown.



WHAT IS A CHURCH BUDGET?

It is a Goal—looking to the future believing that certain things need to be done—and can be done.

It is a Plan—a blueprint to care for the needs both present and future.

It is a Map—a guide to the best road in the use of our tithes and offerings.

It is a Picture—here drawn so that all can see the financial program of our church.

It is a Ladder—challenging Christian people to climb higher and walk the mountain tops in stewardship.

It is an Operation—promoting the only scriptural method of financing God's work—the bringing of the tithe into the storehouse.

It is a Satisfaction—every member of the church can see the budget; then, knowing the need, each can have a part in making it work.

The church budget is YOUR budget.

—United Evangelical.

The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.—Flavel.

Lord, give me this day a burning zeal
For souls immortal; make me plead
with such
With earnestness intense, love strong
as death,
And faith God given. Will the world
cry—"Mad!"?
I would be mad; such madness be
my joy,
For thrice it blesses; first my own
cold heart;
Then glorifies my God; and plucks
perchance
My sin-stained brother from the jaws
of death.

—Selected.

I CANNOT ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES BECAUSE:

- Too busy
- Company at home
- Need to rest
- Pleasure trip
- Have to go fishing
- Sunday's my day to play golf.....
- Radio or TV programs
- Hypocrites at church
- Can't find time
- I'm as good as people who go.....
- We send children to Sunday School
- Wife doesn't go
- Husband doesn't go
- I don't like a certain person
- Have little children who won't sit still
- Have to mow my lawn
- Heard it all before
- Can't stand the preacher
- Sermon bores me
- Christ means nothing to me.....
- Just not interested

(Signed:) _____
(Please tear out and mail to God.)

STEWARDS OF INFLUENCE

"The use of alcoholic beverage violates the Christian principle that we are our brother's keeper. We are the stewards of our influence upon others."—The Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SENSE OF VALUES

During 1956, according to the U. S. Department of Commerce, the people of the United States spent \$62.62 per capita for alcoholic beverages.

During this same period, giving to churches, religious bodies and welfare activities was only \$22.40 per capita. Think on these things.

ALCOHOL AND CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

"Christians should examine their own conduct in relation to alcohol. Our churches should be sure that youth and adults are informed about the nature of alcohol and the problems connected with its use."

I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live to what light I have. I must stand with anybody that stands right; stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.—Abraham Lincoln. The United Evangelical.

Get your devilry out of the way you want to know God.



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The Editor's Pulpit

Commissioned To Preach Repentance

THE LORD, in calling the disciples to Him, commissioned them to go forth, "two by two," to preach repentance unto men. A close look at one of the passages of scripture (Mark 6:7-13) in which Jesus sends them forth, gives the picture. They were the twelve, whom He had called unto Himself. Why the twelve? Were they men who were superior, more intelligent, better liked in their communities? Were they endowed with some special talents which enabled them to be more capable of doing this personal missionary work? The answers we arrive at will tell us a lot as to whether or not men and women can be thus used today.

Our Lord said upon another occasion, "Many are called, but few are chosen." It is evident that the Lord calls far more people than actually respond to His call. When the Lord calls, men must answer. If they don't they are not chosen. The Lord will not force a person to serve Him. Even Paul, on the Damascus road, needed to say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" before the Lord could use him. Jesus sent the twelve forth because they were willing to be used of Him. They left all and followed Him."

The type of men they were is of concern to us, so. We cannot say they were the best educated of their day, yet there was a brilliant intelligence on the part of some, for some became great preachers and writers. Some were good at being able to talk personally with people and win them to Christ. Mostly, they were poor, but were taught in the ways of spiritual richness by Christ Himself. The best thing that can be said about them, and which can be said of any of us, is that they were willing to be used of the Lord as witnesses.

They were human. They knew weakness, hunger, pain, sorrow. They knew fear—some were cowardly, some not too much so. One betrayed the Lord, another denied Him—they "all forsook Him and fled."

Yet, through this wonderful group of human beings, the Lord was able to establish His church on the earth. The reason for success is easily seen when we note that the Lord "gave them

power." This has been the secret of success of missionary endeavor throughout the ages—the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord gave the twelve power against the kingdom of the devil. We must never forget that the devil and his angels are aligned against God, and by the same token, against the Christian. Today, as in the days of the disciples, Satan is seeking to destroy the Christian. Doubts, discouragements, allurements of sin, are all a part of his scheme to destroy us and our witness for the Lord. Knowing he is after every one of us, behooves each of us to walk in that fellowship with God which will provide strength in time of temptation, and power in the path of service.

When Christ sent forth the twelve, He was telling them that Christianity was not a monastic form of religion. It was not to be operated as a small group of believers huddled around the Master for food and shelter. It is, rather, a life to be lived among men—not condoning nor participating in evil ways, but living as shining examples of Christ's tender love and mercy for lost mankind. There is also to be the positive action against evil. Chiefly, though, we, as were the twelve, are commissioned to preach repentance.

In preaching repentance, the twelve were not just to preach that men were sinners. Men, for the most part, know they are sinners. The twelve were not just to preach Christ as Lord and Savior—men know of Christ and many believe He came from God. No, the twelve were commissioned to preach that men were to repent—to turn from their evil ways, and accept Christ as Lord and Savior. Here is the kind of preaching we need today! It is one thing to make of our pulpits a fountain of soothing syrup. It is something else to make them the mouthpiece of the voice of God against sin in all forms.

May God help us ever to be true to the commission given by the Lord, whether we are a minister, teacher, officer, youth leader, parent or friend—to preach the gospel with conviction and power of the Holy Spirit, so that souls in sin might turn to Christ for salvation eternal.
W. S. B.

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MISSIONARY BOARD MEETING

The Missionary Board is scheduled to meet in February, beginning on Monday evening, February 15, at 7 P. M. In preparation for this meeting, the Kentucky Committee will convene at 1 P. M. the afternoon of the same day. Any items of business for Missionary Board consideration should be in the office by that time.

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BE FAIR TO OUR MISSIONARIES

There is no doubt that we all want to treat our missionaries with the greatest consideration and understanding; yet sometimes in our effort to be kind, we do them an injustice. For example, just recently one of our Argentine missionaries received notice that there was an article for him at the customs office. When he went to receive the article, he had to wait for seven hours; then he had to pay duty on the article in excess of its value—and for something he did not need. Such a situation is certainly unfortunate; it arises out of a sincere desire to be generous to our missionaries, but it has the opposite result—compelling them to pay for something they do not need and perhaps cannot afford, in addition to causing them great inconvenience or hardship.

Please do not send items to our missionaries in Argentina or Nigeria, unless they ask you to do so; then if you receive such a request, do not communicate it to others, lest many of such items be sent with a repetition of the problem.

The Missionary Board is grateful for the interest of Brethren people in our missionaries; but they do not want our workers to be penalized for our lack of understanding.

At the risk of being repetitious, may we say again—the best way to help our missionaries is to support the program which takes care of all their needs.

MISSION PLANS FOR NIGERIA

(Taken from minutes of the Field Committee
November 2, 3, 1959)

Work Camps—The possibility of work camps in Nigeria is favorable. One such camp was held in the Sha area; others are being planned for the future. A committee of four will coordinate and supervise this proposed program.

A Student to America—Plans are under way for Nigerian student to visit this country in 1960 and attend college. He may later be able to attend conferences at summer camps. These plans, of course, are contingent upon his completion of all the courses in his secondary school program.

Bible School—Funds are being accumulated to establish a new Bible school. Leadership training is vital to the work in Nigeria, as elsewhere; hence such a school is essential. Rural science may be taught. These plans are awaiting the securing of right of occupancy to the land.

Senior-Primary School at Mubi—Provided plans develop for the school at Mubi, a builder will be assigned to proceed with the classroom building and boarding accommodations. This will take place when the joint-education committee has made final plans and when grant-in-aid is available.

Mbororo well—Water is now available at Mbororo well. As long as it is open to the public, there will be no cost for its construction. The government will assume the expense.

Apprentice Course—Under the proposed apprentice course of 3-4 years, Nigerian workers would be trained as carpenters and masons. If adequate working space can be provided, ten applicants for each type of training will be accepted. Choosing individuals for apprenticeship will be based upon merit as much as possible. (There may be as many as 300 applicants.)

Annual Mission Conference—will be held from January 18 to 22, 1960.

Nigerian Church Leaders and Missionaries plan and work together for the preach of the Gospel.



Items of General Interest

ASHLAND, OHIO (PARK STREET). Brother Phil Hersch was installed on January 10th as pastor of the Park Street Brethren Church. District Evangelist, John T. Herler, was in charge of the installation service. Brother Hersch, who resigned as Director of National Brethren Youth, to accept the Park Street pulpit, will continue in a part-time capacity with Brethren Youth until General Conference time in August.

ASHLAND, OHIO (GARBER MEMORIAL). Brother William Curtis was the Evangelist for a week of revival services held in the Garber Memorial church the week of January 3rd through the 10th.

GRETNNA, OHIO. The Gretna W. M. S. held their public service on January 17th. The film, "Centerville Awakening," was shown.

NORTH MANCHESTER, INDIANA. Mrs. Dale Smith presides: "The North Manchester church observed Watch Night at the church New Year's eve. An hour's program of music and a fellowship hour with refreshments served by the Missionary Societies, were followed by the Pacific

Garden Mission film, 'Out of the Night,' and a half-hour of praise and prayer."

DENVER, INDIANA. Revival Services, with Brother Herbert Gilmer as Evangelist, are in progress at the Denver church from January 19th through the 31st.

TEMPE, ARIZONA. Brother H. Francis Berkshire notes that progress is being made in the construction of the new Papago Park Brethren Church edifice. As of January 7th, the concrete foundation was laid, and work was commencing on pouring of the floor.

TUCSON, ARIZONA. Brother Jerry Flora was guest speaker in the Tucson church on December 27th.

This 'n' That

By the Editor

YOUR PUBLISHING COMPANY is greatly in need of soft cloths suitable for wiping ink off of press rollers and type forms. The Brethren have done very well in supplying these in the past, so you who have worn out clothing or other cloth materials of an absorbent nature would be rendering your Company a very helpful service by either sending or bringing such to the plant in Ashland. Thank you very much for your help. W. S. B.

VITAL THINGS OF VALUE

Rev. J. G. Dodd

THERE ARE VITAL THINGS of value that can be accomplished by an active and consecrated Church membership. May we seriously consider this proposition as we meditate together in this Devotional Meditation. Let us evaluate the local church as a Christian community, and speak of it as such.

A Christian community should be a Christ-minded group or company of people "living fairly closely together in a more or less compact contiguous territory, who are coming to act together in the chief concerns of life" according to the standard of Jesus Christ, and accepting Him as Guide, Inspiration, Leader and Ideal.

Among the vital things of value that can be accomplished by an active and consecrated Church membership are Health Needs, Social Service and Evangelism, Education, the New Leisure produced by shorter working hours, and the unwelcome Leisure of the unemployed. The Church community can lend cooperation in finding a practical solution to these vexing problems.

Let us remember it is our duty to help families adequately in their own homes by solving their community problems, especially wrecked homes where children are compelled to receive care outside their family circle. Here is a real community problem. How did Jesus approach this situation? By inviting children through His sympathetic love. "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Church is the eternal house of refuge for little children. Let us bring them into the fold.

"Bring them in. Bring them in.
Bring the wandering ones to Jesus."

This brings us to thought of the vital thing which is of greater value than all the other. CHRISTIANITY is the most vital thing of value to a community. America needs a Christian reconstruction. This can be made possible through the influence of the church in the community. His Church, Christ has entrusted the holy oracles and made it to be the "pillar" which Paul used to describe the function of the Church. As a pillar the Church bears up before and publishes to men—a blessed Gospel. Its chief business is to reveal a Divine Person, to flash a Light, to publish the Word. The one supreme responsibility of the Church is to be the pillar of the truth, lifting Christ to the heights where all men can behold Him, radiating the Light that lighteth every man coming into the world, and speaking the historical Word so that all men everywhere may hear.

The Church is the spiritual monitor of human life. To the Church belongs the duty of keeping the public conscience alive. She stands in the midst of society to hold all forms of human activity true to the high ideals of righteousness, truth, justice and Christian fellowship. She is to make an eternal protest against all things that spoil humanity, all things that are unlike God. She is here to insist in the name of Jesus upon a single standard of the highest order of moral conduct in every department of life. Her voice is also heard in behalf of honor. She contends that men shall speak only the truth, shall do only justly, and shall live in fidelity to the obligations assumed.

The Church stands for the highest type of morality. It bears aloft the white banner of the pure Son of God and challenges men to enroll under it. But for what the Church does in for-



g the moral taste of the world, in creating and
eeping alive the spiritual conscience, society
ould rot and go to pieces.

No Christian community can flourish without
e church. The Christian community cannot live
hout Jesus Christ. The Word of God has not
t its power. Jesus Christ is the same, yester-
y, today and for ever.

What matter if we are in the last days before
e tribulation! It is all the more reason why we
ould lift up the Son of Man to dying communi-
s that have rejected Him. Away with irreva-
cies! Let us get back to the Stable and the
oss! Let us preach Christ to the community!

"Jesus Christ and Him crucified" is the commun-
ity's greatest need.

He who has created a deep sense of human
need can supply that need to the fullest extent.
Stay by the Word, and God will provide. He has
promised and His promises are sure. Christ for a
changing world. Christ for a changing commun-
ity. Christ the central theme for an active and
a consecrated Church Membership.

"O Lord, the Master of us all!
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,
We test our lives by Thine."

THE TRUTH ABOUT JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

ELEANOR L. DOAN, Editorial Director, Gospel
Light Publications.

WHAT DOES YOUR MIND conjure up when you hear the words, "He's a Junior High?"

Some people think of him as a juvenile; others call him "that adolescent." Neighbors have said of him, "Only his mother could love him, his father just endures him." Many church folk call him an "intermediate," or "in-betweenner." Still others just shrug their shoulders and avoid him as much as possible.

What is a Junior High really?

A Junior High Is a Person

Yes, a Junior High is a person, a very real person. He is 12, 13, or 14 years of age and usually is in the seventh, eighth, or ninth grade in public school. He seems especially different from persons of every other age—and he is different! He is even different from those his own age. No two Junior Highs are alike. Why is this? The answer is simple: each youth has his own growth rate, no two hitting the same step at the same time. Then, too, the intellectual, social and psychological influence of our modern culture affects the Junior High's mental growth, behavior and personality in a very real way. The changes which take place in the human being during the Junior High age make it the most critical period of life. It is the time when all the energies of life are at flood tide, when all the vital forces usually acquire the direction they will keep during the rest of life.

A Junior High is a paradox: an adult one moment, a child the next; intelligent and capable, but undependable; enthusiastic, then lethargic; trusting one day, cynical the next. He defies authority to attract attention and conforms to the group to be accepted. He would rather be dead than be different. To most adults he appears to be all "uns"; undisciplined, unpredictable, undignified, uninhibited, unmanageable, unstable, etc. Of this adolescent Richard Armour wrote:

A mind? Yes he
Has one of those.
It comes, however,
And it goes.

And if, when it
Is called upon,
It mostly happens
To be gone,

Don't fret, don't shout,
Don't curse the lack;
Just wait a while—
It will be back!

A Junior High is a person with a problem, not necessarily a problem person as so many people characterize him. He is caught up in a cycle of many changes which sometimes sets up a chain reaction. For instance, during adolescence the basic concepts of a Junior High are changing; thus there may be problems of unbelief. His concept of God, prayer, right and wrong have been given him by others; now he is seeking his own philosophy. In the earnest pursuit of getting an education, he may be disturbed or confused by the study of science in school. If his inquiring mind has not had his questions answered with satisfaction, doubts are produced at a time when this teenager needs the security of a strong faith.

The Junior High Is Important

This adolescent is a most important person. Let us consider some challenging facts concerning this great teenage population which will help us the church, and of course the Junior High, himself.

Junior Highs are important to the nation and to society. They are the future tax-payers, voters, law-makers, soldiers, homemakers. Of today's seventeen million teenage population, the Junior Highs number approximately seven million. And in another five years they will claim about ten million. Numbers alone make them very important in consideration of tomorrow's world, so provision to prepare them for life is made through public school education. Community programs are planned and conducted just for them. Guidance centers are maintained for their benefit by many law enforcement agencies.

Junior Highs are important to the business world. Because of their tremendous influence

urchasing habits, business men look at them with dollar signs in their eyes. According to one researcher the teenage population controls a purchasing power of nine-and-one half billion dollars a year. Products are planned just for them, clothing manufacturers cater to them, advertising is geared to their tastes, the record and music industries continually consult them.

Junior Highs are important to the home. They are a constant challenge to parents of their responsibility, guidance, and understanding. Junior Highs are loved and endured, prayed over and kept over. Their membership in the family is reflected in every area of activity, sometimes so dominantly that parents remark, "What did I do to deserve this?"

Junior Highs are important to the church and to the Sunday school. In many respects, Junior Highs are the most important persons to the Sunday school. "Perishable property" should be printed above every Junior High classroom door, for we are faced with the grim facts that many churches lose between seventy to eighty-five percent of their Junior High youth. Since ninety percent of the church members come from the Sunday school, the future size of the church will be in proportion to the present size of the Junior High department.

Junior Highs are important to God. A life was given to save them (John 3:16). Nothing conditions the desire of the Lord Jesus Christ to draw these young people to Himself. He longs for their love and devotion and service. If a Junior High is won to Christ by the time he is fifteen years of age, he has a potential of forty-five years of Christian service. However, unless he is won during his early teens, chances are 5000 to 1 he will not be won during his young adult years.

The Junior High Is a Challenge

The Bible says, "Behold (NOTICE!) I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land" (Deuteronomy 1:8). How much Junior High land there is! Joshua 13:1 tells us that "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Truly there are millions of parcels of teenage land yet unclaimed. Face the truth concerning Junior High youth. Doesn't it challenge you to know that every contact with a Junior High is an opportunity to reach him for Christ—to possess the land?

Perhaps you may wonder how to begin, and what to do. First, you can love the Junior High. Love him for what he really is—a person for whom Christ died. You may not like all his

habits or ideas or actions, but you can love him. In fact, you must love him to be understanding of him. You must be understanding of him to know him. And you must know him to win him to Christ.

Besides his need for love, a Junior High has three other basic needs: to feel secure, to achieve and to have spiritual guidance.

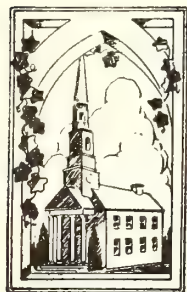
One of the surest ways to help a Junior High feel secure is to assure him of Christ's love and to help him to find a satisfying place among other Christian people. Make him feel welcome and wanted; give him something to do. Remember the old truism: "Use him or you'll lose him." Examine the effort your church makes concerning the Junior High. Is there a special department just for him? Is there a class just for his age? Are there activities planned which will interest him? Does he have responsibilities which will challenge him? Does the church plan visitation with him in mind? Does it make a special effort to win him to Christ?

Encourage the Junior High's effort at achievement. He wants recognition as a person and longs to be believed in. As a rule, Junior Highs have greater capabilities than we realize. They possess far more data about their environment than any previous generation; they are smarter, have access to more information through the media of television, newspapers, periodicals, etc. They are more alert, better trained, and their experiences make them more mature so that they have greater confidence in their undertakings. Show genuine interest in his efforts, praise him generously and criticize him without malice.

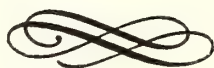
Junior Highs have a sincere desire for spiritual guidance. They are serious in their search for faith and have a wholesome appreciation of adult guidance. Encourage him when he feels that his own salvation experience does not compare with the experiences of other Christians he has heard about or known. Teach him with confidence and through the leading of the Holy Spirit. Help him to learn the great truths from God's Word for himself.

This experience with the Junior High will help you to really know the truth about Junior High Youth; that he is a real person, that he is important, that he is a challenge of land to be possessed for Christ.

Courtesy of Youth Commission of the National Sunday School Association in preparation for National Youth Week, January 24-31, 1960.



What's Doing in the Churches



SARASOTA, FLORIDA

A report from Sarasota, Florida is in order to inform the Brotherhood of the activities of the church here. We arrived here and preached on November the 22nd. This was our first experience preaching in Florida. We found a very receptive audience who received us with open arms. There were 126 present for the worship service and the attendance has increased to 136. These people are wonderful listeners and very appreciative, and very eager to do things. Everybody seems to want to do something. They have organized a calling campaign which we believe will be fruitful and bring results. There is a great future for a Brethren church and all it needs is to be worked. They are eagerly looking forward to the coming of Rev. J. D. Hamel the first of February as their regular pastor. In the meantime we are trying to do our best for the good people.

We are trying to call on all members and many prospects. It is a little difficult because the membership is scattered over an area of about seventy miles. We have people thirty-five miles away that never miss a service. These people are very loyal to their church. Many of our Northern people could take a cue from them and attend at least part of the time. Many of them do, but some do not. Many tourists are coming, and among them many Brethren. We are always happy to see them. We were acquainted with half of the audience the first Sunday we walked into the church. It was like homecoming. The membership here is not large and they need your prayers and support in every way and this will eventually grow into a large congregation.

C. A. Stewart, Interim Pastor.



TEEGARDEN, INDIANA

Just a brief report on the Lord's work at Teegarden. I baptized seven, and received them into the fellowship of the church in 1959. The Bible Class bought a cloak rack, and placed it in the vestibule. Brethren Youth placed a tract rack in the church. (They will keep it filled with tracts). A mortgage burning service was enjoyed by all, on November 18th. The church has paid off the mortgage on their parsonage. (We hope to build Sunday School rooms in the near future.)

The church paid a visit to the Brethren's Home at Flora, Indiana, in November. Fourteen members of the church, including the Pastor, were visitors. We conducted a brief program: special music, and a message by the

Pastor. We enjoyed the visit, and the hospitality shown us by Mr. and Mrs. Kuns. We presented each one with a Christmas gift, also canned fruit and vegetables for the home.

Rev. W. E. Thomas, Pastor of our North Liberty Church, was our evangelist for a revival meeting this fall. One girl accepted the Lord. We had about 20 people to reconsecrate their life to the Lord's service. We enjoyed Brother Thomas' singing, and his gospel messages very much.

Hays K. Logan, Pastor.



CALVARY, NEW JERSEY

Calvary Brethren Church, Pittstown, New Jersey held its annual Homecoming Sunday, October 4th with Co. Charles Clague of Trenton, New Jersey, guest speaker in the morning and Rev. W. B. Brant of Levittown, Pa. guest speaker in the afternoon. A good attendance and fine spirit was shown.

Our fall communion service was held Sunday evening November 1st, with a good attendance.

Our C. E. held a fellowship supper November 26th followed by a splendid message from Rev. Woodrow Brant as guest speaker.

We have a faithful little group who attends our Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening.

Our former pastor, Rev. W. L. Thomas, was called to serve the Mansfield, Ohio, Brethren in September. Pastor Charles Badar of Sergeantsville, New Jersey is filling our pulpit for the present.

Miss V. E. Hackett—Sec'y.



FROM MATHIAS, WEST VIRGINIA TO WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO

A little over six months ago we said good-bye to the many wonderful friends we had made during our pastorate at Mathias and Kimsey's Run, West Virginia and moved to West Alexandria, Ohio where we had accepted the call to be their pastor. We can truly say that our pastorate at Mathias and Kimsey's Run was a pleasant one. A lovely new parsonage was provided for us—the folks continuously provided us with food articles. Southern hospitality was displayed in every manner. We also cherish the many friends we made in the Southeastern District Conferences.

We arrived in West Alexandria just as the moving van had finished unloading our furniture. Several members of the church here were on hand and helped us get settled for the evening.

We are very pleased with the work here. Rev. Garland had a fine ministry which we feel that some of the harvest is yet to come. We have an active men's fellowship, W. M. S., and since September we have started two youth groups.

Beginning Sunday morning, November 30, we began a wonderful two weeks of revival with Rev. Virgil Geren of the Shadyrest Bible Conference, New Jersey, as the speaker. Even though his messages challenged each and every one of us and made us feel so negligent in our work for Christ, yet he endeared himself to us all. The church has already given him a call to come as evangelist next year.

During part of the revival we were also privileged to have Brother Hartley Cruver, of Anderson, Indiana to lead the singing and play his trumpet.

As we go into the new year our prayer is that many souls will be won for Him here in West Alexandria and throughout the world.

Claude Stogsdill.



MAURERTOWN, VIRGINIA

Since it has been some time that we have reported from Maurertown we thought the congregations of the brotherhood would be interested in a few of the highlights of the past three months. Our Fall Communion was held in October with the largest number in attendance that we have on record. One hundred and forty-six signed attendance cards and there were nine visitors, bringing the total to one hundred and fifty-five. It was also the pastor's privilege to conduct communion for the congregation at Mathias, W. Va. in October.

Two weeks of Evangelistic Services were held during the last two weeks of October with Rev. George W. Solomon, of Hagerstown, Maryland. It was a happy experience to entertain our mutual friend at the parsonage during the two weeks. The congregation took good care of our physical needs, as usual. The congregation was strengthened by Rev. Solomon's ministry among us. As a direct result of the services, four people became members of our church by transferring from other churches. All of these having been attending our church for some time.

Our Sunday School has been making a steady gain for which we praise the Lord. A comparison of the last quarter of 1958 and 1959 show the following statistics.

	1958	1959
October	150	172
November	144	157
December	128	158
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This shows an average gain for the three months of 1 for the Sunday School. Other figures indicate for the same period an average gain of one for the morning worship service, and seven for the evening worship services.

Two new Brethren Road Signs have been installed on either side of Maurertown advertising our church to the community and tourists. These were purchased by the Sunday School.

Our Sunday School Christmas program was presented December 27 to an overflowing church of approximately 225 people. One could wish that this kind of enthusiasm and interest would continue into the new year.

The year 1960 promises to be a good year for us and we pray for the whole Brethren Church. Let us all dedicate ourselves to this end.

Robert L. Hoffman, Pastor.

MISHAWAKA, INDIANA, REPORTS

Following is the action taken, October 20, 1959, by the congregation of the First Brethren Church, South Bend, Indiana, relative to the formation of the new congregation to be known as the Mishawaka Brethren Church:

"A meeting was called by the State Mission Board at the First Brethren Church of South Bend for the purpose of organizing a church in Mishawaka. The following State Mission Board members were present: Rev. Herbert Gilmer, Dr. Claud Studebaker and Mr. Glenn Cripe. The National Board Members present were: Dr. E. M. Riddle, Rev. Milton Bowman and Dr. Studebaker.

"It was reported that the ground had already been purchased, consisting of three and one-half acres located near McKinley Road. The name of the new church will be 'The Mishawaka Brethren Church'.

"The following temporary officers were elected:

"Moderator: William Meinke

"Vice Moderator: Ivan Hunn

"Secretary: Max Struby

"Treasurer: Vern Carothers

"Building Committee: Robert Jones, Chairman; Sanford Goodrick, Lee Driebelbis.

"The first meeting of the church group will be a prayer meeting, October 28th, at the William Meinke home.

"A motion was made to take up a collection so as to give the new church a fund to start with. Carried. The collection amounted to \$131.25.

"Vesta Walters, Secretary,
First Brethren Church."

Our work is progressing well. January 3rd, the attendance was 32, and offering was \$43.05. Attendance at prayer service, December 29th, was 12.

William Meinke.

Editor's Note: The Mishawaka Brethren are now meeting for Sunday school and morning worship services in the Northside School of Mishawaka.



FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

The Falls City Church enjoyed a time of special blessing from October 21-30 in a Ten-Day Revival. Rev. Charles Perrin, pastor of our County Line Church in Indiana, was our Evangelist. The attendance kept increasing each night as people were challenged and drawn back by the powerful preaching of the evangelist. The weather was generally good for the meetings, but rain and corn-picking worked together to keep a number away. The visible results of the Services was one confession of Christ; a spiritual revival was evident among the people.

Robert G. Holsinger.

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Young Men's and Boys' Brotherhood Program

furnished by Rev. C. Y. Gilmer

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

This is presented as a supplement to part I of the study book, "Meditations for Youth," by Walter L. Cook.

"THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME."

Possession of earthly goods does not make for success nor happiness, therefore God gave what we call "the Ten Commandments" (Ex. 20:1-17). These laws cannot be broken without severe penalty to the violator (1 John 3:4). Man, perverted by sin, tries to satisfy the desires of his soul by the worship of false gods (Rom. 1:21-23). The gods that men put before the true God in our day are wealth, fame, pleasure, power, and knowledge (Matt. 6:33). We foolishly think that pleasure is the way to happiness (1 Tim. 5:6). The love of money leads to every evil (1 Tim. 6:10).

"THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE"

Man is inclined to worship his Bible, church, pastor, and aids to worship instead of worshipping God (Acts 10:25, 26). We were created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27), but we as fallen creatures try to create God in our own image (Rom. 10:3). We are to see God by looking unto Jesus (John 14:8, 9; John 1:18). When self fills our vision we cannot see Jesus (Luke 24:16).

"THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN"

God's name is profaned by profane language (Jas. 5:12). Pretenders in worship take God's name in vain by not taking God seriously (Matt. 15:7-9). To ignore God's presence and His proffered help is to take His name in vain (Rom. 10:21). For sin-stained humanity to refuse to pray, read the Bible, and attend divine worship is profanity indeed (Heb. 10:25, 26).

"REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY"

The Sabbath in the Old Testament ceremonial law spoke of Christ as our rest (Matt. 11:28). God intended rest as a spiritual restoration (Heb. 4:4, 5, 8, 9—in verse 8 "Jesus" refers to Joshua). New Testament Christians observe the Lord's Day, the first day of the week, in commemoration of Christ's resurrection which spells hope and victory for Christians (Rev. 1:10). On the "first day of the week" we worship God with an offering for the support of His cause (1 Cor. 16:2). To observe the Saturday Sabbath instead of the Lord's Day would be to deny Christ's completed work on Calvary (Col. 2:14, 16, 17).

"HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER"

The first four of the Ten Commandments deal with man's relationship to God, for God comes first in all our

considerations, and the remaining six commandments have to do with our relation to mankind (Matt. 22:37-40). All of the Ten Commandments except the fourth, the one about the Sabbath, have been re-commanded with a deeper spiritual import in the New Testament (Matt. 5:21-22). The fifth commandment calls for honorable parents and obedient, loving respectful children (Eph. 6:1-4). This is the only commandment with a direct promise (v. 3). We are to have respect for all of our elders (1 Peter 2:17), and all who are in authority over us.

"THOU SHALT NOT KILL"

Being created, we are obligated to live, and have no right to take our own lives nor the lives of others (Acts 17:24-26). We are not to violate the laws of health, safety, spiritual welfare, faith and ideals, but we are to help to live in every possible way (1 Peter 3:8-11).

"THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY"

Jesus forbade lust in our hearts, even though unexpressed (Matt. 5:27, 28). No adulterer can enter Heaven (1 Cor. 6:9). But as penitents they may be forgiven and their evil desires cured (John 8:10, 11).

"THOU SHALT NOT STEAL"

Men are guilty of robbing God (Mal. 3:8, 9). Stealing requires restitution (Luke 19:8, 9). We can steal by not working (2 Thess. 3:10-12), and by not doing our duty (Jas. 4:17).

"THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR"

Jesus taught that the self-righteous have no right to condemn sin (Matt. 7:1, 2). Tale-bearing is strictly forbidden (Lev. 10:16). Read Prov. 26:20.

"THOU SHALT NOT COVET"

Jesus warned against covetousness (Luke 12:15). It is "idolatry" (Col. 3:5). It will keep one out of Heaven (1 Cor. 6:10). We are to refrain from the company of the covetous (1 Cor. 5:11) and covetousness in talk (Heb. 13:5).

Laid to Rest

STOKES. Mrs. Herbert E. Stokes, member of the Fall City church for about 40 years, died Dec. 10th at age 71. Survived by her husband. Funeral services at the church by the undersigned. Interment, Harris Cemetery, Barab, Neb.

Robert G. Holsinger, Pastor.

While he was president of Harvard Dr. James I. Conant kept a strange object on his desk: the model of a turtle. Under the turtle was a carved inscription "Consider the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out."

There was deep wisdom in that. No turtle, no human ever makes any progress so long as he sits encased in shell, so long as he is guarding his own neck. But our neck the most important part of us? What of the soul?

Frank S. Mead in *TARBEL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE* (Fleming H. Revell Company)

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

LONDON

The Parliament buildings along the old Thames were viewed. The large flag floating over them seemed small in the distance. The Guide asked us "How many men do you think could stand on this flag if it were laid flat on the ground?" There were numerous guesses but none any ways close to what he told us. He said "1,500." Here in the great tower, over three hundred feet high, was world-famous "Big Ben." Its face was 22 feet across. One face had been damaged during the war, but of course had been repaired. The clock was said to weigh 13½ tons. It was a thrill to hear its heavy tones as it struck while we were watching and photographing it. The English value it very highly as a time keeper. If it is off a few seconds some one calls the Warder and informs him, and it is instantly corrected. Descriptions of this may be read elsewhere and have likely been done so by the reader of this travelogue.

Thursday morning dawned bright and clear in London. Today we were to go to Stratford on Avon, Shuttery and points in that general direction. After winding through London's streets, many of which showed bomb damage of the recent war, we were soon in the beautiful countryside. Its villages were quaint, and many houses had thatched roofs. We were told that they were going out as there were few now who could do that kind of work. A rest stop was made at King's Arms Hotel, and then on to Oxford University. We traversed the halls of this old institution where great men of other days roamed. It was historic, beautiful and restful. Went into some of the Christ College buildings which is a part of Oxford. In the meantime we had passed by the gate of Blenheim Palace where Churchill had been born, and where the guide said that he would eventually be buried.

Beautiful gardens and mementoes of Shakespeare's day were on every hand. They surrounded and were back of his home in Stratford. After visiting his old home it was natural for a visit to be made to Shuttery a mile and a half away where lived Ann Hathaway. Here, when Shakespeare was 18 and she was 26½ they were married. The old thatched roofed building is kept as it was when she lived there. On the way back we passed the old church where he had been baptized and near where he was buried.

Leaving the old town of Stratford on the Avon, we were due in Banbury, the home of the Nursery rhyme, "Banbury Cross," jingle where we were scheduled to stop for Tea. Buttered bread, jam, cakes a plenty, and we were enjoyed by all. Some eight miles out of Stratford we visited the old Warwick Castle in the city of Warwick. This is one of the old medieval castles and is splendidly furnished with foundations dating back to Norman times with walls and towers of the 14th cen-

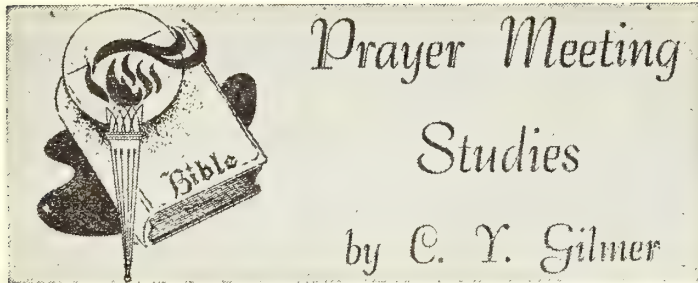
tury. Its 126 rooms were filled with armor, paintings and tapestries of great value. To show how Americans sometimes rightly bring down criticism upon their heads when in a foreign land, we were told of a Texan with his Western dress who pulled out a roll of bills that would choke a small calf, and remarked that "He could buy a bigger picture than that."

Rain came down on the return but it did not dim the spirits of the group who sang hymns. Soon we were flagged down by a bus in trouble. Our bus and another divided the load and returned them to London. They were Catholic tourists. It was 8:00 when we got to London, and 9:00 when the evening meal was finished. They are in no hurry in Europe when it comes to dining. One of our daily jobs at night was the washing task. Drip dry clothes were used by many to keep down the weight limits. So this day was marked off as a very interesting experience.

Friday, July 4th. Even the English catered to their American tourists for we saw Old Glory waving from various staffs. Cloudy this morning, followed by rain. This was London, then the sun came out. We were to check out by 9:00 A. M. as this was to be our last day in London. Baggage was piled up in the lobby of the hotel. Some of us made a visit to Madame Tassaud's Wax Museum. The figures looked quite real. The management was not above playing tricks in the darkened room by placing figures in various positions sitting on seats in secluded corners. One person who discovered this, later on saw a person (presumably wax) standing or leaning against a pillar. "Here is one of them," he said, but this woman walked away. The horrors of other days were shown in life-sized figures. Photographs were taken of a number of the exhibits, such as the American Presidents and the Royal family.

In the afternoon, time was spent in the British Museum. Returning to the hotel about 3:30, things were taken easy. Quoting from the diary, "We left the hotel for the airport about 6:10. Mr. Beadle forgot his camera and we had to go back. Got the second start about 6:20. Got to the airport, filled out cards and got on the plane. Had dinner on the plane. Didn't have time for tea or coffee. Took 55 minutes, 335 miles an hour. About 13,000 feet elevation. Couldn't see the English Channel, too high. We left London at 8:15 arrived at Paris 9:10, around 200 miles. We didn't have to open suitcases to get through customs. Came by bus to the Ambassador Hotel. Had a nice room and a private bath. Weather very pleasant. Had an especially smooth flight to Paris." The ship was a Turbo-Prop, four engined plane and the smoothest ship on which we flew on the entire trip. It was British European Air Lines. Landed at LeBourget field. This is the field where Lindbergh landed in his famous flight. Paris is a city of 2,850,000. No trouble to know that we were in a different country. People, customs, and the ever-present sidewalk cafes left no doubt but what we were in France.

In London, there was just one big rush on the streets and sidewalks. Gentle said, "Why these folks even run up and down the escalators." When the writer asked one of the hotel men, "Why the rush?" he replied, "There are two classes of people here. Those who do not have to rush and those who rush. These who rush do all the work and support the others."

**"FORGIVEN"****I John 2:12**

Not far from New York, in a cemetery lone,
Close guarding its grave, stands a simple headstone
And all the inscription is one word alone—

"Forgiven"

No sculptor's fine art hath embellished its form,
But constantly there, through the calm and the storm,
It beareth this word from a poor fallen worm—

"Forgiven"

It shows not the date of the silent one's birth,
Reveals not his frailties, nor lies of his worth,
But speaks out the tale from his few feet of earth—

"Forgiven"

The death is unmentioned, the name is untold,
Beneath lies the body, corrupted and cold,
Above rests his spirit, at home in the fold—

"Forgiven"

And when, from the heavens, the Lord shall descend,
This stranger shall rise, and to glory ascend,
Well known and befriended, to sing without end—

"Forgiven"

FORGIVENESS CHARACTERIZES THE SAINTS (Psalm 7:4b; 1 Sam. 24:7). Christ, who commanded forgiveness (Mark 11:25; Rom. 12:19), as with every other commandment of His, furnished the example (Luke 23:34). The frequency and extent of forgiveness is to be without limit (Matt. 18:22; Luke 17:4). The recipe for reconciliation is found in Matthew 18:23-35. Forgiveness of injuries is a glory to the saints (Prov. 19:11). Thus it was in Joseph (Gen. 50:20, 21), in David (2 Sam. 18:5; 19:21, 23), in Solomon (1 Kings 1:50-53), in Stephen (Acts 7:60), in Paul (2 Tim. 4:16).

Forgiveness is for the penitent (Luke 15:20-24). There is forgiveness with God because of His mercy (Luke 6:35, 36). Our unforgiveness means that God will not forgive us (Mark 11:25, 26; Matt. 6:14, 15). Even the forgiven had a cancellation of his forgiveness when he became exacting with his fellow-servant (Matt. 18:32-35). We cannot worship God with aught against us (Matt. 5:23, 24). All malice, bitterness and evil speaking is to be "put away" from us (Eph. 4:3). We are to "put on" the things that characterize those who have been "forgiven" of Christ (Col. 3:12, 13). We are to pray with a forgiving spirit (Mark 11:25). We are to forgive "even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven" us (Eph. 4:32). Forgiveness exercises kindness (Gen. 45:5-11), returns good for evil (Rom. 12:20), and is accompanied by blessing and prayer (Matt. 5:44).

Did you forgive today
The one who injured you?
Or did you tell him nay,
Who held his hand to you?

If you do not forgive,
E'en the unasked of you;
You will the loser be,—
You're unforgiven, too.

Spurn not the offered hand;
Christ was by Judas kissed.
Choose not to pass it by;
Refused, it makes a fist.

A fist! Aye, aye, a fist,
To smite peace from your heart.
Gone! and 'twill ne'er return,
Except you do your part.

Peace comes where Peace is found—
This thought is strange but true;
If you'd have peace,—forgive,
Then you're forgiven, too.

—Rev. Arthur Baer.

Lesson**Comments**

by

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Lesson for January 31, 1960

THE DEMAND FOR REPENTANCE AND FAITH

Lesson: Acts 17:10-12; 22-23; 29-34

EVERY TIME THE GOSPEL is preached there is response—either positive or negative. Truth must be received or rejected. This was true during Paul's missionary journeys. In every town he preached the Word of God. Some believed; others hardened their hearts and turned away.

The alternate topic suggested by the compilers of our Sunday School material is: "Responses to the Gospel." This writer feels this topic is more in keeping with the Scripture lesson, and therefore, we shall use it.

THE RESPONSE IN THESSALONICA

Acts 17:1-9

What Paul did: "And Paul . . . reasoned with them out of the scriptures."

What Paul said: "Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead."

How the people responded: (Positively) "And some of them believed, and consorted (joined) with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few."

How the people responded: (Negatively) "But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy . . . gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar."

Thus, there was a mixed reaction in Thessalonica. Most of those who believed were Gentiles—Jewish proselytes. Only a few Jews accepted the Gospel. Nonetheless, a strong church was established in that city.

THE RESPONSE IN BEREA

Acts 17:10-13

Here the people were "more noble" than the Thessalonians. That is, they were "better disposed" toward the Gospel (Williams). Three characteristics are noted:

1. "They received the word with all readiness of mind." Williams throws light on this verse by translating the phrase "all readiness of mind" in this way: "with all eagerness." **How few and far between are those today who respond eagerly to the living Word!**

2. "They . . . searched the scriptures daily." What was the reason for their earnest search? To see for themselves "whether those things were so" which Paul and Silas told them.

Is it any wonder people are being misled today? They sit in church without their Bibles, and therefore, they do not know whether the minister is preaching what the Bible teaches! Many preachers do not preach from the Bible because the people do not demand it!

3. "Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few." This was the natural result of receiving the Word and searching the Scriptures.

The Jews, who had chased Paul and Silas out of Thessalonica, pursued them to Berea. Once again they were forced to flee. But they left behind a strong group of believers!

THE RESPONSE IN ATHENS

Acts 17:16-34

Having been chased out of Berea, Paul was taken to Athens for safety. While waiting for Silas and Timothy to come to him, he had opportunity to view this famous Grecian city. He was shocked and deeply moved when he saw that the city was "completely steeped in idolatry" (Williams).

He knew the people needed God! "Therefore disputed in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him."

Soon he attracted the attention of the philosophers of Athens—"the Epicureans and . . . the Stoicks." In order that they might hear more of his strange teachings, they brought him to the Areopagus.

"Paul is in the Areopagus, a rocky height opposite the western end of the Acropolis; it was famous as the meeting place of the Council of Areopagus, the most ancient and honourable of all Athenian courts. Its members were the most intellectual of Athenian intellectuals—the toughest audience Paul could have picked" (Frank S. Mead).

Here Paul began to preach. He told them it was obvious they were a very "superstitious" (religious) people. So not to offend any of the gods, the people erected an altar "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD."

"Their country was cluttered with altars to a whole galaxy of gods; they had a god for everything and everyone. But these gods were 'unknown'; during a plague the Athenians were instructed to turn loose white and black sheep on the Areopagus, and on whatever spot they lay down, to sacrifice there to 'the appropriate (unknown) god'" (Mead).

They worshipped—but "ignorantly." Then Paul preached to them about the true God who "made the world and all things therein." This God, said the Apostle, "hath appointed a day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained." Paul also spoke about Christ whom God had "raised . . . from the dead."

How did they respond to this new doctrine? "Some mocked; and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter . . . Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Dionysius the Areopagite (a member of the city council), and a woman named Damaris, and others with them."

Thus, it was the same story in all three of these places where Paul preached. Some believed; others turned away. This is what Paul meant when he wrote to the Corinthians: "To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life" (II Cor. 2:16). To those who fail to believe, the message of the Cross means death; but to those who are willing to believe, the Gospel is "the savour of life unto life."

**I gave a beggar from my scanty store
Of hard-earned gold. He spent the shining ore
And came again, and yet again, still cold
And hungry, as before.**

I gave the Christ, and through that Christ of mine

**He found himself, a man, supreme, divine,
Fed, clothed, and crowned with blessings manifold,**

And now he begs no more.

A few years ago in Pasadena, California, a young Negro boy began to get into trouble with the law. He had a strong grudge against society and was heading for real danger. A judge asked a young Methodist minister named Karl Downs to take personal responsibility in helping that boy to overcome his bitterness. The minister agreed, and spent a great deal of time with the boy. The result? The boy turned out to be a credit to his race and to the sports world. You now know this boy as Jackie Robinson. And who is Karl Downs? Just another Lydia—one of the quiet people who move the world forward.

William P. Barker in SAINTS IN APRONS
AND OVERALLS (Fleming H. Revell
Company)

Self-flattery is the fool falling in love with his own shadow.

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

GUEST WRITER—REV. SPENCER GENTLE

RESULTS OF A VISITATION PROGRAM

THE RESULTS of an Every Member Visitation program are many and varied. There will be a definite increase in attendance and this increase is noticed even before the actual visitation begins. This is brought about because of the interest in such a program.

There will be a definite increase in the interest in the work of the Sunday School and the Church.

The workers themselves will gain spiritual growth. Many will learn to pray in public, others will catch a vision of lost souls without Christ. Many will attain a desire to do more calling. The spiritual growth of the workers, even without the increased attendance, is worth all the work put into such a program! The greatest result is that of drawing the people together "in one accord" for the work of the Sunday School and Church!

A very important result of such a program can be the permanent visitation program carried on throughout the year by the various adult classes of the Sunday School. Such a program is organized so that there is systematic visitation throughout the year. The various adult classes are organized into visitation teams; each week, a particular class will be responsible for making 10 to 20 calls. Again, such a program must be highly organized and carried through to be successful.

Any Sunday School or Church which plans such a program should plan it for several years. Don't have one, then stop; make it a point to have an Every Member Visitation Program each year for several years. The reward will be great.

One of the best methods of visiting in the Sunday School is that which is done by the teachers of the various departments.

A Departmental Superintendent can organize her teachers and her assistant teachers in such a way that a visitation program can be conducted quarterly or even monthly. This is one of the best ways to increase Sunday School attendance that there is.

Many Sunday School teachers know their students, but have never met the parents. A visit should be made in the home of each student by the teacher. In so doing, the teachers know the environment and the background of their students, making it easier to understand each one. Such a call to a home where the parents do not attend Sunday School or Church might be the means of making them interested in the program of the Church. If a departmental Superintendent would carry on such a program within her department, the attendance will certainly increase.

In these past three weeks, a very brief outline of a visitation program has been given. Certainly the pro-

gram is not as simple and easy to administer as it might appear through these articles, but all the time spent on such a program, and all the work done will bring results which have not been anticipated. The danger of such a visitation program is trying to conduct it on a month's notice; it cannot be done—planning and organization must be paramount if the program is to be successful. Such planning must begin at least three months in advance of the actual date of the visitation itself.

If at any time more information is needed relative to this program, you are urged to write to the writer of these articles and such information will be sent to you. Samples of the various materials will be sent if desired.

If every Brethren Sunday School and Church in the denomination would institute such a program, the interest in the work of God would increase and we would soon see a vital spiritual growth among our members. In reality, spiritual growth is more important than numbers.

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Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

THE PIVOT-POINT OF FAITH—"TILL HE COME"

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup ye do show the Lord's death till He come" (1 Cor. 11:26)

THE "RETURN", or Second Coming of the Lord, is one of the most precious promises the Bible holds forth to the believer. It would seem that Jesus linked this teaching with that most blessed of all the ordinances of the church, set forth in our text. Coupling it with the Lord's Supper—or Communion Service—He reminds His followers every time they take Communion that He is coming again.

There are two truths connected with the observance of the Communion: One, that Jesus is coming again, and two, that we have a Savior who is not dead but alive forever more. The Christian gospel is the only one that teaches a coming King. Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed have all died, and their graves are with us even now and their followers do not expect them to return. As we remember the facts of Christ's earthly life, His matchless words, His marvelous deeds of compassion, His sacrificial death upon the cross, there is a strange glow that floods our souls. For, though He died upon the cross, He is alive forevermore.

The Christian addresses his prayers to Him, Who in His message in John 14, assured the hearers that, when He was going to leave them for a time, He would come again to receive His own to himself. "Till He come", the point upon which all the promises and assurances of the Christian faith are pivoted.

"'Till He come'—O let the words
Linger on the trembling chords;
Let the little while between
In their golden light be seen."



KOREA—Tens of thousands of isolated people living on the islands of the Yellow Sea are being evangelized by the Evangelical Alliance Mission workers because a fast, sturdy boat was given by a USAF Intelligence Unit that was leaving Korea. The gift resulted from a prayer request over missionary radio station HLKX. The boat, now known as "Seng myungchul", or "Lifeboat", has been completely reconditioned and is manned by a small group of Korean evangelists who cruise among the islands reaching the gospel.

ROMAN CATHOLICS throughout the world totaled 27,643,000 at mid-year, an increase of over 17 million in a 12-month period. The latest figures released by the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade at Cincinnati, Ohio, show that 18.3 per cent of the earth's population is Roman Catholic today. At mid-1958 the percentage was 18.2. No new trends in Catholic population were reported, but the regions of most rapid Catholic growth—chiefly North America and certain parts of Africa—continued to show gains. In Eastern and South-Central Asia the Church continued to hold its own percentage-wise.

DANIEL L. Schlafly, a member of the Board of Education of St. Louis, Missouri, has given up his idea of opening public schools each day with prayer, after Protestant and Jewish leaders assailed the proposal. Dr. O. Valter Wagner, executive director of the Metropolitan Church Federation, said that "the home and the church should be solely responsible for the prayer habits of children." The Rabbinical Association and Rabbinical Council supported this position. The 22-word non-denominational prayer that Mr. Schlafly had proposed, and which the children in many communities are using voluntarily each school day was: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence on Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

R. TRUMAN B. DOUGLASS of New York says that some ministers have become "outraged" over the disclosure of "fixed" TV quiz shows, while ignoring the "big fix" in television itself. Dr. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions, Congregational Christian Churches, told a church conference at Indianapolis that cheating on quiz shows was only a "little fix, not worth the indignation that it has elicited." He said "the big fix is television itself, with its contempt for a perversion of the minds of men. Far more serious than these instances of individual dishonesty is the misuse of television frequencies belonging to the people for the purpose of corrupting and desensitizing and perverting the people."

THE NEW YORK BOARD of Rabbis announced recently that it would establish a Jewish museum at its International Synagogue, for which ground has been broken at the New York International Airport. The museum was made possible by Gustav Stern, New York business man and philanthropist, who recently returned from a mission on the board's behalf throughout the world. Mr. Stern reported the desire of Jewish communities to contribute rare religious and historic objects to the museum as "a symbol of the spiritual unity of Jewish groups throughout the world." Mr. Stern said that the museum at Idlewild would include a section on religious art created in this country and one dealing with contemporary objects and documents salvaged after the Nazi pogroms in east Europe.

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KOREA—In South Korea, Christians are commemorating the 75th anniversary of the opening of Protestant Mission work in that land. Work started here three-quarters of a century ago and has grown until Protestantism is now the third largest religious group in Korea. Only the native religion and Buddhism have more followers than the 1,200,000 Presbyterians and Methodists now numbered there. Among the first students of pioneer Methodist missionaries was a boy named Syngman Rhee. He is now Korea's president.

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AN already generous giver to his church for all causes, a northeast Nebraska farmer had devised his own secret discipline in extra-benevolent giving. Occasionally, there would appear in the offering plate an extra \$10 or \$15. One Sunday appeared a check for \$50 which stimulated the treasurer of the congregation to mention this to the pastor. The pastor, tactfully commending the giver for his extra efforts, was told: "Pastor, I promised myself that this year my extra giving would be determined by the rainfall God gave my land. I was going to give \$10 for every inch of rain. Well, Pastor, last week we had a five-inch soaker and what I gave is what I owed."

THE CLOCK OF LIFE

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed;
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss,
That no man can restore.

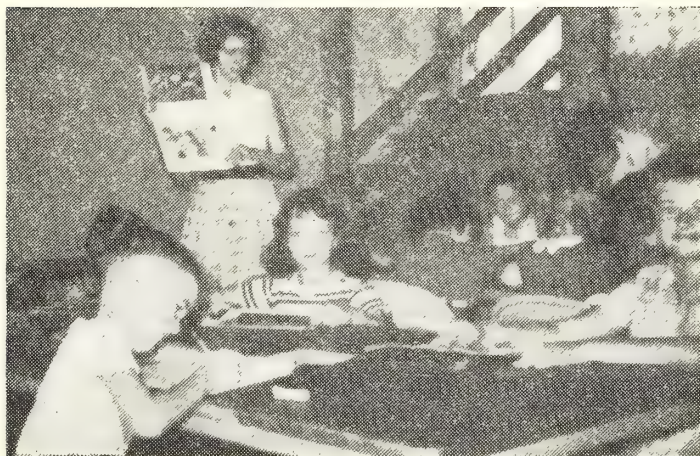
The present only is our own:
Live—love—toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow
For the clock may then be still.

—Anonymous.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

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PIC of the WEEK



Crusader Pat Higgins
Cerro Gordo Bible School

BRETHREN YOUTH SUMMER CRUSADERS are in action much of the time during their term of service each summer. The PIC shows Crusader Pat Higgins, of Goshen, Indiana, teaching a class at the Cerro Gordo, Illinois, Bible School last June.

The values of teaching Bible School in different churches as a Summer Crusader are numerous and next week on PAGE 18 the Crusaders will speak for themselves in expressing these values.

If you would be interested in volunteering for this service, write to National Brethren Youth for an application blank. Write quickly, for already a few Crusaders have been accepted for next summer.

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THOSE MUSICAL BRETHERN YOUTH

This year again the Ashland College Chapel Choir is well represented by our Brethren Students on campus. The Chapel Choir is quite active both on and off the campus. The choir gives at least three home concerts a year, plus many other concerts in the Ashland area. On Sunday, February 14th, the choir will present their annual spring home concert. Besides the home concerts, the Chapel Choir takes an annual tour including Brethren Churches, high schools and different service groups. Here is this year's choir tour itinerary for the Brethren Churches:

Jan. 30—Leave Ashland

Jan. 31—Dayton, Ohio—Hillcrest Brethren Church.
(A.M.)

New Lebanon Brethren Church (P.M.)

Feb. 1—Peru, Indiana—First Brethren Church.
Feb. 2—Warsaw, Indiana—First Brethren Church.
Feb. 3—Goshen, Indiana—First Brethren Church.
Feb. 4—Return to Ashland.

Out of a choir of 54 voices, Brethren students make up 23 of them, and most of them are going on the choir tour. Here are the names and home towns of those members.

Charles Bame—Ashland, Ohio
Gary Bargerhuff—Loree, Indiana
Lois Berkshire—Tiosa, Indiana
Ruth Diffenderfer—Lanark, Illinois
Gene Hollinger—New Lebanon, Ohio
Ann Hootman—Ashland, Ohio
Beth Isgrig—Milledgeville, Illinois
Betty Kennedy—Buenos Aires, Argentina
Lavaughn Kindley—North Manchester, Indiana
Margaret Kindley—North Manchester, Indiana
Gary Klepser—Ashland, Ohio
Ann Lindower—Ashland, Ohio
Marlin McCann—Waterloo, Iowa
Betty Meyers—Berlin, Pennsylvania
Susan Miller—Goshen, Indiana
Sally Ritchey—Berlin, Pennsylvania
Marlene Schelling—Bryan, Ohio
Jim Sluss—Louisville, Ohio
Mary Jane Spaulding—Milledgeville, Illinois
Nancy Thompson—South Bend, Indiana
Becky Turley—Peru, Indiana
Brad Weidenhamer—Ashland, Ohio
Dick Winfield—New Lebanon, Ohio

If the choir is appearing in your area, we hope that you will take the time to go hear them as they serve the College, Brethren Youth and their Lord.

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COMING EVENTS

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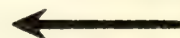
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The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

BEATITUDES FOR CHURCH WOMEN

Blessed are the poor . . .

Let church women feel their deep need of God.

Blessed are they that mourn . . .

Let church women be in continual grief for the evil in the world and work toward the time when men shall all love their neighbors as themselves and "God shall wipe away their tears".

Blessed are the meek . . .

Let church women with God's help not be easily provoked in the face of hurts and hatreds—not meek but humble.

Blessed are they that hunger . . .

Let church women ardently desire the vindication of the right.

Blessed are the merciful . . .

Let church women show kindness in action, for mercy is always active.

Blessed are the pure in heart . . .

Let church women have the purity of heart and sincerity of purpose which insures spiritual vision for moral living.

Blessed are the peace makers . . .

Let church women actively try to enlarge the area of reconciliation, beginning with themselves.

Blessed are they that are persecuted . . .

Let church women live at this time as citizens of this world and, with God's help, as citizens of His kingdom.

Anna L. Greene.

—Taken from *The Church Woman*, March, 1959.

THE SOUL'S RETROSPECT

To look back in memory is one thing, to go back and live in the past is another. The most important thing in this world is to live this day as though it were the last, to be faithful to the responsibilities of the present; for the past is spent and the future uncertain.

Yet how beneficial are the thoughts of past years, especially those periods of life when we were drawn away from the ordinary duties of home and brought face to face with God and the great question of our eternal salvation. That was a memorable day when we met the true servant

of God, who pointed us to the Holy Scriptures, which were able to make us wise unto salvation and to unfold to us the realities of eternity. Do not these memories of the past shine like bright lights on the wild waste of painful retrospect? David thought it not amiss to dwell upon the painful past and the pit from which he was digged.

The first vision granted to the soul of a pure, noble and useful life stands out in one's memory like mountains rising out of the plains. To one who is running the Christian race, to one who nightly pitches his moving tent one day's march farther on, such looking back is a delight to the soul. It breathes perpetual benedictions as one advances in years, gives inspiration to press forward the faster in the realms of grace, and doubles the spiritual energy.

While no hand can cause the clock of time to strike the years or circumstances of life that are past, likewise no hand in the providence of God can drive a soul out of that paradise of sacred memory or break the ties that bind us to the tender thoughts of the soul's first awakening—its first glimpse of duty, its first communion with God. To think upon it is like pulling back a sunset cloud and viewing far beyond in the heavens that shining city of God.

In Christian retrospect, one loves to linger, but only long enough to convince himself that he is building daily that divine model which God showed him in the mount. For the slain lamb must ever be kept on the altar, the incense ever rising, the lamp trimmed and burning brightly, and the Holy Ghost fire ever glowing in the soul.

When Jacob returned after years of absence to that homecoming in Bethel, methinks God showed him again that wonderful ladder reaching from heaven to earth. He felt again that sacred, solemn power and holy influence of God as he did in those days long gone by, when he called the spot the gate of heaven and named it the house of God. He goes forth into life refreshed and his soul is filled with new life and power. Just so, the Christian, looking back in sacred memory, gathers those precious seasons and early circumstances for one grand homecoming of retrospect. He lingers at his spiritual Bethel, where God changed his name from "Jacob" to "Israel," long enough to compare the divine visions with the human character structure of today. He is there enabled to go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart.—Selected.



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With ever ceaseless flow,
Inventions, schemes and wonders
Surprise us here below;
New theories, or old ones
Dressed up in newer guise,
Invite our thought and practice;
Today 'tis — "Compromise!"

When Daniel and his fellows
Were captives in the land,
They resolutely purposed
To live by God's command;
What though the heated furnace,
Or lions, faced the wise,
The mighty God was with them,
They would not compromise.

When Christ Himself was tempted,
And Satan in that day
Showed Him earth's glittering kingdoms
In all their grand display,
He trampled on the evil
With the Cross before His eyes;
He overcame by suffering:
He would not compromise.

Compromise

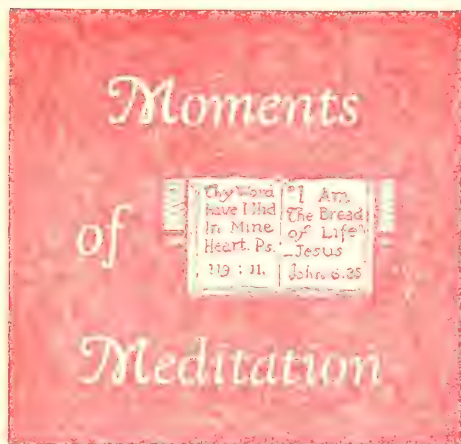
When Luther saw the evil
Existing in his time,
He straightway denounced it,
With faith in God sublime;
The martyrs, too, with courage
Gave up all earthly ties,
Rather than bow to idols
Or make a compromise.

Should we excuse the evil
Practiced by some we love?
God sent the youthful Samuel
Old Eli to reprove;
And Balaam, too, was censored—
He sought an earthly prize
By trying double-dealing,
Which we call "compromise."

Some modern Christians linger
And wonder what to do—
Say, "Should we yield to mammon,
Or every wrong eschew?"
No! let us check the tempter,
And from our sloth arise—
Keep clear of all things doubtful,
And never compromise!

—Words in Season.

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WHAT WOULD HE SAY?

If Jesus should come today,
And find my hands so full
Of future plans, however fair
In which my Saviour has no share,
What would He say?

If He should come today,
And find my love so cold,
My faith so very weak and dim,
(I had not even looked for Him)—
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find I had not told
One soul about my Heavenly Friend
Whose blessings all my way attend
What would He say?

If He should come today,
Would I be glad—quite glad?
Remembering He had died for all,
And none, thro' me, had heard His
call,

What would He say?

—God's Revivalist.



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OBEYING ORDERS

A missionary in India was seated at the dining table in a hotel with a naval officer, an infantry major and his wife, and a sergeant-major and his wife.

The naval officer asked, "Why don't you missionaries stay home, and mind your own business?"

The missionary replied, "If you were ordered to take your battleship to Constantinople tomorrow, would you stay here and mind your own business?"

The naval officer's eyes flashed as he said, "If we were ordered to go, we would go, even if every ship were sunk and every sailor were killed in carrying out the orders!"

The missionary said, "You are quite right, my friend. I have orders from the Divine Government to go and preach the Gospel, and I must go and obey the command of my Lord, no matter what happens!"—Selected

CANCELLING UNKIND WORDS

Some of the older boys and girls doubtless have studied cancellation in school. But there is another kind of cancellation that can be used by the youth of all ages. For example, two boys were speaking of another boy.

"He is slow in games," said one.

"Yes," replied the other, "but he always plays fair."

"He is so stupid at school!" said the first boy.

"But he always studies hard," answered the second.

Thus you see every unkind word spoken by the first boy was cancelled by a kind word from the second. Suppose that the next time you hear an unkind word you try to cancel it by putting a kind one in its place. Selected.

IS PLEDGING CHRISTIAN?

There is a popular weapon used against churches that ask members to pledge their support and to the extension of their program. This weapon is the saying "The Church has no right to ask me to pledge her program." Many accept this statement as truth and feel that the whole system of pledging is a new innovation that the Church has brought in direct opposition to the Biblical teachings. Yet many of the same people will pledge when they buy or rent a home, buy an automobile, or home appliance, etc. They can pledge to the world, the flesh and the devil but not to God and His Church.

The Church has long asked for a pledge of loyalty and faith at the time of baptism and when one joins her ranks as a member. Marriage solemnized in the Church demands that the applicants pledge to one another and to God.

Pledging is a part of living. I desire you to show me the man that can live without it. Pledging in its basic concept is as old as the Bible itself. The Israelites were urged to pledge a tithe of their income. Jesus said, "Render to Caesar the things which are Caesar's, but to God the things which are God's" (Mark 12:17). The Apostle Paul said, "Render to their dues" (Romans 3:7).

Is it Christian to pledge? It is if you are a christian **not** to pledge. Christians should render to God, country, and their fellowmen their dues.

Pledging is an expression of FAITH; and who would say that FAITH is unchristian?

—The United Evangelical

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The Editor's Pulpit

Friendly Relations In Church

A MINISTER in the pulpit saw a man in a back pew with his hat on. He beckoned to a deacon, who went to the man and asked him if he was aware his hat was on.

"Thank God!" said the man, "I thought that you would do it. I have attended this church for six months and you are the first person who has spoken to me!"

On the other hand, there was a man who attended a service in a church, the first in a long time. After the service, just about everyone swooped down upon him, swarming all around him, endeavoring to give him a friendly greeting. Later in the week, when visited by the pastor, he was very cold and distant. The pastor questioned him tactfully, and the man replied, "Reverend, at your church last Sunday, I got scared out. I went there because I wanted to get started to church again, but the reception I received I feel was unnecessary. I was embarrassed."

There you have it! Two extremes of treatment. We could discuss at length the "whys" and "wherefores" of a man who could go to a church for six months, and not, in that time find a soul who would speak to him, or of a church which so rarely had a visitor that when one did appear, the whole congregation went temporarily insane with joy.

However, it does bring up the important question of what constitutes friendly relations within a congregation. There is a big difference in friendliness in different churches, whether they be large or small. One who has at any time journeyed about among churches, can testify to this. Each individual church has its own composite personality. The friendliness in a church, especially for visitors and prospects, should leave a good impression.

First of all, the visitor or prospect should feel that at your church he has met the Lord. This, of course, depends largely upon his own desire to meet Him, but how the services are conducted, and the response in attention, reverence and par-

ticipation on the part of the congregation, has a lot to do with it, too.

Second, he should have been well-received when he came. Every church should have its official reception committee at every service. One, two or more persons, depending on the size of the church and the number of entrances. In this age of automobiles and parking problems, someone should be alerted to possible difficulties being encountered by visitors in finding a place to park near the church or on the church's parking lot. Have you ever tried to find a parking place near a store in which you wanted to do some buying, only to get discouraged and then drive to some other store? It can happen to people who have difficulty parking by your church at service time!

The reception committee (one or more persons) should have an understanding of what it means to enter a strange church, the feeling of new faces, physical layout, and programming. If at Sunday School time, members should be assigned to "shepherd" the visitor or visitors, to assembly room, to classes, and back to the sanctuary. Visitors should be provided with quarterlies, bulletins, hymnbooks. They should be introduced to the class. What goes for adults should also go for children. No visitor or prospect should ever be left stranded at any time, anywhere before, during or after the services. If they are, it can lead to bungling procedures mentioned earlier. The "shepherd" member can use his or her judgment in introducing the visitor(s) to other members after the services—always to the pastor. A card on which the "shepherd" member has written the name(s) of those in his or her care, and handed to the pastor, will help him in his busy moments of meeting people after the services, to remember the names of the new ones.

Friendly relations can be carried a step further by making sure the visitors or prospects are safely shepherded to their car after the services. Especially at night, nothing can cool the warmth

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IT IS CAMP TIME IN ARGENTINA

The Brethren Church in Argentina is a pioneer in summer camp work in that country. The late Dr. Yoder initiated the summer camping program about fifteen years ago. Its beginning was very humble, for all the physical facilities were temporary. Tents were pitched in the beautiful Sierras of Cordoba, and provided sleeping quarters, the dining room, the kitchen and a meeting place for classes and evangelistic services.

The magnificent climate in this lovely area near the city of Cordoba, better known as Diquecito (little dam), was ideal. The river, lined with imposing weeping willow trees, was a source of joy and relief during the hot summer days. Its beauty was an attraction to both the young and the old.

Through the years a rather formidable program has been developed. Missionaries and Argentine Church leaders have worked together, making possible the present well-planned camping program. The physical facilities now available are of a more permanent nature. A plot of ground with a well constructed house has been purchased at a very reasonable price. This house is being used as a girl's dormitory with an area reserved for the kitchen. Laymen of the church, pastors, youth and missionaries have cooperated in constructing two small frame buildings, thus providing sleeping quarters for boys. Likewise, they have constructed a large shelter which is used as a dining room, a classroom and a general assembly area. It is an open air structure which will be screened eventually. Outside toilets and showers have been installed, and additional electrical wiring has been run into the various areas where needed. Volunteer labor has kept the cost of these improvements very low.

The camp curriculum, likewise, has been worked out by Argentine Church leaders and missionaries. Classes devoted to Bible study, practical Christian work, church doctrine, music, evangelism, etc., have been conducted. Supervised recreation has included various athletic games, swimming, mountain climbing and hiking. The evening program is predominantly evangelistic. The people of the surrounding community are invited to attend the evening services.

Other evangelical groups have been attracted by this type of a program and have requested the use of the camp grounds to conduct summer camps for their young people. With the present facilities it is possible for the Camp Commission to rent the grounds to other reliable groups. The rental will help to cover the maintenance and possibly further improvements in the future.

Two Brethren Camps will be conducted this year. The first camp period, January 9-19, is for married couples and their children. The second period, January 19-February 1, is for youth and married couples without children. Some of these campers will travel approximately five hundred miles by bus and/or, train. Most of our churches and annexes will be represented.

This is a most joyful time for those who attend. The many pleasant and profitable experiences growing out of camp will most surely strengthen the spiritual life of the churches and their witness in the respective communities.

W. Clayton Berkshire.



Under the big tent in the Argentina Brethren Camp

QUOTING THE REV. ALVIN GRUMBLING Stockton, California

"Greetings in this new year and new decade . . . You will note that many good things are predicted for this year and decade. Most people seem to have a good outlook for the immediate future. We hope that many of these predictions come true. But we hope also that with all that comes you will not neglect your relationship with your Lord. Many new things may come and go, but God never changes.

"Even though we are in a new year, our church continues with its everyday work. Church work does not depend upon a new year but upon every member. Some members contribute little or nothing to their church and thus the church and the members suffer spiritually. Some members do only what needs to be done, helping themselves and their church to barely survive. Some members give willingly and bountifully of all that they have—time, talent and possessions. Such giving causes their lives and their church to be very rich and rewarding for the Lord. If the church had more members who would give more of themselves and what they have, the church would be in a better position to serve God. Your church depends upon you.

"Our local church at 5th and Commerce faces some important decisions in this new year. Indeed, 1960 could determine the future of this church. Will you pray earnestly and daily that God's will might be done in our church?"

(Taken from this pastor's January 6 letter to his parishioners.)

SUNSHINE FROM SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Both the members of the Sarasota, Florida, Brethren Church and the interim pastor and his wife, the Reverend and Mrs. C. A. Stewart, are enjoying the fellowship of working together during these few weeks.

I took the opportunity of stopping overnite in Sarasota upon my return trip from Argentina and I was happy for the good reports given by some of the people of the church and by Reverend Stewart. Reverend Stewart was attempting to visit the entire membership and also the prospective families whose names he had been given. In addition, he has assisted the church and the auxiliaries in various ways and has been responsible for conducting the Sunday and Midweek services.

The attendance at the services has been especially good during the last few weeks. On December 27, there were 218 present and on January 3, there were 145 present. It is the season when many are visiting from the north but this, too, is significant; for some of these doubtless will "get sand in their shoes."

The church celebrated its third anniversary on January 10. The people are now looking forward to the coming of their new pastor, the Reverend J. D. Hamel, who will assume his new responsibilities around the first of February. W. C. B.

THE EDITOR'S PULPIT

FRIENDLY RELATIONS IN CHURCH

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of an otherwise wholesome experience in a church for visitors than if they are left to their own designs to reach their car when the church door closes behind them. Especially so, if a few mud puddles, unseen in the dark get in their way when a good flashlight in the hands of an accompanying "shepherd" would have gotten them to their car safely.

A few little things, perhaps, but they are important in the minds of people who visit our churches. If your church has been negligent in this matter, take time to do something about it. At every service, have someone alert for the visitor and prospect. Train people to serve as "shepherds" for those who come to visit. Let the spirit of Christ dwell in you richly toward those who come to your church seeking spiritual help. V. S. B.

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Brother O. C. Lemert writes: "On Sunday, December 27th, I was asked to bring the morning message. There were 218 in attendance. Sunday, January 10th, was our fifth anniversary of the dedication of the Sarasota Brethren Church. As we think back to that first meeting in the home of Rev. Fred Vanator, when eleven of us assembled for worship, I could not help but think of what the Lord is able to do by the help of a faithful few. Where Brethren have a mind to work the Lord will bless their efforts."

LINWOOD, MARYLAND. Brother Bruce C. Shanholtz was radio devotional speaker over WTTR, Westminster, on January 14th.

VINCO, PENNA. Brother Henry Bates reports the reception of three new members the evening of January 3rd.

SMITHVILLE, OHIO. Seventy-two Northeastern Ohio Brethren Laymen met on a wet, foggy night, the 14th of January, in the regular quarterly Rally, in the Smithville Church. Following a ham loaf dinner prepared by the ladies of the church, the program in charge of Myron Steiner, Smithville Laymen's President, was presented. Featured speaker was Dr. J. Arthur Baird, Associate Professor of Religion, Wooster College, who spoke on his trip to Japan, also presenting pictures taken in Japan. The next meeting of the group will be held at Canton in April, with a retreat being planned for May 20-22 at the new Ohio Camp site.

Smithville's pastor, Brother Don Rowser notes that there were 32 present for the first session of their teacher-training class which met on January 13th.

AKRON, OHIO (FIRESTONE PARK). Pastor J. G. Dodds notes that the plasterers are currently applying the second coat of plaster to the walls of their new sanctuary. No definite date of completion has been set, but it is hoped to get into the new edifice before Easter.

PLEASANT HILL, OHIO. The Pleasant Hill church has secured the services of Brother Carl Barber as pastor. Brother Barber is a member of the June 1960 graduating class of Ashland Theological Seminary, and will begin his new duties at Pleasant Hill shortly after that.

FREMONT, OHIO. A Gospel Team from Ashland College was scheduled to conduct services in the Fremont church the evening of January 17th. Organ dedication services were also to be a part of the program of the evening.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Brother Virgil Ingraham notes that thirteen members have achieved the Bible Reading Honor Roll by having read the Bible through in 1959.

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS. A family fellowship supper and reception for Rev. C. A. Stogsdill and family was scheduled for January 18th at the church.

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TRUST in the LORD

Psalm 37:1-11

Rev. Harold Barnett

TRUSTING IN THE LORD can be defined as delighting one's self in the Lord; committing one's way to Him; resting in the Lord; ceasing from wrath and fretting, and much more. A complete trust in the Lord encompasses one's whole life and actions. In Psalm 37 we find that David is expressing, through the Holy Spirit, a great trust in his God. When the evildoers and workers of unrighteousness appear to have the upper hand and cause much trouble to the righteous, one must remember, David says, that they are to be cut off soon and the righteous meek are to inherit the earth.

The entire Psalm of 40 verses deals with the different estates of godly and the wicked. These estates are contrasted and compared. For our purposes, the first 11 verses can very well be a sample of the whole psalm.

King David of Israel certainly had much trust in God. God had been with him when he fought the lion and the bear in order to protect his father's flocks. The fact that God was with him was clearly shown when David killed the giant Goliath and routed the Philistine army. God protected David from the zealous King Saul when Saul had tried in many ways to kill David. Throughout the

long months of hiding out in the wilderness to escape Saul's wrath, God had been with David in various ways.

Therefore, David is uniquely qualified to give us such a psalm of hope and encouragement to trust in God even though the wicked may prosper awhile and perhaps persecute God's people at times. It is true that the Christians have always been a minority in the world, numerically speaking. The wicked and ungodly men appear to prosper without God's judgment falling upon them. This is hard for the Christian to understand at times. We need encouragement today to trust completely in God and let Him take care of the ungodly whom He will judge in His own way and time.

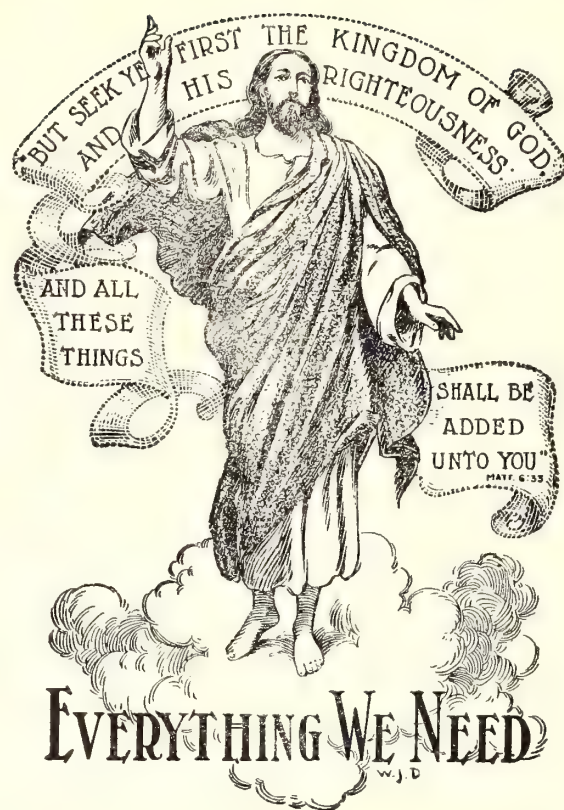
In verses 1 and 2 of Psalm 37 we have the contrast between the estates of the godly and the wicked. The command is given to "Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity." If one trusts in the Lord and He is truly his God then he is not to fret concerning the wicked, "For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb." These two verses state the contrasting theme of the psalm. For awhile the work

ers of iniquity prosper but, as grass is but of short duration, even so the wicked shall be cut down and destroyed. This fact should be consoling to the weary Christian.

In verses 3 through 8 we find a series of exhortations in the form of commands from the Lord to do certain things. Since our trust and confidence are in the Lord we should act accordingly. Christians (or followers of God) are exhorted to do their part and God promises great blessings to them. God can only bless His people if they trust in Him. They are to "Trust in the Lord, and do good . . ." Two promises are then given to the godly who do this: They shall dwell in the land, and be fed.

If one trusts in the Lord he will delight himself in the Lord who will give the obedient the desires of his heart. In the midst of perplexity and doubt it is often difficult to do as the fifth verse exhorts one to do. It speaks of committing one's way to the Lord and trusting in Him. He promises to bring things to pass for such a person. Even though it may be difficult to simply commit one's way to the Lord we who have done it can testify that there comes peace to a troubled heart. Sometimes we may become so perplexed and confused we hardly know which way to turn. We seem incapable of making the right decision. At such times God has told us to commit our ways to Him and He will take care of things. This is the only way we can truly have peace.

When you commit your way to Him there is given a blessed assurance that He will "bring forth thy righteousness as the light . . ." In other words, God will honor His people and this



honoring will be such that all can plainly see that God is with His people and that they are trusting in Him.

We are exhorted to "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him . . ." This is amplifying the above exhortation to commit one's way to God. When a Christian can come to the place where he can trust in the Lord to the extent of "resting" in Him, he is surely blessed. There is no doubt but that God will take care of things, no matter what the problem may be. But verse 7 goes on to tell us to "Wait patiently." Oh, to have patience in the work of the Lord! When we pray earnestly for something and our prayer is not answered to our liking right away, we tend to become impatient with God. When we trust in the Lord to the extent of patiently resting in Him, life is not so troubled and confused. We must never give up in praying for the salvation of our loved ones, the expansion and upkeep of our church, missionaries, etc. We are told that the prayers of the saints are precious before the Lord. The Apostle Paul tells us to "Pray without ceasing."

Some of us may be waiting patiently for God to reveal to us His plan for our lives, and to show us what the next step is to be. If we are truly doing our work sincerely and faithfully in His service, we have every right to expect to see



His direct leading in due time. We must serve Him to our very best abilities now if we expect Him to use us for greater things in the future. Therefore, we can see that resting and waiting patiently for the Lord can refer to other things in the Christian's life than just judgment on the wicked ones. If our lives are in tune with His will and we are resting in Him, the wicked will be unable to do us real harm. There is no reason to fret and worry if God is in charge of our lives. He will take care of the wicked. I'm to be concerned with truly serving Him with a whole heart fervently.

In verse 8 we are exhorted to "Cease from anger . . ." This is not easy to do. We become very angry and full of wrath at times over the lives and acts of the ungodly. God does not want us to be continually angry with them, but to leave them to His providence. Christ has told us to love our enemies and even do good to them who spitefully use us. The Christian should try to live peacefully with the ungodly and never do them harm nor "get even." Our every act toward them should be one of love, even as Christ acted. Isaiah 53 gives us a beautiful portrayal of Christ, who, as the Lamb, was persecuted and reviled, yet did not take vengeance upon His persecutors. His entire life bore this teaching out. We must follow His example by His grace.

Verses 9 and 10 give a new emphasis to the exhortation of trusting in the Lord in reference to the ungodly. We should actually pity the blind sinner who has no place for God in his life. He will soon be "cut off" and he will no longer be in his place of opposing God and persecuting His children.

God is full of love and compassion for His children, and thinks of their every need, just as the exhortation of this psalm indicates. But we must not forget the justice and wrath of God which will be meted out to those who are now ungodly and full of wicked deeds. This fact should make us love and pity the poor sinner. In every way we should endeavor to show him the love of God and invite him to escape God's wrath by taking advantage of His love now. When we consider that the sinner will spend eternity in Hell, separated from God and goodness, we should show him every compassion before his day of eternal punishment comes.

The eleventh verse is one of singular beauty: "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

The meek Christian may be unpopular in a world that admires military power and victorious conquest, but he is infinitely more of a conqueror than any the world has ever known.

I read a play once entitled "The Terrible Meek" which greatly impressed me. Much of the action on the stage takes place in semi-darkness. A soldier approaches Mary, the mother of Jesus, who is weeping at the foot of the cross. She speaks bitterly of the injustice and human cruelty of war and killing which had caused the defeat and death of her son. The soldier was the believing Centurion who had believed on Christ at the cross. He comforted Mary by telling her that the poor, bleeding form on the cross was truly the Son of God who knew no defeat, but was actually the Ruler of the world. The wars and killings of Rome which brought conquest cannot last. Rome will go down in blood. But the One on the cross would inherit the earth. The soldier further states that nothing is gained by war and bloodshed. Only the meek Christians, "The Terrible Meek", would inherit the earth.

It is easy to see how such a play was banned from performance during the First World War. Its message is true, nevertheless. Only the meek Christian who is full of the love of God can inherit the earth and the glories of eternity with Jesus Christ, the Joint-Heir.

The last phrase of verse eleven reads ". . . and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." What glorious prospect for the weary pilgrim! What a promise to the meek Christian! When the wicked are forever put away, when war, bloodshed, and injustice are forever abolished, then God's people shall inhabit "the plains of peace." We shall one day live with our Lord in a place prepared that knows only light, joy, happiness and peace. In view of these facts let us trust completely in the Lord to bring about this glorious fulfillment. The ungodly and reviling evildoer cannot hurt the Christian since the Christian is in God's keeping. The Christian knows "perfect peace" by his trust in God.

Lost Creek, Kentucky.



SOME of the current television program titles reminded a feature writer in **Contact**, published by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, of certain areas of church life. Here is the writer's guide to some of the more popular programs:

Dead or Alive—What we wonder about non-resident church members.

Gunsmoke—What it looks like outside the church building between Sunday school and the preaching service.

Groucho—How religion seems to affect some people.

I Led Three Lives—Confession of a hypocrite who lived one life at church, another at work and another at home.

I've Got a Secret—Something the church gossip can't keep.

Late Show—What keeps folks in bed on Sunday morning.

Little Rascals—Those who sit on the back row and cut up during the preaching service.

Lone Ranger—Church member who doesn't cooperate with the majority decision.

People Are Funny—Especially when they give excuses for not attending church.

Person To Person—The only way to do soul-winning.

Playhouse 90—A program of 90 minutes that seems shorter than the 30 minute sermon.

Popeye—What happens when the preacher's wife wears a new dress to church.

Sugarfoot—The kind of sermons a lot of people want.

The Lineup—Something you never see at a church door.

Tombstone Territory—Where a lot of sinners will end up waiting for a "convenient season" to repent of their sins.

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CHURCH METHODS:

A Booklet of INSTRUCTIONS to CHURCH OFFICERS

General To All Officers:

1. Remember, you are one officer among many. Therefore it is necessary to work in co-operation with all other leaders of the Church.

2. Each officer should take into consideration others when making decisions, not acting independently of their convictions and counsel.

3. The officers should be the leading examples in the Church, being faithful in every spiritual duty, regular at services, and pure in daily living.

4. At such time as an officer cannot care for his duties he should make provision for the same, either by notifying his assistant in case of temporary need, or notifying the Moderator in case of resignation.

5. Be sure to plan meetings, programs, projects, etc., with the overall program of the Church in mind. All should be heading in the same direction toward the same goals.

6. Don't be afraid of criticism. Know the right, do it, and count on the Lord to prosper the work.

7. Don't be dictatorial. Be co-operative in all work of the Church. Put Christ's will above your will.

Specific Instructions:

1. **The Pastor**, as the general overseer of the work of the Church, is interested in every phase of the work.

He should primarily act as counsellor in matters pertaining to business. His work is mainly to deal with the spiritual well-being of the members. He is ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

2. **The Moderator** is the overseer of the business matters of the local Church. His position is one of importance requiring spirituality, devotion, and much wisdom. He should plan in advance the matters to come before the Official Board and the Congregation. He should be consulted by members of the Church when matters come up for discussion and decision. In the Pastor's absence he must see that the services of the Church are conducted in correct and proper manner.

3. **The Recording Secretary** is primarily concerned with the minutes of the Congregation, Official Board and the Trustees. He shall remember that these minutes are a sacred trust. While nothing shall be done in secret, confidential matters coming before the various bodies shall be kept confidential. The accurate recording of the additions, baptisms, and dismissals from the Church shall be his responsibility.

4. **The Financial Secretary** shall serve as the Chairman of the Finance Committee; shall see that the offerings are properly cared for after services; shall, with the Treasurer care for the counting of such offerings and the recording of the same. He shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall keep an accurate record of the envelope giving of each member making this information available only to the individuals involved. He shall approve the payment of all bills of the Church and Sunday School.

5. **The Treasurer**, shall, with the Financial Secretary care for the offerings of the Church; making an accurate record of all receipts and expenditures; he shall promptly bank all funds coming into his hands; shall write checks upon approval of the other officers, and shall be ready at any time to give information to the officers of the Church concerning any fund or funds.

Rev. J. G. Dodds

Editor's Note: Brother J. G. Dodds has prepared and presented the material in this article for members of his congregation at Firestone Park Brethren Church in Akron, Ohio. At the request of the Editor of Publications, he is, in this way sharing it with Brethren everywhere. We recommend it to church leaders, official boards, and officers, for study and use in their own congregations.

6. **The Chorister**, in co-operation with the Pastor, shall arrange for the ministry of music in all services; he shall provide special numbers of a varied nature; he shall see that the choir has proper music, holds regular rehearsals, and is ready for services.

7. **The Organist**, in co-operation with the Pastor and Chorister, shall assist in the preparation of special numbers for all services, he shall be ready for the playing of the specials and hymns for the services, shall make an effort to improve the quality of music, and shall be present for rehearsals.

8. **The Ushers** give first impressions. They should be ready ahead of service time with bulletins and other materials; they should seat people properly; see that there is distribution of hymn books and Bibles, maintain a comfortable temperature in the Church and assist worshippers in special situations. In case of disturbance, they shall act tactfully to maintain reverence of the service. They are to present themselves in a friendly manner to all who come. Especially should they take care to relieve congestion and confusion at the door and in the aisles before and after services.

9. **Trustees** are the caretakers of the Church property. They are responsible to keep an eye on all equipment, making sure that the Church remains in good repair at all times. They shall endeavor to enlist as much volunteer help as possible for the completion of the work, thus saving labor costs to the Church.

10. **Nominating Committee** members should take their duties seriously, praying about the selection of new officers, etc. They should observe folks, not critically, with the purpose in mind of selecting those best fitted for future official positions. Their work shall be on the basis of spirituality and ability.

11. **The Youth Director** shall co-ordinate the various youth activities of the Church; shall see that young people are properly instructed as to their procedures and duties; and shall encourage their participation in the various district and national youth movements. He shall constantly encourage the young people in matters of the spiritual life and in matters of participation in local services, being himself an example to them.

12. **The Superintendent** is responsible for the orderly progress of the Sunday School. He shall arrange for teachers and leaders in co-operation with the Board of Education and the departmental heads; he shall see that all literature is properly ordered and distributed; he shall plan ahead for special occasions; he shall keep the Sunday School alive and progressing; he shall arrange for treats, awards, etc., as approved by the Cabinet. He shall conduct regular inspirational meetings of the Sunday School Cabinet and shall arrange for suitable teaching instructions and helps.

13. **The Sunday School Secretary** shall keep accurate records of the attendance and offerings each Sunday; shall order designated supplies in time for proper use; shall keep the teachers posted of new plans and programs; and shall keep an accurate record of the minutes of all Sunday School Cabinet meetings. In order to accomplish these duties efficiently, he should be present early on Sunday for the distribution of record books,



should care for their collection and proper storing from week to week. He should turn the offerings over to the Church Financial Secretary for banking and records.

14. **The Librarian** is responsible for the distribution of all quarterlies at the beginning of each quarter; he shall see that all classes have proper papers each Sunday; he shall gather and file extra quarterlies after the period is over, having them in reserve for future use. He shall care for the Sunday School library of books. He shall assist the Secretary as needed.

15. **The Sunday School Chorister** is to lead in the opening exercises, having his songs chosen in advance; he shall arrange suitable numbers from time to time; he shall have suitable music ready for the Sunday School Cabinet meetings.

16. **The Sunday School Pianist** shall be at his place each Sunday morning to assist in the devotional exercises; having a suitable prelude prepared; he shall play for Cabinet meetings.

17. **The Departmental Superintendents** have very important positions. Here are some suggestions:

- a. ALWAYS BE AHEAD OF TIME, having your program and department ready.
- b. Utilize the personnel in your department, having different ones lead from time to time.
- c. Study your department to see where improvement can be made, by cutting down non-essentials, by avoiding confusion, by increasing of the teaching and the leading.
- d. Follow some definite plan in the contact of pupils and their homes—in the case of visitors, absentees, and prospective members.
- e. Take your duties as a spiritual trust from the Lord. Young lives are being molded, eternity is the goal, you are responsible.
- f. Plan to be present for all the services of the Church, including morning and evening Worship, Prayer Meeting, and Cabinet meetings.

These are MUSTS on the schedule of the superintendent.

18. **The Teachers** are handling the Word of God. It must always be presented as the verbally inspired message from God to us. Diligent preparation, prayerful meditation, and purposeful presentation should mark each and every lesson. Be on time. Be ready for the lesson. Follow up opportunities for testimony and witnessing. Each teacher should be faithful to all the services

including those of Worship, those of Prayer, and the Cabinet meetings. Be sure to recognize visitors and new ones in the class each Sunday. Be on the look-out for ways and means to increase the effectiveness of your class, your teaching, and your class program.

19. **Sunday School Class Officers** should have the business well in hand; not robbing the teaching time on Sunday mornings; they should plan regular and inspirational class meetings; should be present for Cabinet meetings, and should set an example before other members of the class in faithfulness, promptness, and Bible study.

20. **Organization Presidents** are responsible to plan their programs in accordance with the over-all program of the Church. Your job is important and should be handled with prayer and purpose. Have matters well in hand BEFORE the meeting starts. Know what is to be done, how it is to be done, and who is to do it. Assume the leadership, demand order and reverence, co-ordinate your group.

21. **Organization Secretaries** are to work efficiently. Your minutes are sacred and should be kept orderly and up to date. When your term of office is over, these records should be handed to your newly elected officer, in good shape and at once. Be ready at all meetings with report records and minutes of what has happened before.

22. **Organization Treasurers** should take their responsibilities seriously. Accurate records of income and expenditures should be kept up to date at all times.

23. **A Committee Chairman** is responsible to care for the duty assigned to that committee. He should call his entire committee together for planning and assignment of duties. It is not ethical for a part of a committee to get together and ignore other members thereof. Meetings should be well planned, should be held at suitable place, and should cover the matter at hand. Committee decisions are subject to the approval of the body appointing the committee. Committees should not put off their labors but should accomplish their assignment at the time appointed.

24. **The Choir Members** have a solemn responsibility to present their talents faithfully unto the Lord. Regularity in attendance at services and rehearsals, willingness to sing as directed, promptness in arrival, and spirituality of life should be noted in each member of the Junior, Adult, and Youth Choirs.

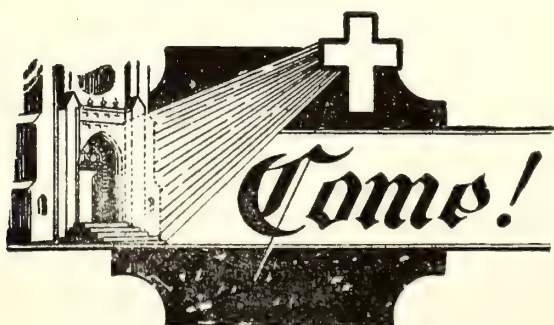
25. **The Sexton** (Church building caretaker) is responsible to keep the Church clean and orderly at all times; he should inform the Trustees of needed additions and repairs; he should have the Church open for all services, and should be responsible for the proper closing of the Church after such services.

26. **Deacons** shall help care for the needy within the congregation and help maintain the church fellowship. They can help the pastor in counseling and in ministering to the sick, the unfortunate and the distressed. They may assist with the anointing services, assume general oversight of the physical arrangements for observance of the ordinances of the Church, such as baptism and love feasts.

THE CHURCH is the "body of Christ" and exists to carry on the work which Christ began while with us on earth. **THE CHURCH** is therefore divine in its mission and purpose. **THE CHURCH** should not be considered a group of organizations or smaller groups which together make up the Church, but rather, **THE CHURCH** is the one organism through which Christ works for the redemption, healing, and saving of individuals. It is the school of Christlike character, the Christian fellowship with Christ at the center, the Christian community of believers consecrated to Christlike living.

The Functions of the CHURCH include:

1. To win persons to Christ.
2. To teach and preach the Bible and Christian truth as revealed in the Bible.
3. To provide enriching experiences in worship.
4. To inspire persons and help individuals toward the imitation of Christ.
5. To educate church members in the history, ideals and sacraments of the Church.
6. To provide an effective educational program in family living, missionary education, stewardship, peace, temperance, leadership education, etc.
7. To develop Christian fellowship.
8. To provide effective pastoral care and counseling for individuals.
9. To enlist church members in Christian service.
10. To develop a fellowship of spiritual, emotional, physical, and material sharing.
11. To bring the principles of Christ to bear in a human and social relations.



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We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

LONDON and PARIS

The London policemen were apparently all young men, and took their task very seriously. In visiting with some of them they were very cordial, but kept their distance. They do not carry guns, or even night sticks, but they have back of them the weight of the Empire. When changing travelers checks the English would not give anything but English money. The same went when getting change for American money. Perhaps there was more trouble for us in selecting the proper English coins and so we got to the place of holding out our hands and they took what they were supposed to take, at least we hope that is what they did. Taxis and the Subways did not want American money but coin of the Realm.

Paris, Saturday, July 5. Here again from the diary. A nice cool morning. Prunes for breakfast. Cost 280 Francs. (A Franc is 400 to a dollar). Left at 10:30 for a tour. Saw Eiffel Tower, went to a cathedral (Madaline), an old soldiers home where Napoleon is buried. Saw the Arch of Triumph, honoring the French Army and Napoleon. Ten streets center at the Arch. Got back to the hotel for lunch. Grapefruit, spaghetti, steak, French fries and ice cream, hard long rolls and butter. For the afternoon, a historical tour. Went to a high hill overlooking Paris. There is a church on it called Basilique du Sacre Cœur de Montmartre. Went from there to Notre Dame. Took pictures from outside and some from the inside. Stopped a little in front of the Louvre but did not go in. After dinner, walked around the streets near the hotel and then came back to the room."

There was no language or money problem in France. Our usual approach was "Speak English?", "Take American money?" The answer was usually yes. If one could not speak English there was usually one nearby who could do so. The French bread was interesting as it was some three feet long, and perhaps an inch and a half in diameter. Sections were cut off to be used. It was a familiar sight to see a person riding a bicycle with a "tick" of bread under his arm, unwrapped. There were mopeds, bicycles and small cars rushing like wild on the streets. High-priced gasoline made the use of smaller cars as a means of transportation necessary. Incidentally there were more large American cars in Egypt and Greece than any other countries we were in. Inflation had changed the French Franc from First World War value, of 5 to a dollar to 400 at this time. There did not seem to be any other divisions of French money. It could be stated that the priceless stained glass in the windows of Notre Dame, was taken out and buried when the Second World War started. It took three years to replace it when peace time came.

Again we refer to Mrs. Ankrum's diary. Sunday, July 6 Paris. "A sunny, cool morning. After breakfast which

consisted of Tea, Chocolate and rolls (Continental Breakfast) we went into the writing room off the lobby of the hotel and had devotions. Rev. Flora had every one tell who they were, their home and their work, so that everyone would become better acquainted. Rev. Scafe, a Presbyterian Minister talked a few minutes and Mr. Armstrong closed with prayer. Several of us went to Notre Dame for Mass. It was my first ride on a subway. After we came from there we went to another building with beautiful stained glass windows. They were also taken out during the war. It was made to house and honor what a man thought was the original crown of thorns. We came home again by subway. After lunch we went to the Louvre. It is very large and we could only see a small part. Saw Venus de Milo, also the original Mona Lisa, also many other original paintings. This building used to be the home of the kings of France. It is a beautiful building in itself besides its contents."

The Parisians were very friendly, and courteous. Evidently they realized that much of their economy depended upon the American dollar.

Monday, July 9. Again Mrs. Ankrum's diary. "Left at 10:00 for Malmaison and Versailles. (Malmaison, is the old home of Napoleon and Josephine, and is furnished as it was when they lived there. The name means 'Bad Water'.) There is a Cedar of Lebanon in the rear yard which Josephine planted in 1800 to celebrate one of his victories. Beautiful rose gardens outside. Ate lunch at Versailles—supposed to be a typical French meal—had chicken cooked in white wine. (I think both were spoiled, Author) Cantaloupes, chips, baked tomatoes, lettuce and strawberry pie. We got an orange drink. Had to pay extra for drinks and some of us had to pay twice as much. (The some of us were Fairbanks and myself, when the French waiters got all excited. Author) We paid 500 Francs for our two drinks.

"Then we went to the palace—it is immense. One of the halls of mirrors is 80 yards long, 17 mirrors of great size. The gardens were beautiful and large. The place was built by the three Louis, XIII, XIV and XV, in the 17th century. On the way back to Paris we came by the super highway. We stopped at a thatched roofed cottage back in the woods that Marie Antoinette used to go to for rest and relaxation."

One of our guides was a woman. One was a man who spoke his English through a beard. It was not any help. The woman was hard to understand, and the man was no better. We figured, jokingly, that they might be husband and wife. At that they did the best they could. How the man walked around with his crooked foot and run-over shoe was a mystery. The cost of building Versailles Palace was so much and they were so extravagant that the people came begging for bread. Royalty splurged while the common people were starving. This precipitated the bloody French Revolution, when heads rolled everywhere. There were times when the fountains in the beautiful palace gardens were turned on. No pictures were permitted to be taken in the Palace and we had to check our cameras.

He who sacrifices most cheerfully and suffers most patiently approaches most rapidly to the sublime and heroic.



Prayer Meeting Studies

by C. Y. Gilmer

GOD SHOWS IN YOUR FACE

You don't have to tell how you live each day;
You don't have to say if you work or you play;
A tried, true barometer serves in the place,
However you live, it will show in your face.

The false, the deceit that you bear in your heart
Will not stay inside where it first got a start;
For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace—
What you wear in your heart, you wear in your face.

If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,
For not what you get, but how much you can give;
If you live close to God in His infinite grace—
You don't have to tell it, it shows in your face.

—Selected.

GOD DOES SHOW IN YOUR FACE if you are a consecrated Christian (2 Cor. 4:6). If we behold the glory of the Lord we are changed into the same image (2 Cor. 3:18). Revelation says of the redeemed ones, "His name shall be written in their foreheads" (22:4). The "beauty of holiness" is seen in the faces of the saints because they behold the beauty of the Lord (Psalm 27:4). When Moses came down from the Mount of the Law his face shone (Exod. 34:30). Of this Moses was not aware (v. 29). This reflected glory of the Lord struck fear into the hearts of the people and Moses covered his face with a veil (vs. 33-35). The Old Testament benediction says in part, "The Lord make His face to shine upon thee . . ." (Num. 6:25). The prayer of the Psalmist was "Make Thy face to shine upon thy servant" (31:16; 119:35). When Christ was transfigured, "His face did shine as the sun" (Matt. 17:2).

To be holy is to "Take time to behold Him" (Heb. 12:2). As we look unto Him we are lightened (Psalm 34:5). As He renews our minds we are "transformed" (Rom. 12:2). If we look at evil it has the opposite effect (Isa. 3:9). The face speaks; it is but a transparent veil thrown over the form of the spirit (Prov. 23:7). Jesus saw through the sanctimonious faces of the Pharisees and called them "Hypocrites" (Matt. 23:27, 28). Jesus saw what was behind their false faces (vs. 25, 26). The face mirrors the soul, and when we contemplate Christ we become partakers of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), partakers of the Holy Spirit (Heb. 6:4).

When we turn the pages of the New Testament we are looking upon the only true likeness of Christ (John 5:39). Some day we shall see Him face to face (1 John 3:2). The effect of this hope is to purify our hearts and our faces now (v. 3). In the resurrection of the righteous we shall be made to conform to His very image (Rom. 8:29).

According to the Scriptures Jesus had a determined face (Luke 9:51). No one could deflect Him from his

purpose (Matt. 22:46). With a determined face He drove the thieves out of His Father's house (John 2:13-17). His was a compassionate face (John 11:35-36). His was a loving face (Mark 10:21). Zacchaeus, who climbed up a tree to get a full look into His face, was moved to repentance (Luke 19:6, 8). To the children His face was compassionately beautiful and sweet (Mark 10:13-16).

Jesus had a convincing face for "He knew what was in man" (Luke 5:8). Pilate, looking into His face, saw no fault (Luke 23:4, 14). The centurion, looking upon His crucified face, saw "the Son of God" (Mark 15:39). His face was inspiring (John 21:15). He had a submissive face (Matt. 26:39). He had a radiant face, and He expects His followers to have illuminated faces (John 8:12; Matt. 5:14, 16). Remember the transfiguring face, the power of prayer (Luke 9:29). The Christ-lit face becomes the Shekinah of God, and makes Christ visible to the world (Phil. 2:15).

"Those whose eyes have not beheld
His face of radiance, know not
The strength of purity, the truth
That comes to those who wrong have fought."

"A Christ-like spirit will Christianize everything it touches."

Lesson

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for February 7, 1960

PERSISTENT EVANGELISM

Lesson: Acts 18:1-11; I Cor. 2:1-5

"A STAMP DOES NOT give up when it gets a licking! In fact, it sticks closer. Hardship may come to you or criticism, or temptation, or trial. Let such things only cause you to cling closer to duty, to your task, and to Christ your Saviour."

The Apostle Paul was one who never gave up, no matter how great the odds against him. Because of his Godly perseverance, his name has come down to us today as one of the greatest men of all times.

PAUL PERSEVERED IN ATHENS THOUGH SAW LITTLE FRUIT FOR HIS LABOUR. "After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth" (18-1). We noted in our lesson last week some of the events which took place in the Grecian city of Athens.

One noted Sunday School Commentator has said: "Paul, arriving in Corinth, was a sad and dejected man. He had failed bitterly in Athens." **There is little evidence for such a conclusion!** Perhaps there were not the great numbers there had been in other places. **But there was fruit! The conversion of Dionysius, a member of the**

ecian Council of Athens, was worth all Paul's labours that city! (17:34).

PAUL PERSEVERED IN CORINTH WITH AQUILA AND PRISCILLA. "Paul . . . came to Corinth; and found certain Jew named Aquila . . . with his wife Priscilla" (18:2).

This Jewish couple had been forced to flee from Rome because of persecution by Emperor Claudius. Now they were come to Corinth.

"Corinth . . . was a seaport on an isthmus between two seas with a port on each sea, and it was the capital of the province of Achaia—rich, cosmopolitan, filled with religious cults, temples and idols; the temple of Aphrodite alone had one thousand religious prostitutes! 'To live like a Corinthian' meant to live a life of complete, unashamed debauchery. Next to the tomb of philosopher Diogenes, in Corinth, was the tomb of the notorious courtesan Lais!" (Frank S Mead).

For some 18 months Paul worked closely with Aquila and Priscilla. Doubtless in all that time the Apostle added much to their spiritual understanding and comprehension.

When Paul's work in Corinth was finished, for the time being, he took Aquila and Priscilla with him to Ephesus. Later on, Paul had to leave that city, but they stayed on, working there in the church.

While there, Aquila and Priscilla met "a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures" (18:24). Though Apollos was instructed in the way of the Lord, and could speak with much "spiritual fervor," yet his spiritual understanding was limited to "the baptism of John."

Now the work which Paul had wrought with Aquila and Priscilla was to bear fruit. They took Apollos, "and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly" (18:26). And Apollos laboured diligently, not only in Ephesus, but also in Corinth, during the years ahead.

PAUL PERSEVERED IN CORINTH WITH THE JEWS AND THE GREEKS. "And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks" (18:4). Undoubtedly the Greeks mentioned were Jewish proselytes. So zealously did Paul preach to these people, that when Silas and Timothy came to Corinth from Macedonia they found him "pressed in the spirit" (18:5). That is, "wholly absorbed in preaching the message" (Williams); "wholly possessed by and engrossed in the word" (Dr. W. M. Ramsay).

What was Paul's message? He was "testifying to the Jews, and all who were acquainted with the Hebrew scriptures, that the Messiah there predicted was identical with Jesus of Nazareth" (J. A. Alexander).

But those in the synagogue would have none of this! They "opposed themselves," and "blasphemed" (18:6). His former phrase was "a military term, and strictly means, arraying themselves, as an army to resist an enemy, implying not mere private or fortuitous but systematic and concerted opposition" (Alexander).

PAUL PERSEVERED IN CORINTH WITH THE GENTILES. When the Jews and Greeks in the synagogue turned away from the Gospel, Paul said: "From henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles" (18:6). So he

changed his center of preaching from the synagogue to "a certain man's house, named Justus . . . whose house joined hard to the synagogue."

Many of those who heard, believed, including "Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue" (18:8). And so Paul continued in Corinth "a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them" (18:11).

PAUL'S PERSEVERANCE RESULTED IN MUCH FRUIT FOR GOD IN THE CITY OF CORINTH. A strong church was established in that city. Later on when he had occasion to write to the Corinthian Christians, Paul could call them "saints." He could make mention that they had been "enriched by Him (Christ), in all utterance, and in all knowledge" (I Cor. 1:5).

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

HI! HO! COME TO THE FAIR

AT THE NSSA CONVENTION, Miss Mavis Anderson gave a "Gem of an Idea" about a missionary fair. We believe in missionary education but are sometimes at a loss as to how to make it attractive and appealing to all ages. The fair idea enlists the pupils, workers and parents in this program. Miss Anderson suggests that a committee be appointed to plan missionary education for several years in advance. A different field could be studied each quarter or even for six months. This program could be started by a missionary fair.

In planning for a Missionary Fair different mission fields are assigned to various departments of the Sunday school for a two month study. Each department collects curios, maps and pictures to decorate their department for the Fair. Pictures and maps can be obtained from the Mission Board, Publishing Company, copies of *The Evangelist*, and other places.

The Fair should be well advertised by posters and announcements and continue for several evenings. Open your Fair with a supper featuring some simple dish representative of a mission field as "chili" for Mexico, "rice and curry" for Japan, and so forth. After supper a missionary tour can be conducted by junior high school boys serving as "tour guides." Sunday school girls serve as hostesses in the various departments and explain the fields from the curio tables. The last stop of your tour will be for a missionary film or filmstrip. The Fair should be introduced in the Sunday school and widely promoted as a family Sunday school affair.

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"MR. NUTCRACKER"—THE MISSING LINK?

LONDON (EP)—Nearly 500 eminent scientists assembled in a lecture hall in London's Piccadilly Square recently to view the first public display of a skull found in an African jungle by Dr. Louis Leakey, curator of the Croydon Museum at Nairobi. The experts looked into the eye sockets of the rotted, battered skull and made some remarkable conclusions; that it was between 600,000 and a million years old; that it was of an 18-year-old boy about five feet tall with a barrel chest, huge collarbones and slender limbs; that his brain was half the size of modern man's and that the skull provides the missing link to prove the theory of evolution expounded by Charles Darwin a century ago. For the latter qualities, the scientists nicknamed the skull "Mr. Nutcracker," and agreed with Dr. Leakey (who worked for 30 years to dig the skull out of a cave) that he had "discovered the remains of the connecting link between the South African 'ape men' and true man".

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SCOTLAND SAID TO NEED MISSIONARIES MORE THAN TIBET

EDINBURGH, Scotland (EP)—The Rev. George A. Young, one of the last missionaries to leave Tibet ahead of the Communists, told the Assembly of the Baptist Union of Scotland that their country is in greater need of missionaries than Tibet. "Although the people there were not Christian," he said, referring to Tibet, "they were greatly influenced by their Buddhist faith. In Glasgow," he added, "you meet so many people who have absolutely no faith."

Young, after finishing a three-year Glasgow evangelistic crusade, called the city "a black spot of immorality with an appalling ignorance of spiritual things." Edinburgh, he observed, had "more of a religious veneer than Glasgow."

KOREAN AMBASSADOR APPEALS TO AMERICAN CHURCH CONSCIENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The Korean Ambassador to the U. S. has appealed to the "consciences of American church people" to call for a halt to the "heartless trading in human beings" between Japan and Communist North Korea.

Dr. You Chan Yang declared, "Half a million human beings are going to be sent to Communist slavery unless something is done." He urged church members who will join in opposing the deportation of Korean nationals from Japan to "Communist slavery" in North Korea to write their Congressmen or the State Department.

"Six hundred thousand Korean nationals, now resident in Japan, over 90 percent of whom came from South Korea, are being deported to Communist North Korea," he said. "These Koreans were originally seized by the Japanese prior to World War II, for the most part, and were forcibly taken to Japan to serve in the armed forces or war factories. Now, Japan has no more use for these people. She is engaged in a cynical scheme with Communist North Korea whereby they are to be sent to Communist slavery."

"American Christian public opinion is the best—and perhaps the last—hope for saving these persons," Dr. Yang declared.

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POPULATION EXPLOSION CONTINUES

On your mark, get set, stop! Since you began to read these words, 18 children have been born in the world.

In this fleeting moment of time, nine people have died. Net total: an increase of nine in the population of the world.

Since yesterday at this same time, the total of the world's population has increased by 135,000. One year from today, it will have swelled by about fifty million. In each 12 month period, the world is augmented by the

addition of a group as large as the nation of France.

Estimate: the population of the earth will jump from its present 2.9 billion people to around 4 billion by 1980—and burgeon to 6 million-plus by the time we ring out the old century and ring in the new. Out of this "population explosion" grow many things of interest to church leaders—not the least of these the present sharp debate over birth control around the world, and—in the minds of most,—more important,—the need for more expanded missionary enterprise to keep pace with the world's rocketing increase. (EP)

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CATHOLIC OFFICIAL SUPPORTS BARKEEPS IN FIGHT AGAINST "BLUE-NOSED" ENEMIES

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich (EP)—The radio and television director of the Grand Rapids Roman Catholic diocese urged tavern keepers here to "stand up and fight the blue-nosed enemies of the liquor industry."

The Rev. Hugh Michael Beahan said that controlled drinking relieve tensions and helps relax. "Because drinking creates a problem for a relatively few people," he said, "we should not consider depriving the vast majority of normal adults."

His remarks were addressed to the 10th annual convention of the National Licensed Beverage Association.

Reminding the barkeepers that they are in "an honorable profession," the Catholic official declared that they should get rid of their inferiority complexes.

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE DOWN IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (EP)—Although most citizens of Sweden have their children baptized and confirmed in the State Lutheran Church (which enrolls 95 per cent of the population), Sunday church attendance averages only 250,000, or 3.3 per cent of the entire population. Of all Swedish weddings, 91.4 per cent take place in the Lutheran Church, a 1.5 per cent in other churches. The remaining 7.1 per cent are civil marriages. An estimated 96.6 per cent of all burial services are performed by ministers of the State Church.

CLERGYMEN LAUNCH ANTI-VICE CRUSADE

WHEELING, W. Va. (EP)—Protestant clergymen here have launched a vigorous attack on vice, open gambling and what they regard as police corruption in their city.

How "wide open" is the area? The ministers said there are at least three big "operators" in the city, and more than 100 prostitutes, some of whom make \$600 weekly. They charged that prostitution is given cooperation by police who actually escort taxis to houses of ill fame through signals between cruisers and taxis on a "percentage basis."

The ministers have also complained that open gambling is practiced in many places, and that there are taverns specializing in serving liquor to young teenagers.

Dr. J. Davis Illingworth of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, said he had been "threatened and plagued" by phone calls after delivering his sermon, which had been broadcast over the local radio. He claimed that two policemen told him they could not enforce the law, and if they did they would be put on the night shift or pushed off the force.

The press had joined with the pulpit in demanding a probe, and five Wheeling councilmen agreed that the alleged situation certainly should be investigated."

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NEW STAMP CONTAINS BIBLE VERSE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The Post Office Department announced that a Bible verse will appear on the new 10-cent stamp for overseas airmail to Latin America and the West Indies.

The stamp, which pictures the Liberty Bell, will carry the bell's inscription: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants," which is taken from Leviticus 25:10.

It will also carry the slogan "Let Freedom Ring" in large letters beneath the picture of the Liberty Bell. It is the inscription which caused the bell to be known as the Liberty Bell, rather than its use, authorities declare.

First day of sale for the new stamp will be June 10, 1960, at Miami, Fla., the city through which passes much of the mail destined for Central and South America and the West Indies.

PTA KEEPS PRAYER IN SESSIONS

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (EP)—A motion to have a non-sectarian prayer removed from Parent-Teacher association meetings here with a minute of silence substituted instead was defeated by a standing vote at a meeting recently.

Mrs. Robert G. Franz told the Westwood PTA that, as a non-sectarian organization, it should respect the rights of atheists. She presented a motion to substitute a minute of silence for the prayer, but only Mrs. Franz, her husband and two other persons out of an estimated crowd of 300 voted to support her action.

The non-sectarian prayer, recommended by the national PTA convention read as follows:

"Heavenly Father, Thou who art our Creator and our God: we thank Thee for all Thy blessings Thou hast bestowed upon us, more especially for the children and our relation to them. We ask that Thou wilt endow us with wisdom and strength as we care for and nurture them. May we be Thy instruments to lead our children to a realization of Thy power and Thy love. Bless Thou our fellowship as we work for the children of our land. Lead us in steadfastness and faith toward the solution of the great problems that confront our world today.

"Consecrate us to Thy service and to the service of all children everywhere. Amen."

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SOLOMON'S TEMPLE LEGEND DISPROVED

AMMAN, Jordan (EP)—The belief that remains of the Temple of King Solomon lie underneath the "mosque of Omar" have been disproved, according to officials of the Jordanian government. Recent excavations beneath the mosque, which was built in the 7th century A. D. to protect Islam's sacred "Holy Rock" in the old walled city of Jerusalem, indicate the presence only of natural rock and not of any remnants of the ancient temple, the Jordanians say.

Earlier, an Arab Christian visiting the site reported that priceless and archaeological treasures were being destroyed by excavations. An Egyptian firm has been doing restoration work on the mosque which is also known as the "Dome of the Rock."

UNITARIANS, UNIVERSALISTS AGREE TO MERGE

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (EP)—Merger of their two denominations was voted by representatives of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America at a joint session here.

The new body, to be known as the Unitarian Universalist Association, will combine some 100,000 Unitarians and 75,000 Universalists.

In an unexpected move, the two groups voted to remain "in the Judeo-Christian heritage." Earlier, they had rejected a statement of their purpose which would have read: "To cherish and spread the universal truths taught by Jesus and the other great teachers of humanity in every age and tradition . . ."

In its final form, their statement of purpose reads: "To cherish and spread the universal truths taught by the great prophets and teachers of humanity in every age and tradition, immemorably summarized in the Judeo-Christian heritage as love to God and love to man."

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HIT BIBLE BAN IN SCHOOLS

MIAMI, Fla. (EP)—"Un-American, un-Biblical and undesirable," that's what women of the church, Everglades Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) called efforts to stop Bible-reading, recitation of the Lord's Prayer and other religious practices in the public schools here.

A Miami circuit judge recently rejected a suit to stop such religious exercises in Dade County Public Schools, but two similar suits await judgment.

Said the women: "Of course we realize some of the technical difficulties in dealing with minority groups, and that the U. S. government technically and officially is not committed to the Bible and Christianity as a religion. However the whole history of the American Republic and the very fabric of American life is founded upon Christianity and spiritual principles. This includes the Constitution of the U. S."

The devil may get you into a very hard place, but he can't keep God from going with you if you love and serve Him.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED

SUMMER CRUSADING brings many values and rewards that will long be remembered by those who serve. Much could be said about Crusading by us, but let's let some of the past Crusaders speak.

SHARI LINTON spent her summer working in **Krypton, Kentucky**. Here is what she has to say:

"When I first heard about summer crusading, I thought, 'Boy, here's a chance to travel for nothing and even get paid for it.' It didn't take me long to change my mind after I got to know some of those crusaders. I soon found out that they were doing more than seeing the sights. As a matter of fact, they were doing something even better, like working for the Lord and helping to bring younger children to know Jesus as their Savior. Not only that, but learning things themselves.

"I didn't think of going myself then, because I didn't think I knew enough to teach someone else. Then I got to thinking maybe I was cheating God by not doing what I could, so I went. While I was gone, I learned a lot about the lives of other people and the small part I could do to help them. There were disappointments of course, but God didn't tell us everything would be rosy when working for Him. Just seeing the children learn what you taught them and remembering some of it made up for the mistakes and failures. God only knows what we did for those children, but we know what they did for us.

"I advise anyone who gets the chance to go crusading because what you do that summer can last for all eternity. Nobody's really good enough to go, but God is always with you and that's all you really need to show someone else the peace you know from being a Christian."

MARY ROSE, who served in **Linwood, Maryland** and **Dutchtown, Indiana**, has this to say about crusading:

"Have you ever thought about becoming a Summer Crusader? Take a few moments while I go over some of the different aspects of Crusading. For the past three summers I have given up almost the whole summer to do this work. Now that I am in college and can look back over those three years, I wouldn't give up that experience for anything.

"Being a summer worker for the Lord helps you in many areas. You gain much valuable experience in traveling. You have to decide on your means of transportation—car, train or bus—depending on the best connections and convenience. In the three years that I was a Crusader, I taught Bible School in churches of six different states—Ohio, Indiana, Maryland, Illinois, Kentucky, and Iowa.

"In going from church to church you learn how to get along with people from all walks of life as the many situations confront you. Patience plays a big part also as you work with the children. But one of the most important things to me was to be able to tell those little children the wonderful story of Christ!

"Last, and most important, you are giving of your time to further the Lord's work. And why shouldn't you? Christ stands in history as the Great Giver. He has given us so much more than we can ever give Him! So why not give serious thought to this matter and plan to give the Lord some of your time this summer."

ALMA CUSTER, who served in **Cleveland, Ohio** this past summer relates this experience to us:

"Each day brings us closer to summer and to our minds it brings thoughts of how we would like to spend this summer.

"It was in April when I seriously began thinking of a summer job, and began considering Brethren Youth Crusading. As I thought of crusading, a pamphlet from the West Side Community House in Cleveland was placed before me. I read the pamphlet, discussed the programs (offered to college students only), discovered this sounded like interesting work, and decided to try it.

"I arrived in Cleveland the latter part of June, for my seven-week stay. My first week was one of indoctrination—introducing us to social work and settlement houses. After the first week, work began. There were two programs offered: Day Camp, which was supervising youngsters on hikes, swimming, and other outdoor activities and an In-Town Program. I chose the latter program. This involved working in a Bible School during the morning and having charge of youngsters on a playground in the afternoon. The children with whom I worked were Puerto Rican, Hungarian Gypsies and Southern Whites which made the work so very interesting. These children were poor children, children with many and varied problems. There was Joie, who needed so much love and affection; Lucy, who needed to be made to feel accepted and wanted. Then there was Carl, who constantly talked of building bombs, destroying places and killing people. Ramona, who spoke very little English, had a persecution complex and always wanted to fight. Talking with these children and visiting in their homes, where many times the child had to do the interpreting as we tried to speak to their parents, made me realize the race prejudice and the fear these people have of their fellowmen.

"Having an experience like this will help you come out of your own little world and realize that there are people in this country who need to learn of the love God offers to us, and that He has concern for all people. We as Americans, we, as Christians, must show this love and concern."

So you can see that Summer Crusading does have real value and experience. If you have the proper experience and qualifications, why don't you serve this summer? Write to National Brethren Youth today for an application blank.

THE WAY TO HAPPINESS

By Allen Bowman

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED to imagine what sort of beatitudes the world would have if it were interested in stating any? Perhaps they would read like this:

Blessed are the self-sufficient, for they need nothing.

Blessed are they that laugh, for they feel comfortable.

Blessed are the self-righteous, for they think they are good enough already.

Blessed are the influential, for they have their way.

Blessed are the brilliant, for they see everything.

Blessed are the capable, for they really go places.

Blessed are the popular, for they are tickled.

Such is worldly wisdom. How shallow and deceptive it is! What a contrast to the profound truths that Jesus uttered! The people who have found the way to happiness said He, are these:

(1) Those who realize their spiritual poverty. They receive the Kingdom and so become the richest folks in the world!

(2) Those who mourn over their sins. They receive forgiveness, the genuine comfort of salvation, the joy of salvation, the joy of the Lord.

(3) The humble—those who realize they are nothing apart from God. Theirs is the great inheritance that no one can take from them.

(4) Those who hunger for God. They find the deepest need of the human soul abundantly satisfied. What inexpressible contentment.

(5) The merciful—the compassionate and helpful, who will even return good for evil. They receive mercy at God's hands, that mercy without which all of us are undone.

(6) The pure in heart, cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. They are ushered into the very presence of God. They shall see the King in His beauty.

(7) The peacemakers—those who are at peace with God, with themselves, with others: those who deny themselves in order to pour oil in troubled waters. They are the honored children of the Most High.

(8) Those who are persecuted for Jesus' sake. They suffer light affliction for a moment, but it produces for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.—Sunday Schoolanner.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

CHILDREN have always been very important in the Christian Church. When Jesus took little children up in His arms and blessed them, by that act He taught His disciples that the really most important thing in life is the children; and that no one can do a greater work than to help children form right habits and attitudes, so they can live happy Christian lives of service.

Since children have always been so important in the Christian church, it is not surprising, but nice to know, that the very oldest Christian hymn in existence is a hymn about children. It is entitled: "Shepherd of Tender Youth." It was written by Clement of Alexandria who, for many years, was head of the first Christian school in the early church.

The hymn was written about 200 A. D., first in the Greek language, then translated into English by Dr. Henry Dexter in 1864, while he was a pastor of a church in Manchester, New Hampshire. It was first sung by his choir from the original manuscript.

It was not easy to translate the hymn from Greek into English and get the language and spirit of the Greek writer into the hymn, but Dr. Dexter did the translating so well that the hymn was good enough to find its way into many modern hymnals.

Shepherd of Tender Youth

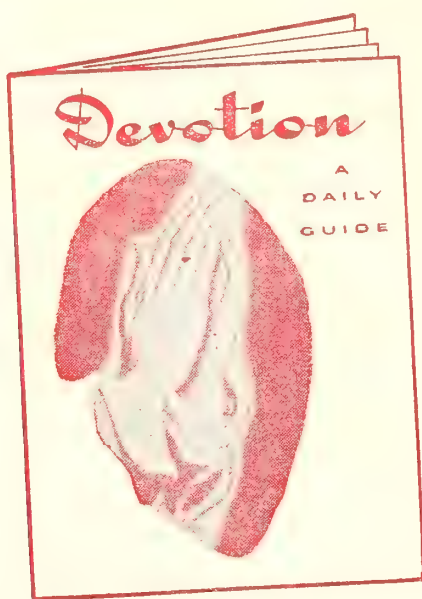
"Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth,
Through devious days.
Christ, our triumphant King,
We come Thy Name to sing;
And here our children bring
To shout Thy praise.

"Ever be Thou our Guide,
Our Shepherd and our Pride,
Our Staff and Song:
Jesus, Thou Christ of God,
By Thy perennial Word,
Lead us where Thou hast trod:
Make our faith strong.

"So now, and till we die,
Sound we Thy praises high,
And joyful sing:
Children, and the glad throng
Who to Thy church belong,
Unite and swell the song
To Christ our King.

(Stanzas 2 and 3 are omitted)

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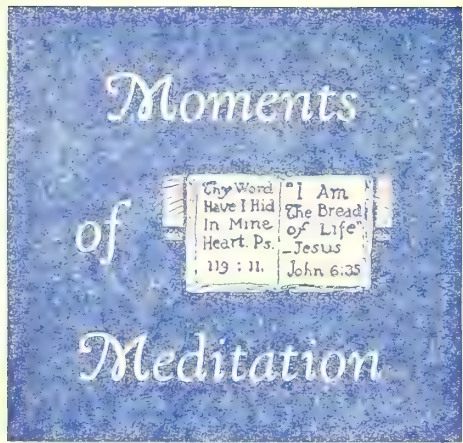
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THESE THINGS SPEAK OF GOD

These things there are that speak of God;
The flowers that grow, the birds that sing,
The smiles that little children bring
To homes; the stars at night
Sprinkling the sky with darts of light;
The blazing sun in summer sky;
The creeds that make men brave to die.
But more than these, two things I know
That prove Him real; the Bible,
Wondrous Book divine;
His presence in this heart of mine.
—Marlene Wilcox.

DESIRED BEHAVIOR

“In the light of present conditions, voluntary, total abstinence should be recognized as the desired behavior of the members of our churches.”—The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.

“I have but one candle of life to burn, and would rather burn it out where people are dying in darkness than in a land which is flooded with lights.”

ALCOHOL A NARCOTIC

“I’m sure no physiologist, scientist, or reputable physician will refute this statement: Alcohol in any dose or any form is not a stimulant. It is narcotic from first to last.”—Dr. William Brady, St. Paul Dispatch, February 6, 1959

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WHAT COUNTS

It isn’t the book that is written,
It isn’t the picture that’s drawn,
It isn’t the field that is planted,
And it isn’t the log that is sawn—

It isn’t the rock that is chiseled,
It isn’t the tower that’s raised,
It isn’t the work of imposing mien
That should be especially praised.

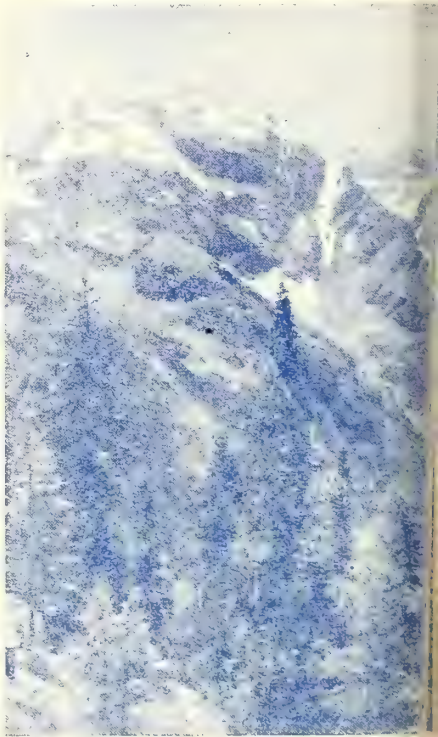
It’s the use one makes of the tools
at hand,
And if they be many or few,
And if the job gets the best that one
has,
When less than the best would do.

For some have advantage of training,
And some even start with a name,
While others must plod along on the
sod,
Forever unfavored by fame.

And so, at the last great audit,
When the records of life are scanned,
It won’t be the size of the job that
counts,
But the job with the tools at hand.
—James G. Morgan.

ABSTINENCE EDUCATIONALLY SOUND

“Let me remind you that commitment to abstinence is for the strong, not for the weak.”
“I believe that our church in calling its people to the high doctrine of abstinence through voluntary commitment is educationally sound, true to Biblical ethical principles and insights, and merits the trust and support of all in every communion of believers.”
“We dare not quote references from Biblical days to avoid the implications of Christian social responsibility in this modern age.”—Bishop John Wesley Lord.



COSTLY SILENCE

“When life is involved, no minister worth his salt can remain silent.”—From a Sermon on Alcohol by Rev. Harold McElvany, First Methodist Church, Waukegan, Ill.



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The Editor's Pulpit

Mid-Year Check-Up Time

RIGHT NOW, we as Brethren, are just about in the mid-year point of our Conference year. The resolutions, programs and plans we made last fall should be showing some progress and fruitage by this time.

How about our membership gains this year? We have been plagued for many years with membership losses equal to and exceeding our gains. In spite of valiant efforts on the part of pastors and other church leaders to reverse the trend, this ratio of gains against losses, continues at a near-zero and/or negative point. It is almost too late to do much about it for another fiscal year, as membership reports are based upon the church's membership as of March 31st each year, scant eight weeks from now! How many souls can we lead to Christ in the Brethren Church in the next eight weeks?

To do this, we must first of all be consecrated to Christ ourselves! How can we lead people to Christ, if we find no joy or praise in our hearts as a result of having found Christ ourselves as Savior? If we are not dedicated and consecrated to Christ ourselves, how can we hope to lead others to Him?

We must likewise have a concern for the lost. One of the biggest sins we find in churches today is the lack of concern for the souls of those lost to sin, coupled with the doubt that they are lost. Too much there is the belief that "they seem to be all right, why mess up their thinking on this matter of religion?" A few days ago, a man in a Cleveland hospital, submitted to open-heart surgery. An emergency need for a large quantity of fresh blood to save his life arose. The appeal was made over television and radio. Hundreds of people volunteered—willing to give of their life's blood so that this man might live. Despite the valiant efforts of modern medicine and the volunteers, the man died, but it does point up the fact that people will "knock themselves out" to help in a human emergency.

Every soul outside of Christ is in an "emergency, critical condition," hovered over the brink

of an eternal hell from which there shall never be any escape, with only a heartbeat or a breath of air between them and a godless eternity. We know them—they live around us. We see them and talk to many of them every day. Yet not one word to them about the Christ who can save their soul for eternity.

Some are in position to accept Christ. That is, they are under the conviction of the Holy Spirit (a pre-requisite to receiving Christ as Savior). A severe problem, a gospel song, or a sense of guilt, has made their heart tender, and open to spiritual truth. We are there. Can we touch them with the word of salvation, or are our lips sealed because of a lack of concern for their soul? An opportune moment may never return again.

Others can, by the influence of a godly testimony in our life and on our lips, be led to "think on these things" of Christ and salvation, thereby opening the door to the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, subsequently leading to the acceptance of Christ as Savior. The main point, regardless of the circumstances, is that we must have a concern for them. A concern which will lead us to godly living in their presence, hours and hours of prayer for them, and the search for a moment, an opportunity to present Christ to them. There is no other way to win men to eternal salvation in Christ.

Eighteen thousand, more or less, Brethren following this program of soul-winning would make an impact on this old world more dynamic and fruitful than any splitting atom could ever do.

This is the year of the Brethren Advance in Evangelism. Only a relatively short time remains until the statistics must be recorded. (Maybe a shorter time remains for some of the souls we should be reaching for Christ). How far have we come, and how far can we yet go—not only by "nose-counting time," but between now and General Conference time in August? If the past has not been too fruitful, then let us consecrate ourselves to Christ, be concerned for the lost, pray for them, and seek to win them NOW! W. S. B.

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HIS COMMISSION . . . OUR MISSION

Reverend Jerry Flora

THE CONTINUED LIFE of the Brethren Church in mid-twentieth century depends on a handful of factors. Among them are a trained ministry, a comprehensive program of Christian education, a dynamic youth movement, adequate literature, and an all-pervading sense of mission.

And what is the mission of the Brethren Church? It is to fulfill His commission—to go, to make disciples, to teach them how to live as His and how to reproduce their experience in others. Missionary work is important to the Brethren Church because it is Christ's work.

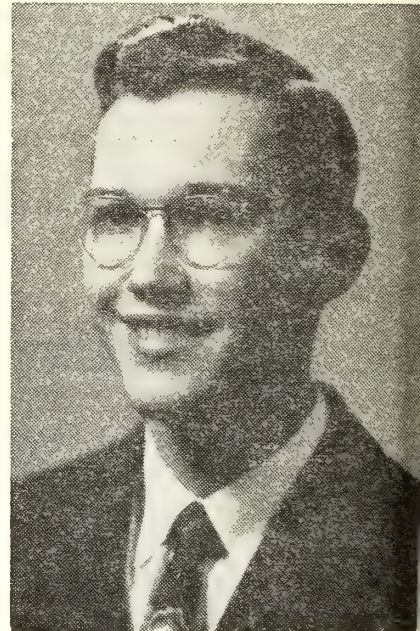
The Brethren Church has motives for missions. First, there is the command of Christ. In the six weeks between our Lord's resurrection and ascension, He did three things: He convinced the disciples that He is forever alive; He opened the Old Testament to them in the light of His death and resurrection; and He commanded them to spread the good news of redemption accomplished. The New Testament records His orders: go to all nations (Matt. 28:19); preach to every creature (Mark 16:15); proclaim repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47); cover the earth (Acts 1:8). There is no doubt about what He meant.

A second reason for missions is the condition of the lost world. How can we read Paul's portrayal of man outside of Christ (Romans 1-3) without shuddering in our souls? Apart from the grace of almighty God, you and I would be included in that terrible picture. If there is any compassion at all in our hearts, it should go out to this hopeless, helpless, sin-blasted world.

There is another missionary motive that is too seldom considered, and that is gratitude. Our hearts should be so bursting with love for our Lord that we will do anything to share Him with others. When a college girl returns from a date with an engagement ring on her finger, there is no sleep in the dormitory until everyone hears about it. When the first grandchild is born, grandfather nearly pops his buttons until he can announce it. Gratitude is the most powerful motive of all for sharing our joyful experiences with others. So should it be with Christ.

The Brethren Church has means for missions. First, we have money. If every wage earner would contribute the required Old Testament minimum of a tithe, the de-

(Jerry Flora, who has been doing graduate work in Fuller Seminary at Pasadena, California, will receive the Th.M. degree in June. He is a graduate of Ashland College and Seminary also and was ordained to the ministry in June, 1958. The Floras have been living in Pasadena for the past two years, and Mrs. Flora (Julie) has been teaching in the Pasadena Christian School.)



nomination's income would triple. But we live under grace, not under law! so we should give beyond a tithe out of sheer gratitude for God's goodness.

We have mission stations too. Mission stations are more than Nigeria and Argentina; mission churches are more than Arizona and Florida. In the eyes of God is there any difference between a church in Middletown, U. S. A., and one in the Higi tribe of Nigeria? Certainly not. We have the same needy hearts, the same divine Savior, the same eternal destiny. Every Brethren church from California to Delaware, from Michigan to Florida is a mission station. Once we realize this and act accordingly, our beloved denomination will throb with new life.

The Brethren Church has men for missions. So often we glibly quote Matthew 9:38; "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." But that is not all. What Jesus said to the disciples was this: "On the one hand the harvest is great, but on the other hand the workers are few. Therefore ask the Owner of the harvest to thrust out workers into His harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you out" (Luke 10:1-3; Matt. 9:37-10:6). The very men whom Jesus told to pray for workers He sent out as the workers. You and I cannot pray for missions until we first have said, "Lord God, whether You want me for Africa, or for Argentina, or for America, I am ready."

In addition to preaching, teaching, and healing on foreign soil, there are other kinds of missionary work. Some of the finest missionaries are directing youth activities. Christian professors are working in the most strategic mission field of today's world—the college campus. Printers, writers, and editors of Christian literature are laboring together in the greatest modern medium

missionary communication. Pastors are manning their mission stations.

Yes, the Brethren Church has men, but it does not have enough. We must have more, many more, if we are to meet the challenge of this crucial hour. It is not enough to hold our own as a denomination; we will either grow or die. The time has come for every adult Christian leader to present to the young men in his care Christ's claim on their lives, as Paul did to Timothy.

The Brethren Church is developing a trained ministry, a comprehensive Christian education program, a dynamic youth movement, and adequate literature. Is it also developing an all-pervading sense of mission? Call it evangelism, or witnessing, or winning others and building them up in the faith—our mission is to fulfill His commission, to become all things to all men that by all means we may save some. Missionary work is important to the Brethren Church because it is Christ's work. "If we fail to send out missionaries, we will become a mission field. This is not prophecy; it is history."

Pasadena, California.

PAPAGO PARK BRETHREN CHURCH

. . . Building for Christ

On December 27, 1959, at least sixty persons met on the church property at College and Continental avenues, Tempe, Arizona, to participate in the ground-breaking service. The day was remarkably sunny, following several days of rainy weather. Friends from Waterloo, Iowa; Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Tucson, Arizona; Mt. Carroll, Illinois; and Pasadena, California, attended this ceremony and took home memories of the occasion. Almost every person turned over a spade of earth, and many favorable comments were received concerning the occasion.

Reverend Frank Knouse, pastor of the Scottsdale Methodist Church and Chairman of the Scottsdale Ministerial Fellowship; Reverend Vernon Grisso, pastor of the Tucson Brethren Church, Tucson, Arizona; and Mr. Robert Kahl, the architect, participated in the service.

The contractor began excavation for the foundation the following week, and at present most of the underground plumbing is installed. By the time this publication appears, the concrete floors will be poured.

Members of the church and Building Committee are quite pleased with the work of the architect and with the

choice of the contractor. Both have been very conscientious and considerate. Already the sign and the activity on the church property have aroused interest in that area. Two new families visited the services on January 10, and a woman called to ask about the new church. Thus, contacts with three more families in the immediate area of the church have been made.

The church here appreciates the help of the Missionary Board and of members of the Ten Dollar Club. It is our hope that we will be worshipping in our new church by Easter time. Your continued and faithful prayers are needed and appreciated.—Reverend H. Francis Berkshire.

Items of General Interest

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. January 25th and 26th were the scheduled dates for a Sunday School Institute in the Hagerstown church. Dr. Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, directed the Institute for the Hagerstown Brethren.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Brother Joseph Shultz reports the reception of one new member recently.

PITTSBURGH, PENNA. Brother William S. Crick notes the reception of one new member on January 3rd.

DAYTON, OHIO (HILLCREST). Brother Percy C. Miller reports receiving one new member into the church on January 3rd.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. A farewell program and supper for Brother J. D. Hamel and family, was a scheduled event of January 24th. The Hamels were scheduled to move about February 1st to take up their new pastorate with the Sarasota, Florida, Brethren.

NORTH MANCHESTER, INDIANA. The North Manchester church has secured the pastoral services of Rev. Stanton Leland, of Flintstone, Maryland. Brother Leland will begin his work at North Manchester, March 1st.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Two more names have been added to the Bible Reading Honor Roll, making a total of fifteen who read the Bible through during 1959.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS. Brother Kenneth Howard notes that services were held in various rest homes in Fort Scott by the pastor and members of the Fort Scott church, the afternoon of January 10th.



Groundbreaking Services on December 27, 1959
for the Papago Park Brethren Church at
Tempe, Arizona.

COMING EVENTS

Pennsylvania District
Brethren Youth Rally
WINTER WORK PROGRAM
Third Brethren Church, Morrellville,
Johnstown, Pennsylvania
February 27th

Guest Speaker: Rev. William H. Anderson
Registration—26c Lunch—49c

Lois Jean Wertz, Secretary.

Skeletons in your Closet

Jeremiah 17:9

Rev. Alvin H. Grumbling

MANY TIMES we joke about the black sheep of the family or the skeleton in the family closet. However, when we talk about looking into the heart it is no joking matter. For the heart is man's moral closet. In the heart you may hide things from the rest of the world. No one can see into your heart, except you and God. And many times skeletons are kept hidden in this moral closet. Let's look briefly at some of these skeletons that may be found in the heart.

First, we may find the skeleton of **broken church vows**. This is found in so many hearts that we sometimes fail to recognize it as being wrong. Can you remember the day in which you accepted Christ into your heart? Do you recall stepping out to make your public confession? It was then that you gave yourself to Christ and owned Him as your Saviour. You gave yourself to Him completely and you promised to follow Him to the best of your ability. Yes, that day you made some vows unto God. But how have you kept these vows?

A good many Christians have forgotten these vows. Or else they didn't mean what they said. If you truly belong to Christ, you will be trying to please Him every day. A Christian should not have to be reminded of the vows that he made. They should be constantly in his mind. Yet we find all around us Christians who seem to have forgotten these vows. They are not living for

God, but for themselves. The church has suffered because so many have tried to hide their vows unto God. It has become a skeleton in the closet of the heart.

Closely related is the skeleton of **undedicat- ed talents**. Some people seem to have the idea that they can give their heart to God and yet keep everything else for themselves. Such people have not realized what God can do with dedicated talents. They seem to be afraid to go all the way with God. The building of the tabernacle by the children of Israel shows us what God can do with various talents. Go back and read the book of Exodus again. See how God used different men in making the tabernacle, its various parts and furnishings. These people had to be dedicated to God so that He could use them and their talents in this manner.

Has God changed today? No, He is still the same God. He cannot use us, unless we dedicate all that we have to Him. How much richer our churches would be today, if we had more dedicated talents. Ministers, Sunday School Superintendents and others would not find it hard to get people who would work. Our programs would have more meaning. Committees would be busy. And the church would be reaching the unsaved in a greater way. But instead, our undedicat- ed talents have become a skeleton in the heart closet.

Another skeleton that may be found is that of **wrong sense of values**. Paul talks about this when he speaks of the time "when they will not endure sound doctrine," but will "heap to themselves teachers having itching ears" (2 Tim. 3). Such things are not uncommon today. A wrong sense of values has led many away from the Lord. And this is not just confined to youth. The fact is that many of the ideas our youth get, come from adults. Many Christians feel that once they accept Christ as Lord and are baptized, they can fold their arms and rest. They have forgotten about working for the Lord after they are saved. How can the church operate without your help? Who is going to talk to the unsaved if you don't? Who is going to pray about serious matters such as the unsaved? Who is going to uphold the ministers and missionaries in prayer if you don't? Some Christians seem to answer that it is not their job to do these things. Our sense of values is wrong and we find another skeleton in the closet.

Finally, a **diet of minimums** has become a skeleton in many closets. By this we mean simply that some Christians are content with doing only that which must be done. These people seem to be afraid to do more. They feel that it is necessary to accept Christ as Saviour and to be baptized. But they feel that going to Sunday School and the morning church service is enough to make the day holy unto God. The evening service is for those who have nothing else to do on Sunday. These people don't believe in tithing. Instead they believe in giving whatever they may have left to the church offering. They feel that prayer meeting is old-fashioned. And if they are asked to serve on a committee, they may or may not do it depending on what else they have to do. As you get closer to these people you will probably find that they don't have enough time for daily devotions.

Such people have not found the true joy of serving God with all that they have. They have not yet given themselves fully unto God. They are hurting themselves and their church because they are satisfied with the bare minimums of Christianity. In other things they try to get the most for their money. If we join a club, we want to enjoy it to the fullest. Why not get the most out of Christianity? He that soweth sparingly, shall also reap sparingly. This diet of minimums has become another skeleton in the moral closet of the heart.

Now the purpose in thinking along these lines is not to point out all that can be wrong with us, nor is it to criticize anyone. The purpose is to get us thinking about ourselves. Let us examine our lives and look into our hearts. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" The Bible says that the Lord searches the heart. It also says that the Lord gives to every man according to the fruit of his doings. Thus it is good for us to search our own hearts and to rid ourselves of any skeletons found there. If we truly love the Lord and want to serve Him, we cannot be satisfied to have any of these skeletons around. If we want the full joy of service we cannot afford to hide anything. We can never forget that God gave His only Son in order that we might be saved. How can we do anything less than to give all that we are and all that we have to God every day? May there be no skeletons in your heart.

Stockton, Calif.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyonell Belote

FRIEND OF MAN

"With righteousness shall he judge the poor" (Isaiah 11:4).

THEY TELL US that one-half of the human race is always hungry. There is no more pitiable sight than that of a starving child. The debacle in Hungary of a few years ago, has given us some views of the horror and terror of starvation and want. Always there are mothers and fathers and little children somewhere in the world who are bowed down under burdens and privations too heavy for mankind to bear. But there is a divinely appointed and divinely anointed Deliverer.

Suffering and benighted souls who have been brought into association with the Lord Jesus always recognize Him as their particular friend and helper. They do not view Him as a mighty potentate, or a selfish scholar or a distant well-wisher. In His day, the Bible tells us, the common people heard Jesus gladly, because He understood and sympathized with them in their sorrows and disappointments and needs.

And so do the common people gladly listen to the voice of the Master today, when His voice is carried to them in lives that reflect His Spirit. For every hour that oppression and tyranny are laying heavy loads upon the souls of men, God has provided a Deliverer mighty to save, and His name is Jesus.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."

THE BENEVOLENT BOARD

The Past

The Future

JOHN R. JOHNSTON, President, The Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board

SINCE THE MERGER, by General Conference, of the Brethren's Home and the Benevolent Board, the members on this Board have been made responsible for two different functions. First—the operation of The Brethren's Home, Flora, Indiana, and secondly—the dispersing of the Superannuated Minister's Fund. It is the latter responsibility that we shall dwell upon for a few moments.

Years ago, no one had heard of old age pension, Social Security, or retirement plans. In general, it might be said, if one could not manage to lay aside a portion of his earnings for the time he could no longer work, he was just out of luck. Perhaps this kind of thinking might have been considered as logical if certain inequities did not exist.

However, the older Brethren recognized that those servants of God, working in churches having a small membership, in Mission Churches, or in fields where the remuneration was very small, could not support a family and lay aside funds with which they might support themselves when they no longer were active.

Yes, it was clear that a need existed. Something had to be done. The Superannuated Minister's Fund was the answer at that time. From this fund aid could be supplied to those ministers who had given their all for their Lord and the people of The Brethren Church and who were not able to lay aside for a rainy day.

As time rolled on and one change after another took place in our economy, new methods of coping with the age old questions came into existence. The government form of old age pension appeared upon the scene. This was not the answer to our problem. Are not Christian people supposed to aid their saints? Should we ask government aid to care for those that rightfully we should care for ourselves? Although many persons gained assistance in this manner, this was not the answer. Social Security and the retirement programs made their appearances. Certain promising aspects were offered by these programs.

Recognizing a better way of assuring ministers a means of livelihood after retirement was necessary; the Brethren directed that a study be made and a program be recommended to meet this need. This study resulted in the present retirement program started in the early 1950's.

When such a program is started there must always be certain limitations—a starting and stopping place if you please. Since one must participate in such a program to gain worthwhile benefits, there is always an age limit where such a program serves no real purpose. With the establishing of the age requirement, the ministers were immediately placed into three different groups. Those eligible to participate in full, those who could enroll in the retirement plan if they so desired, receiving limited benefits, and those too old to enroll under the new plan. The ministers in the two latter groups are the ones that concern the Benevolent Board. Sufficient funds are not available to permit the payment of sums consistent with the times. There are other limiting restrictions, established by General Conference, which also controls payments from the Superannuated Minister's Fund.

As times change so must the program in churches. A new program was brought before Conference in 1959. General Conference accepted this plan which must be ratified by 90% of the churches in the denomination to become effective. The new program would further recognize the older ministers by increasing the reward paid to each as well as broadening the scope to include all those in the older age group. However, if the proposed plan is accepted by the church, sufficient funds must be provided to make such a program effective. If the necessary funds are not supplied the new program would in effect be detrimental instead of an improvement over the present plan.

What does the future hold forth for the Benevolent Board? This we do not know. I believe I speak for all the members of the present board when I say we shall strive to keep abreast of the times to the best of our ability with the funds

available. We shall always seek to incorporate improvements when possible. I know that future members of this board will continue to do the same. Our one aim is to serve you people of the Brethren Church as you direct until the services of this board are no longer needed. To make this

possible each and every one of you must do your part by backing us with your prayers and by assisting financially through increasing your contributions so funds will be available to carry out your directives.

Covington, Ohio.

A Minister Surveys The Brethren's Home

DR. EARL M. RIDDLE, Pastor, Roanoke, Indiana

MY PERSONAL INTEREST in the Brethren's Home comes first because of my relationship as a Pastor. In this capacity, it has been my privilege to assist people in making a decision to enter the Home at Flora, Indiana. My second relationship was that of being Secretary for the Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board for about 15 or more years.

A Christian home for aged people, and for those who may be left alone, is a great necessity. Such a home provides a service which cannot be obtained otherwise. The most of our residents, if not all, are members of the Brethren Church, therefore all have one outstanding experience in common. I have noted that people who enter the best Homes and Church Homes must make a considerable adjustment, mostly due to leaving friends and relatives at a distance. Here, exactly at the point where the Church Home may serve the residents will have the same Christian background and will most surely become adjusted more readily.

The cottage plan for those who go to the Brethren's Home as companions is acceptable and fills a real need. Why should a couple be separated when they have lived together for 30, 40, or 50 years? The cottage plan is the solution. These cottages are convenient, attractive and serviceable.

This ministry and service of the Brethren Church to her aged and lonely folk who have been faithful over many years cannot be measured. It is a fact that people are living to become old in these days. They need care, a home, and companionship. Even those who live in cottages, go to the main dining room to be with the entire family of residents for meals; they also have the privilege of mingling together in the large, commodious living room. Also periods of worship and social hours are planned by those in charge. All

this helps to draw all the people into a closer fellowship.

It is too much to expect that everyone would be perfectly happy, yet I have taken people and assisted others in their decision, who have said, "I never had a home so good". While in my travelling days for the church, I quite frequently stopped at the Home for a call or on business. Usually my call was unannounced. I was always graciously received and never once was I disappointed with the meal. I am convinced that our people at the Home eat well.

The Brethren Church will be rewarded and blessed for its care and benevolent spirit toward those residents who might otherwise be poor, lonely, or neglected. Our Bible does not allow any substitute for goodness and benevolence to man. For some people health is gone, strength is gone, resources may be dried up, some may be found on a bed of languishing, with wearisome days and nights. All such conditions and possibly others require tender compassion and sympathy. But, be reminded that this sympathy is mere mockery, when we are not willing to enter into a program of service for those who have been dear to the Church in the past.

Will not every member of our beloved church count it a blessed opportunity to bring a gift in February for the support of our only Church Home and the support of some who may yet live in their own home or with relatives? Every such gift will accord the donor a dignified reputation, which shall be followed by internal happiness and satisfaction. We should respond to the appeal with pure motive—not for show and ostentation; but out of love, to the glory of God.

This is something of the way a Pastor surveys and thinks of the Brethren's Home and its mission.

My Home at The Home

MRS. W. I. DUKER, Resident, "The Brethren's Home"

ON JULY 12, 1959, I came to the Home to make my home, and I am very thankful that I did. How do you meet the changes that occur in your life and affairs? Do you meet them graciously? Do you meet them easily? Or do you find that changes annoy you? Do you resist changes? Do changes overwhelm you with fear?

Our Church Home here at Flora, Indiana stands for good and right living. We have a wonderful superintendent and matron. I know they look after our every need and are fine Christians. I mean this from a sincere heart. I have never asked them one thing, but what they have taken care of it. I do not know what I would do if they were to leave. I for one here at the Home want to

do everything I can to help carry the load they must carry. Many changes are so good and so pleasant we cannot help being happy when we experience them. When we are called on to make changes in our home, if we make them in the right spirit we will be most happy. I am happy here at our Church Home because I think I have made this change in the right spirit. If we prepare ourselves to meet our changes in this way we prepare ourselves for happier living. I am so happy our church has such a nice home as I have been a member of the Brethren Church since I was twelve years of age and know what it stands for.

Flora, Indiana

Brethren's Home Report

by the Superintendent and Matron

MR. and MRS. RUSSELL KUNS

We are desirous that the Brotherhood have a report from this part of the Church.

March 1st, we will be starting our seventh year at the Brethren's Home, if it be God's will.

We have forty acres here to farm, and upon which we raise stock. We had twelve acres of corn, and twelve acres of oats, last year.

We now have eleven head of feeding cattle, also thirty-six head of hogs and 200 laying hens, more than enough eggs to use. We raise all our own meat.

We have a large truck patch and garden, so we have our fresh vegetables in summer and fall.

We have at present twenty-one members, fourteen women and seven men; two of which are bedfast. Our oldest lady is ninety-four years old.

We have four helpers.

We had a very nice Christmas; packages and boxes came from various states, to make the

folks happy with their gifts. Also loving notes and Christmas cards.

There was a large Christmas tree in the living room, the gifts were put under it as they came in.

We had our program and distributing of gifts on the afternoon of December 24. Rev. Dyer Belote was in charge of devotions.

Then Christmas Day, we had a 28-pound turkey, which was given by the Burlington W. M. Ladies, with all the trimmings.

I think our best Christmas gift was a new well, driven just before Christmas, which supplies us with all the water we need, which our old well did not do.

We want to thank "The Brethren Youth" for sponsoring the "Food for the Faithful" program and all who helped in any way, with money and food. It was greatly appreciated.

We also want to thank everyone for making Christmas possible at The Brethren's Home.

THE RESULTS of GOOD WORK

REV. HERBERT GILMER, Member, The Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board

LET US PAY A VISIT to the Brethren in our Brethren's Home at Flora. Let us inquire about their past services that were rendered in our Blessed Saviour's name. In almost every interview you will find that they had several children, and they gave them Christian training at home as well as taking care of their physical needs.

You will find that some of the folk were deacons and deaconesses in their home churches. You will also find a goodly number of the folk at the Home were former ministers of the Gospel. Some are widows of ministers, and now delight in seeing their sons and daughters busy working for the Lord.

Many of these Brethren lived in the time of "free ministry." This term may sound strange to some of our present generation, so I will endeavor to explain. The minister and wife who worked for the Lord under these terms received no salary. They received the necessary amount of food and gifts to buy a few clothes. A lot of needed clothing was given to their family and it was all deeply appreciated. Many of these parents had children who were called to the ministry. Because education has been advancing the only thing for them to do was to send their children to schools of higher education. The children worked hard to get through school with their mother and father helping as much as they could. Much of this help was given sacrificially.

These Christian parents were unable to save anything to keep them in their older days. Even when "free ministry" came to an end, we find in so many cases our churches did not pay enough salary to enable ministers to save for the future. Insurance companies did not offer much in a savings plan until recent years. Social Security is so a very recent thing for our ministers. Many of our elderly Brethren had a small savings, but they were used up by today's higher cost of living. Especially when illnesses came, they were forced to cash what few savings they had.

Very briefly this explains why the Brethren Church owes these faithful servants of God the best of care. I am proud of our Brethren's Home. It is a nice place to stay. There is a Christian atmosphere there which you will not find in many

of our County Homes. We are fortunate in having such good caretakers for our Home. The Kuns are doing an excellent job! Brother Belote has been a good spiritual leader with the Kuns. The Flora Brethren Church and their pastors have done an excellent job keeping the people in our Home happy.

You note that I call this home OUR HOME. It is exactly so. That is why we need to take more of an interest in it. The cost of living has also effected the Flora Home as well as our individual homes. Let us therefore give more toward this worthy cause.

The Brethren doctrines and principals are being maintained today as a result of our elder Brethren being staunch in their faith and teaching. Not only did these staunch Brethren teach their own children, but think of all the hundreds of other people they have taught.

When I go visiting in our Home today I learn many good Christian lessons from them. God never puts Christians on the shelf! They can still witness for their Lord. They can still pray for those who are now working in the vineyards of God. I would miss the prayers of the people in our Home if they would cease to pray for me. They have not ceased to pray for the Brethren Church. They are concerned about our missionaries and our College and Seminary. Brethren, they did not fail us in past years and they are not failing us now! Good Christian work gives immediate and everlasting benefits! Look in the concordance of your Bible and see how many references there are concerning WORK or WORKS. In John 6:28, 29 we read: "Then said they unto him, what shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent."

Our elderly Brethren worked with much patience and faith. Let us show them our appreciation for the help they have given to our denominational institutions and churches by responding with our gifts and prayers. Revelation 13:13, "And their works do follow them." They did not fail. Let us not fail them!

Roann, Indiana.

The Aged are our Responsibility

REV. L. V. KING, Member,
The Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board

I AM HAPPY to write on the Theme: "The Aged Are Our Responsibility," for I feel such a responsibility is ours.

There should be no question among Christians that we are responsible to take the Gospel to the lost. Surely, this is the first responsibility of the Christian to the lost, or to others. Our second responsibility is to help build up the faith of believers. If Christ's Church is to be made fit to become His Bride through growth then we must share our strength with all other Christians.

But what all does this responsibility of and to the saints include? Surely it includes the needy. First of all there is a spiritual need. And this includes every member of the church. For we are all in great need. This is the reason, as Paul states, the strong are to help the weak. Thus in sharing our strength all are blessed.

Second, it should include the needy, physically. In the time of sickness especially, the Church ought to be the first to minister. This includes the whole church as well as the Deacon Board. What a real blessing a true Christian can be in the time of sickness.

Third, in the time of sorrow the church ought to be most sympathetic. Yet many Christians are as cold as the world at such times.

Again, at the time of mental stress and the facing of deep problems the church must be extremely helpful. If we would be helpful at such times people would not need to seek further for help. The church has the best kind of help to offer at such times.

But there is one more responsibility that rests on the church. It is this duty we so often forget or avoid. Had the Christian Church been as ardent in this duty of service as was the Jew in the Old Testament, there never would have been the need for lodges and other organizations, for the church would have supplied the need. I am referring to the subject of this article. There are the aged, too, in our churches that need help.

There does come a time in a person's life when he reaches old age and is no longer able to earn a living. It is true today, and may be more true in the future, that the Government and certain other organizations and firms are providing for this help when earning capacity is at an end.

But there are many other older people who were unable to make such a provision. They were too old to take advantage of Social Security. They must therefore look to the church for help.

The Brethren Church has made some provision for such. The church has provided a lovely home at Flora, Indiana. There are those who enter that have sufficient funds to pay their own way. But there are others that have very little left of this world's goods. These must have the same consideration at the home as those who have some money. But somebody must provide the money. Surely we do not expect the Government to step in and run our Home. If they would, they could put upon the Home all kinds of regulation which in the end would cost us a considerable sum. For this reason we have tried to keep the Home a Brethren Home. Therefore, here is one place we can help care for the needy.

We have also provided a Superannuated Fund for aged, needy ministers. If the church provide sufficient funds for these aged, needy ministers there would be no need to provide additional funds or pensions.

We have then at the disposal of Brethren needy, the Home for both laity and ministers and missionaries, and the Superannuated Fund for needy ministers. Let them, therefore, appeal to these two present plans if they need the help these can give. And let us as a church give sufficient to provide the help when the appeal comes.

This, the Jews did in the Old Testament, by free-will offerings. And this is the appeal Paul makes in his epistle to the Corinthians (I Cor. 16:1-4). Paul is not talking here about the tithe but about a collection. The tithe is not a collection. It is a duty to show our faithfulness

towards. This collection was for the saints. Certainly not all saints, but the poor saints of Jerusalem. And they were many such, due to persecution.

Therefore, the tithe, as in the Old Testament, is to be used for the upkeep and spread of the Gospel through the church. This certainly would include the training of youth to become better servants of Christ, the publishing of the Gospel in various ways, the work of the Sunday School and other organizations of the church, that in any way help to further the Gospel.

But the collections, as in the Old Testament, are to be used for the support of the poor. The tithe, when faithfully administered, will always be sufficient to carry the Gospel even to the fur-

thermost parts of the earth. The collections, when administered by a true tither, will also be sufficient to care for all the poor or needy saints of the church.

Let us therefore take the Scriptural method to spread the Gospel. And let us take the Scriptural method for the care of the needy saints. Then we can claim the spiritual blessings God has so wonderfully promised His children.

For,

God's way is the right way, God's way is the best way.

I'll trust in Him always, He knoweth the best.

Then we shall say:

God's way shall be my way, He knoweth the best.

Louisville, Ohio.

HELP WANTED

DORMAN L. RONK, Secretary,
The Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board

THERE ARE MANY WAYS that each of us can share in the work of our Church. We each have our talents, and we must use them daily for the furthering of the cause of Christ. If we do not use our talents for the Church, then are we not using them against the Church? In Matthew 12:30 we read, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."

When we know the needs of our own Brethren's Home, then we know how we can help the work. There is, of course, the Benevolent Day offering, that we surely all will share in this year. With an increase in costs of so many necessities, we must increase our giving or we will slide backward.

Help is wanted in the "Food For The Faithful" project, too. For several years canned foods have been brought to General Conference, but if it is closer for you to take food to the Home, then that is best. Food could be gathered at any time of the year and delivered.

We all need to get our hands directly into a project, so here are some other needs, where help is wanted. All of the bathrooms need new floor covering, and the halls and the stairways, too. A portable dish-washer is needed, or better yet—if some church wants a big project, the kitchen needs to be completely remodeled with new equipment installed.

Table coverings, which are three yards long, would be welcome, and some comfortable chairs. Living room curtains need to be replaced. New curtains should be 2½ yards long, or draperies should be three yards long. A clothes dryer would relieve the work load very much.

Help is wanted from an organization, a class, or an entire church. A new goal from the Goals Committee is each church having a definite project for the Home. These are suggestions; perhaps this list will help you think of another project. When you have selected a project, inform Mr. and Mrs. Russell Kuns at The Home, so there will be no duplication.

Which church will be the first to supply the HELP WANTED?



HOW ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS?

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

(For Brethren's Home and Retired Ministers' Fund)

Give through your local Church, or if this is not possible, note the following information. Church Treasurers, also please note:

Make checks payable to Clarence Stogsdill, Treasurer, and address to Rev. Clarence Stogsdill, Box 428, Milledgeville, Illinois.

IMPROVEMENTS at the BRETHREN'S HOME

this past year

RUSSELL RODKEY, Vice-President, The Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board

THOSE OF US who have the responsibility of caring for property know there is a certain amount of upkeep and improvements necessary. The Brethren's Home at Flora, Indiana is not without exception. It seems our improvements at the Home are always quite vast and expensive. This is because we are dealing with a larger unit.

Early last Spring we had the trees trimmed because they were overhanging the roofs.

Because of the inability of many members at the Home to use the bath tubs, some of these were removed and three shower cabinets were installed. At this time, all faulty plumbing was replaced with new, and a new hot water heater was purchased.

In September, we had to replace all plumbing in one cottage, because defective pipes were used in construction. At this time we ran a copper

main line from the Administration Building so each cottage could receive water independent of the others.

In December, I received a call from Brother Kuns saying that the pump had failed. An investigation disclosed a hole in the casing and quick sand was filling in the bottom of the well.

The State Board of Health would not permit us to repair the well at the present location. Consequently, this meant a new well at a different location. On December the 16th, we brought in a new 6-inch well, 67½ feet deep, capable of pumping 150 gallons of water per minute.

These improvements cost approximately \$3,500.00. This seems quite expensive, but had to be done. However, they will more ably care for the Home in the future in case of expansion.

Burlington, Indiana.

Members of the Brethren's Home

and their Birthdays

Mrs. Florence Brower	January 21
Mrs. Ella Duker	February 9
Mrs. Lova Walker	February 26
Roy Stonebraker	March 3
Miss Anna Cashour	March 22
Mrs. Orpha Beekley	April 6
Miss Emma Berkheiser	April 14
Merle Walker	April 17
Mrs. Eva Shanefelt	June 18
David Eller	July 7
Lewis Deeter	August 15
Mrs. Goldie Stonebraker	August 22
Rev. Albert Whitted	August 15
Mrs. Inez Overholser	August 2
Rev. Dyoll Belote	September 1
Mrs. Mary Cripe	September
Mrs. Hattie Mann	September 1
George Crume	September
Mrs. Jennie Whitted	September 1
Mrs. Daisy King	October 1
Mrs. Susie Kleplinger	November 2

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

PARIS and ROME

Paris, July 8, 1958. Again Mrs. Ankrum's diary. "After lunch Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Garst, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Wiley and I went to the Eiffel Tower. I went to the top, and the others went only to the second stage or story. I can see about all over Paris from up there and it was wonderful. We went to and from the Eiffel Tower by taxi—cost 500 Francs to the top. The Tower is 984 feet high. There is a walk-way, but not many were walking. There were crowds of people there."

"Packed everything that we could tonight. Our baggage to be ready at 8:15 in the morning." This was our last day in Paris and it was one filled with much activity. It was interesting to see the street sweepers flush the streets from concealed taps and then brush them with brooms made from tree branches. Streets were kept very clean. Windows and doors were protected when the shops were closed with metal curtains. They well knew the value of this in view of the many riots over the years, and the possibility of future excitements.

Wednesday, July 9th, 1958. Today we go to Rome. Left the hotel soon after 9:00. Went to the Orley Airport where we were to take the plane to Rome. Many interesting persons there, some were interviewed while waiting to take off. One was an Indian who was very interesting. Said India wanted economical aid but no Missionaries. Said "they were fine people but fanatics." Some of the men who interviewed him also photographed him. He wore a heavy black beard, turban and Western clothes. Picked up a TWA bag, compliment of the company. Left by TWA about 12:30 for Rome. Landed at Zurich, Switzerland for about one half hour during which time the plane was serviced and passengers were allowed to get off and go into the Airport. However they were cautioned to take identification papers.

After taking to the air we were served coffee, orange juice, cup cakes and cookies. The flight was at such an altitude that land was visible. The Alps were covered with snow and looked very rough. Elba, to where Napoleon had been banished, was easily visible from the air, as we flew directly over the island. Looked very barren. The young man, Hannibal, and his elephants, centuries ago, plodded while we flew over the same terrain. As we journeyed in a short time over the Alps over which Hannibal and Napoleon crossed, we could not help but wonder as to man's progress.

The Mediterranean really was blue from the air. As we got closer to Rome the barrenness of the country was manifest, turning from green to brown. We could see the Tiber River and much of the outlying city and country. Landing there about 4:30, we were met by a member of the Travel Agency who was very kind and helpful, a lady in every sense of the word. She was especially welcome as she brought mail to the most of us. We were

soon transferred to the new Caesar Augustus Hotel in the northern part of Rome. As we journeyed from the Airport, old Roman remains and aqueducts were visible, and, were pointed out to us. Soon we were passing narrow gates to the walls and realized that we had suddenly returned in mind at least to where worthies of by-gone centuries had lived and ruled.

The Lira is the unit of currency, the value of which varied in U. S. currency, but was about five or six hundred to the dollar. Our passports were taken up by the hotel officials and turned over to the Police. Not that we looked suspicious, but this was the regular custom and nothing special.

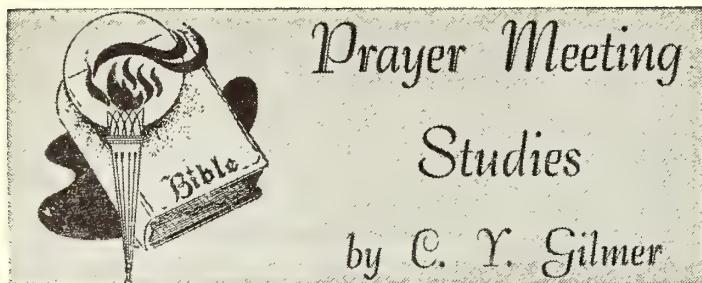
Rome has a population of 1,829,406. It is really "The Eternal City," of the West. It had its beginnings as a shepherd's meeting place on the banks of the Tiber about 509 B. C. Romulus and Remus, brothers, were the fabled founders of Rome, and sculptured figures of them being fed by the she wolf adorned the bridge over the Tiber near our hotel. The city reached its peak during the first and the second centuries, especially under the regimes of Augustus and Trajan. Just across the Tiber from the hotel the Stadium for the Olympic games of 1960 was being built.

The party was joined in Rome by a Rev. Bell, from Toronto, Canada. He had been in Africa. The party now consisted of 25.

Thursday, July 10, 1958. Cloudy when we got up. Soon started lightning and thundering accompanied by rain. In fact that day lightning struck the top row of stones on the Colosseum. It was raining quite hard when we started the tour about 9:00 and kept it up more or less all morning. We first stopped at the Vatican Museum. We were not permitted to take pictures in the buildings, but were sold inferior slides by vendors outside. Visited the Pantheon, which is one of the oldest and best preserved buildings in Rome. It was probably built in the first or second century. There are bones of 11,000 martyrs buried under its massive floor. A large opening in the roof is never closed and lets in the rain. Raphael's tomb is inside the building.

We saw the Sistine chapel, which is quite beautiful. In parts of the buildings there were large tapestries, also statues and paintings by the old Masters. We were in St. Peter's cathedral. It was begun in 1492. Raphael, and Michelangelo worked on the design. It is the largest cathedral in the world. It contains an altar, supposedly over the grave of St. Peter. The Pope alone can offer Mass on this altar. At 12:00, the Pope, Pius XII, appeared at one of the windows in his apartment quarters, and blessed the crowd standing in the rain and under various porticoes. We secured his picture. He has since died. One man was down upon his knees on the cobblestones, bareheaded, making his obeisances.

The rain continued all day, and at 10:00 that night was pouring down. The streets were really wet. People at the hotel were very friendly, and some of the waiters wanted to learn English. Prof. Beadle gave one of the waiters some lessons in pronunciation. There was a statue of St. Peter in the Vatican, the work of Michaelangelo. The big toe of the statue was worn down because of the kisses bestowed upon it by superstitious worshippers. The heroic figure of Moses, carved for the proposed tomb of Julius II was in the Vatican.



COMPASSION

Which now of these three . . . ? Luke 10:36
 Three men, each with a different code,
 Walked one by one along life's road.
 The first one turns at the trail marked Greed,
 Without a thought for those in need.

The second plods with inward gaze,
 Feeling no hate, giving no praise.
 Indifference lights up the sign
 That points to the pathway called Just Mine.

The third man heeds the troubled cry
 Of every stranger passing by.
 He pauses at his brother's side
 To bind his wounds or be his guide.

Three men traverse life's promenade;
 Two walk alone—one walks with God.

—Beatrice Branch.

THE MOST METICULOUS RELIGIONISTS may be utterly indifferent to human needs (Matt. 23:4). Thus the Levite (Lu. 10:32) rendered a heartless lip service in the temple (Matt. 15:8). The priest (Lu. 10:31) could preach, but he was short on practice (Matt. 23:3). Some put a premium on their ability to tell others what they should do, and having done that they feel no obligation to do good (Matt. 16:6; Jas. 4:17). Some think if they are careful to give their tithe to the church they need not exert themselves otherwise (Matt. 23:23). Some can be very exacting about matters of no consequence, and yet "miss the boat" altogether (Matt. 23:24). Religionists motivated by I-ness and Me-ness may blockade "the kingdom of heaven against men" (Matt. 23:13). Such are religiously going to Hell (Matt. 23:33).

"Tho' my I-ness and Me-ness seem trivial,
 Their displeasure can darken and stun
 As the little cold moon can rival
 And eclipse the warm light of the sun."

Rigid religion and ritual, represented by the priest and the Levite in the account of "The Good Samaritan," have no help for lost and wretched humanity (Jude 12, 13). The following words are inscribed on the base of the statue of Liberty:

"Give me your tired, your poor,
 Your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free,
 The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
 Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me:
 I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

Are the above words the voice of today's church, too (1 Jn. 3:17; Jas. 2:14-16)? The one word that differen-

tiates the third man from the first two in the account of Luke 10:29-36 is "compassion" (vs. 33). That is the word that brought Jesus from Heaven (Matt. 9:36)!

"Out of the ivory palaces
 Into a world of woe,
 Only His great eternal love
 Made my Saviour go."

Jesus came down where we are to lift, heal, save and empower us (Phil. 2:7, 8):—

"He found me bruised and dying,
 And poured in oil and wine;
 He whispered to assure me,
 'I've found thee, thou art mine.'"

He sustains us (1 Pet. 5:7), goes with us (Heb. 13:5), and has left His personal promise to return (Jn. 14:1-3).

"There is but One can live and love like this;
 The Christ-love from the living Christ must spring;
 O Jesus! ever live Thy life in me,
 And all Thy heaven of love and blessing bring."

Lesson

Comments

by

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Lesson for February 14, 1960

OUR FIGHT AGAINST ORGANIZED EVIL

Lesson: Acts 19:8-10, 23-28; 20:1-3

WHAT SHOULD BE the Church's attitude toward the social evils of the day? Should she stand idly by while the alcohol industry, the narcotic peddlers, the tobacco manufacturers, the crime syndicates, and the gamblers ruthlessly destroy the moral and spiritual life of our nation?

There are those who say (quite sincerely) that the Church's business is to preach the Gospel, and not to "meddle" in these "incidental" matters. But is it possible to separate the moral, social, and spiritual life of a people?

These are some of the problems the early church faced. And we face them today!

Everywhere Paul went on his journeys, he preached the Gospel—that Jesus Christ was the Messiah of Israel—that He was crucified, resurrected, and ascended; that salvation is only possible through faith in Him.

This was true when Paul went to Ephesus on his Thirtieth Missionary Journey. "He went into the synagogue, and spake boldly . . . concerning the kingdom of God . . . that all they which dwelt in Asia, heard the word of the Lord Jesus" (19:8, 10).

"Ephesus was not only the capital of the Province of Asia, but the leading city of Asia Minor . . . She was famous . . . in literature and art . . . Her principal glory, however, was her Temple of Artemis, which ranked as one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world . . . 'The Great Goddess Artemis' was the supreme deity of the Province; and, since the temple at Ephesus was her chief shrine, multitudes of worshippers trooped thither . . . These brought wealth to the city. They naturally desired to carry home memorials of their visits, and to meet this requirement silver models of the temple were manufactured. It was a lucrative industry, and the silversmiths of Ephesus were an influential guild" (Dr. David Smith).

Perhaps this helps us understand, somewhat, the problems faced in Ephesus. He knew Ephesus was an idolatrous, immoral city. He knew the city's only salvation was the Gospel. So he preached Christ. People were saved. They turned from their idols.

As the Gospel was faithfully proclaimed day after day, month after month, it began to have its effects upon the city. The ungodly silversmiths saw the Gospel was a threat to their sinful business. Soon the whole city was in an uproar!

There is no mention in Acts 19 of any concerted effort on the part of Paul against idolatry, nor against the work of those who made the images. He simply preached the Gospel. As men were genuinely converted, they naturally turned from their old sinful practices.

Some would conclude from this that our preaching should always be **positive**. "Do not attack sin," they say. "Simply preach Christ."

Of course the Church's message should be **positive**! To counteract **falsehood** we should preach **truth**. However, in searching through Paul's epistles we soon see that Paul did not only preach **positively**, but **negatively** as well.

To the Romans, Paul wrote:

"Be . . . **not** slothful in business."

"Avenge **not** yourselves."

"Be **not** overcome of evil."

"Let **not** him that eateth despise him that eateth **not**."

"Let us **not** therefore judge one another any more."

To the Ephesians, he wrote:

"This I say therefore . . . that ye henceforth walk **not** as other Gentiles walk."

"Let **not** the sun go down upon your wrath."

"Let him that stole **steal no** more."

"Let **no** corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth."

"Grieve **not** the Holy Spirit of God."

These are but a few of many verses that could be cited. We see, therefore, that Paul took a stand against **evil**. He preached **POSITIVELY** what Christians **SHOULD** do; and he preached **NEGATIVELY** what they **SHOULD NOT** do!

The truth is, we do not need to "attack" social evils. As good soldiers of Jesus Christ we simply wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17). In so doing we will find, as did Paul, that "the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb. 4:12).

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by **Jim Rowsey**

FROM HERE AND THERE

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"LOST IN THE 'WOULDS'?"

Some folks are lost in "WOULDS" like these—

1. They **WOULD** go to Sunday school, but it is their only day off.
2. They **WOULD** go to Sunday school, but they are too busy.
3. They **WOULD** go to Sunday school, but they are too tired.
4. They **WOULD** go to Sunday school, but no one has told them that your church has a Sunday school.

WOULD YOU help them chart their course out of the **woulds** by inviting them to study with us about the **ONE** who can guide us through life?

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AVERAGE OR ABOVE

In "Teach With Success," Dr. Leavitt gives some disturbing figures from a survey made without regard to size or kind of church. There are said to be almost 3,000,000 Sunday school teachers in the United States, and this is but a sampling of teachers—but if true, where do you fit into the pattern?

The Average Teacher:

- Four out of five teachers are women;
- She is about forty-five years of age;
- She is the mother of two children;
- Her formal education is high school and one year of college;
- She had no teaching experience except that gained in her own church's Sunday school;
- She began teaching in her late teens;
- She spends less than one hour a week preparing her Sunday school lesson;
- Lesson preparation is usually done late on Saturday night;
- She relies entirely upon her Bible and quarterly;
- She usually arrives at Sunday school at the last possible minute, sometimes even being a bit tardy for the opening worship period;
- Ten Sundays out of the year she is absent from her class;
- Although many improvements have been made in materials and teaching methods, she does not know about them and of course, makes little use of them;
- In spite of the above evidence, the "average teacher" feels that her work as a teacher has been fairly successful;
- She attributes her success to her "thorough and regular preparation."

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

Further Hoosier Report

In the January 16th issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* a detailed report of the INDIANA DISTRICT RETREAT appeared on Page 18. Most of the report centered around the results of the three "Brainstorming" session, but space did not permit the total picture.

One other open discussion session was held under the heading "Tools We Have To Use." And again the young people shared ideas very freely—listing some of the many "tools" we have at our finger tips in the Brethren Church to be used for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Here they are:

1. The Bible
 2. Faith
 3. Prayer
 4. The Gospel
 5. Our Talents
 6. Churches
 7. Time
 8. Leadership
 9. Education
 10. Friendships
 11. Courage
 12. Wealth
 13. Desire
 14. Fellowship
 15. Willingness
 16. Money
 17. Christian Literature
 18. Film Strips
 19. Films
 20. Lectures
 21. Speakers
 22. Discussions
 23. Teachers
 24. Sisterhood
 25. Church Choirs
 26. Speech Contest
 27. Gospel Teams
 28. Summer Crusaders
 29. Camps
 30. Ambassador Quartet
 31. Retreats
 32. Brethren College Days
 33. Conferences
 34. District Rallies
 35. Banquets
 36. Conference Youth Communion
 37. Recreation
 38. B. Y. Magazine
 39. Youth Quarterly
 40. Youth Director
 41. Youth Clinics
 42. Ashland College
 43. Ashland Seminary
 44. Missionaries
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PIC of the WEEK



BURLINGTON BOYS' BROTHERHOOD

LET'S HAVE SOME BOYS' BROTHERHOOD NEWS! The above picture was taken about one year ago in the Burlington, Indiana, Brethren Church. The picture and a short write-up appeared in the "Brethren Youth Magazine," pointing up several of their activities.

More similar reports of what your Boys' Brotherhood is doing are urgently needed. Send your news items to National Brethren Youth for publication. Thanks.

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COMING B. Y. EVENTS

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| ASHLAND COLLEGE | FEBRUARY |
| Chapel Choir Concert | 4:00 P. M. |
| ASHLAND COLLEGE | FEBRUARY 19- |
| Brethren College Students Retreat | |
| Ohio Campsite | |
| Other dates: FEBRUARY 26-28; MARCH 4-6; MARCH 11-13 | |
| OHIO DISTRICT YOUTH BOARD | FEBRUARY |
| Ashland, Ohio | |
| MIAMI VALLEY YOUTH RALLY | MARCH |
| Dayton-Hillcrest Brethren Church | |
| CENTRAL DISTRICT SPRING CAMP | APRIL 1 |
| Cerro Gordo, Illinois | |
| NORTHEAST OHIO YOUTH RALLY | APRIL |
| NATIONAL YOUTH BOARD | APRIL |
| Ashland, Ohio | |
| NORTHEAST OHIO RETREAT | APRIL 29—MAY |
| Place: Ohio Camp | |
| Theme: "It Is Time" | |
| Special Speakers: Rev. Charles Munson, Ashland Seminary | |
| John Brownsberger, Louisville, O | |

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Only those who have patience to do simple things perfectly, will acquire the skill to do difficulties easily.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

"Consider the lilies how they grow: They toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." St. Luke 12:27.

PAUSE, LOOK AT NATURE, its beauty, abundant in our earth. God's loveliness always unfolding as He works out His Divine Plan in our world . . . Ugly places now and then, but a flower makes a difference as it blooms.

We see old buildings being taken down and beautiful new buildings being built in their place, yet in time paint has to be added and repairs take place; but the lilies just come forth year after year with all their beauty; God's flowers as no painter can paint them.

Out in the open country where the farmer works, where man is striving for esthetic perfection, there are new homes, new roads and modern machinery. The sadness and desolation is passing away. Always we will pause to look at trees, flowers, and fields of ripened grain.

Several years ago a book was published under the title, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn." With all, Francie loved the tree of heaven that grew beside her tenement home, for there she found satisfaction for her innate cravings for beauty. In these days many people say along in June and July, "Goodbye God, see you in the fall after the frost," and the church moves on without them because they are putting their own self first. Someone can look after God's work in hot weather; they just have to live. But the Bible says something about lives like that, "While I was busy here and there He was gone."

Beauty is inherent in man, men write poems, paint pictures, trying to picture and reproduce God's magnificence of earth's beauty. But God the great architect alone, can build the perfect flower. OUR BEAUTY TODAY depends upon our past thinking, our physical appearance, our environment, and our station in life. These all are results of our thinking.

TO BE A FOOL IN THIS LIFE, is to deem a life of secure and abundant earthly enjoyment to be the summit of human felicity. "But godliness with contentment is great gain" 1st Timothy 6:6.—Selected.

Wedding Announcement

ZIMMERLY-REUSSER. On Sunday afternoon, January 10th at the Smithville Brethren Church, Donald Zimmerly and LaVerne Reusser, were united in marriage. The families and friends filled the church for this beautiful service. Both young people are active members of the Smithville Brethren Church.

Donald E. Rowser, Pastor.

Brethren Annual Changes 1959-60

E. J. BLACK, recently resigned as pastor of the Muncie, Indiana, Brethren Church, now living at: 708 Burlington Drive, Muncie, Indiana.

TUCSON, ARIZONA: New secretary (p. 83) is: Grace Houser, 3201 E. 25th St., Tucson, Arizona.

OAK HILL, W. VA. Correction: Secretary (p. 77) is: Mrs. Ruby Fox, 302 Summerlee Ave., Oak Hill, W. Va.

W. D. FURRY, (p. 87) deceased.

J. RAY KLINGENSMITH, (p. 88) new address: 16 Vernon Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

L. O. McCARTNEYSMITH: New address, (p. 88) is: 21 Virginia Ave., Cumberland, Maryland.

Laid to Rest

HARTZLER. Harry H. Hartzler, 71, passed to his reward on Christmas Day. Faithful member of the Smithville Brethren Church. Survived by his wife, one son, one daughter, eight grandchildren and one sister. Services in charge of the pastor, assisted by Rev. Charles Munson. Burial, Smithville Cemetery.

Donald E. Rowser, Pastor.

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LESLIE. Mrs. Birdie Leslie, 80, Roann, Ind., died Jan. 10. Member of the First Brethren Church of Roann for 62 years. Faithfully served the Lord and was admired by young and old. Services by the writer. Interment, IOOF Cemetery.

Herbert Gilmer, Pastor.

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SNELL. George H. Snell, 68, Glendale, Calif., passed away, Jan. 3rd. For many years a member of the Dayton, Ohio, church, later at West Alexandria, Ohio, and then at Flora, Ind. Survived by his wife, three sons, four grandchildren, and one brother. Interment, Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills, Calif.

Dennis A. Snell, a son,
Glendale, California.

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LANDIS. Mrs. Anna Swartz Landis was born Mar. 30, 1903, and died Jan. 1, at the age of 56 years. Faithful member of the Bethlehem Brethren Church, Harrisonburg, Va. She was held in the highest esteem. Funeral services by her pastor, and Reverends H. G. Allen and Thomas L. Coffman. Interment, Mt. Horeb Cemetery.

John F. Locke, Pastor.

It is noble and manly to think beautiful thoughts, but it is godly and divine to act as we think.

NEEDED: Financial Security!

REV. CLARENCE A. STOGSDILL, Treasurer,
The Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board

SOME FOLK like to separate the words **money** and **finances** from the rest of their Christian vocabulary in such a manner as to make one think that God is ashamed of them. Money is a medium of exchange for Christians, just as it is for the world. God's Word widely teaches the correct use of money, and Christ sanctifies it as a means of furthering His Kingdom on earth. Nevertheless some Christians thwart the Kingdom of Christ by saying "we shouldn't be in God's work 'for that.'" As if using money is the same thing as "being in God's business for money." A Most unhappy error! That sort of attitude, to me, is a way of rationalizing our way out of our financial obligations, or our failures to the same, for Christ's Church. As a matter of fact,

THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE CHURCH AND HER AUXILIARIES is **dependent upon the money of God's people**. Brethren, THE BENEVOLENT WORK IS AN AUXILIARY OF THE CHURCH. It needs and richly deserves, your financial support. Giving is a form of worship. It is an opportunity for service. It is even commanded in the Scriptures. We are to "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." I always like to think that the gifts of God's people represent them on the field of service where they themselves cannot go.

DID YOU KNOW?

That your gifts (in the past) represent **only about one-third** of the entire operational expenses of the Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board. And, if you, the Brethren People vote to enter into a larger area of benevolence work by assisting retired ministers, you must increase your giving proportionately. **The annual offering of the Brethren Benevolent Board** has amounted to about \$11,000. The total budget of both the Brethren's Home, and the Benevolent Board has amounted to approximately \$36,000. Some of this is raised through the farm at the Home, and the rest is raised through the contracts with those who enter the Home. So, you see, **GIFTS ALONE DO NOT SUPPORT THE ENTIRE WORK**. It is somewhat self-supporting. And

BE REMINDED, BRETHREN,

that the work of your present board is in reality a twofold work: that of the original **BRETHREN'S HOME BOARD**, and the **SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS FUND**. Whereas the work was originally covered by **TWO OFFERINGS**, must now be done by **ONE**. So . . . for the sake of security,

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A MEMORY SYSTEM

Priscilla Leonard

Forget each kindness that you do
As soon as you have done it;

Forget the praise that falls to you
The moment you have won it;

Forget the slander that you hear
Before you can repeat it;

Forget each slight, each spite, each
sneer
Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done
To you, what'er its measure;

Remember those who lend you aid,
And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness
That comes your way in living;

Forget each worry and distress,
Be hopeful and forgiving;

Remember good, remember truth,
Remember Heaven's above you,

And you will find, through age and
youth

True joys, and hearts to love you.
—Christian Witness.

A DANGEROUS HABIT

The fault-finding habit is a bad one. It is easily acquired and not readily broken. We live in an imperfect world. Everything is flawed and defective. Institutions all blunder and fall short of the ideal. Persons are all erring creatures and their faults give us offense. But one should not pay too much attention to the faults of others or to the defects of the world in which he lives. He may become a chronic fault-finder, and in that case he will become a grumbler. If he is not careful he will degenerate into a growler. And if he growls long enough, he will degenerate into a snarler, and in the end he will become a cynic. When man has become a cynic, he has reached the bottom. There is nothing lower than cynicism. A cynic is of no account either to himself, or to anyone else. He is a nuisance and a stumbling block. He did not intend at the start to become a cynic. He began by finding fault, and the habit grew on him until his mind became twisted and his heart sour.

—Dr. Charles E. Jefferson.

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NO REGRETS ...

For doing good to all;
For speaking evil of none;
For hearing before judging;
For thinking before speaking;
For asking pardon for all errors;
For holding an impatient tongue;
For being kind to the distressed;
For being patient toward everybody;
For disbelieving most of the ill reports.

—Selected.

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When we do something good we never know how far-reaching it may be. It may reach the farthest bounds of the earth and rise to the highest dome of heaven.

If gossip made saints, lots of churches could have Holy Ghost, so stirring revivals.

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GOD'S SCHOOL

God keeps a school for His children here on earth and one of the best teachers is Disappointment. My friend, when you and I reach our Father's house, we shall look back and see that the sharp-voiced, rough-visaged teacher, Disappointment, was one of the best guides to train for it.

He gave us hard lessons. He often used the rod. He often led us in thorny paths. He sometimes stripped off a load of luxuries, but that only made us travel the freer and the faster on our Heavenly way. He sometimes led us down into the valley of death shadow, but never did His promises read so sweetly as when spelled out by the eye of faith in that valley. Nowhere did He lead us so often, or teach us such sacred lessons, as at the Cross of Christ. Did the old, rough-handed teacher? We will build a monument to thee yet and crown it with garlands and inscribe on it, "Blessed be the memory of Disappointment."—Selected.

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I have never heard of anyone naming their sons after agnostics, atheists and infidels; therefore it is a mighty worthless life to live, and a profession to advocate, if nobles name their sons after you, even infidels themselves.



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The Editor's Pulpit

"Ye Shall Receive Power"

POWER is a big thing these days. We are told that if we would have had in America the powerful rocket engines which Russia seemingly has had, there would have been no question about who would now be the leader in space travel.

The use of power in America is increasing greatly year by year. Yes, this is the age of power—in business, homes, and, we trust, in our churches.

The power in the church, though, is of a different nature. The Lord said to the disciples, "Ye shall receive power." When He said it, the time was future. That time came on the day of Pentecost. The power of God—the Holy Spirit—came upon them, filled them, motivated them, and they produced great results for the Lord. Even then, we imagine, the power of the Holy Spirit was limited to a degree according to the willingness of the disciples to be used of the Lord.

The power of Protestant Christianity is decreed to be in line with the power given to the early disciples. That is, today's power in the Christian church must be the power of the Holy Spirit. In the days of the steam engines we thrilled as these great mammoths of the rails would chug, wheeze and pull their heavy loads along the shining rails and up the steep mountains. There was power and energy which did what steam engines were supposed to do.

Yet on one occasion we heard a speaker tell of a great passenger train which was fully equipped, passengers were aboard, crew members were on hand. The conductor called, "All Aboard," the engineer pulled the throttle, but nothing happened. It seemed a silly thing to say, but they discovered there was no fire beneath the boiler. Consequently, there was no steam to pull the train. Just recently, now that we are in the days of the diesel engines, we learned of one train which ran out of fuel while on a run—thus no power to pull the train. Silly, you say, that any crew would be so careless as to start a run without sufficient fuel to finish the run? Not any

more so, than a church which seeks to promote a program of progress without the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit!

Jesus said, "Ye **shall** receive power." Is the coming of the power of the Spirit of God future, and if so, when shall we receive it? The power is available **now**, so, when do we get it? Before we can receive this power, certain conditions must be met. We must first of all, belong to the Lord. Confession of sin, faith in and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, obedience to His commands, and an yielding of self to His will. Missing any of these makes a block to the full power of the spirit.

We must really want the power of the Spirit! It is true that we pray for the power of the Spirit, but are we ready for the results? We pray for conversions in our churches, but are we ready to receive them when they do come? Would we be willing to depart from our preformed order of services to accommodate the results of the Spirit's power in our church? Tears, repentance, re-dedication, reconsecration, confession, etc., result when the power of the Spirit really comes.

The power of God through the Holy Spirit is for those who seek it! It is essential to any church which seeks to serve God and glorify Him. Apart from the working of the Spirit, all we do or say in our church activity is but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. We may do many works and perform great wonders, but unless what we do is of God through the Spirit, it will crumble with the setting of the sun—maybe sooner.

The first verse of Psalm 127 points this out very vividly, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Except the power of God through the Holy Spirit, is permitted to operate in our church work, we are building but a temporary thing. The power is promised, and in many places is being used. What about our church—are we using the power of the Holy Spirit as God wishes? When conditions are met, God blesses, empowers and brings about great and lasting results. W. S. B.

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APPRAISING OUR ARGENTINE PROGRAM

We have every reason to be grateful and hopeful concerning the work in Argentina. I was quite pleased with the progress of the work as I found it in my recent visit. I am certain that all of you would be delighted with the manner in which your missionary representatives have plunged themselves into the work.

I cannot cease praising God for the way He has guided the work and for the direction and strength He has given to Rob and Jane Byler as they carried the tremendous load, particularly in these recent years of reorganization. Then too, God was wonderfully good in opening the door for John and Regina Rowsey and for Kenneth and Jeannette Solomon and their children. The Rowses have been in Argentina a little less than two years, and the Solomons have been there a little less than a year and a half; but both John and Kenneth are up to their necks in the work, and both families have made real contributions in various ways.

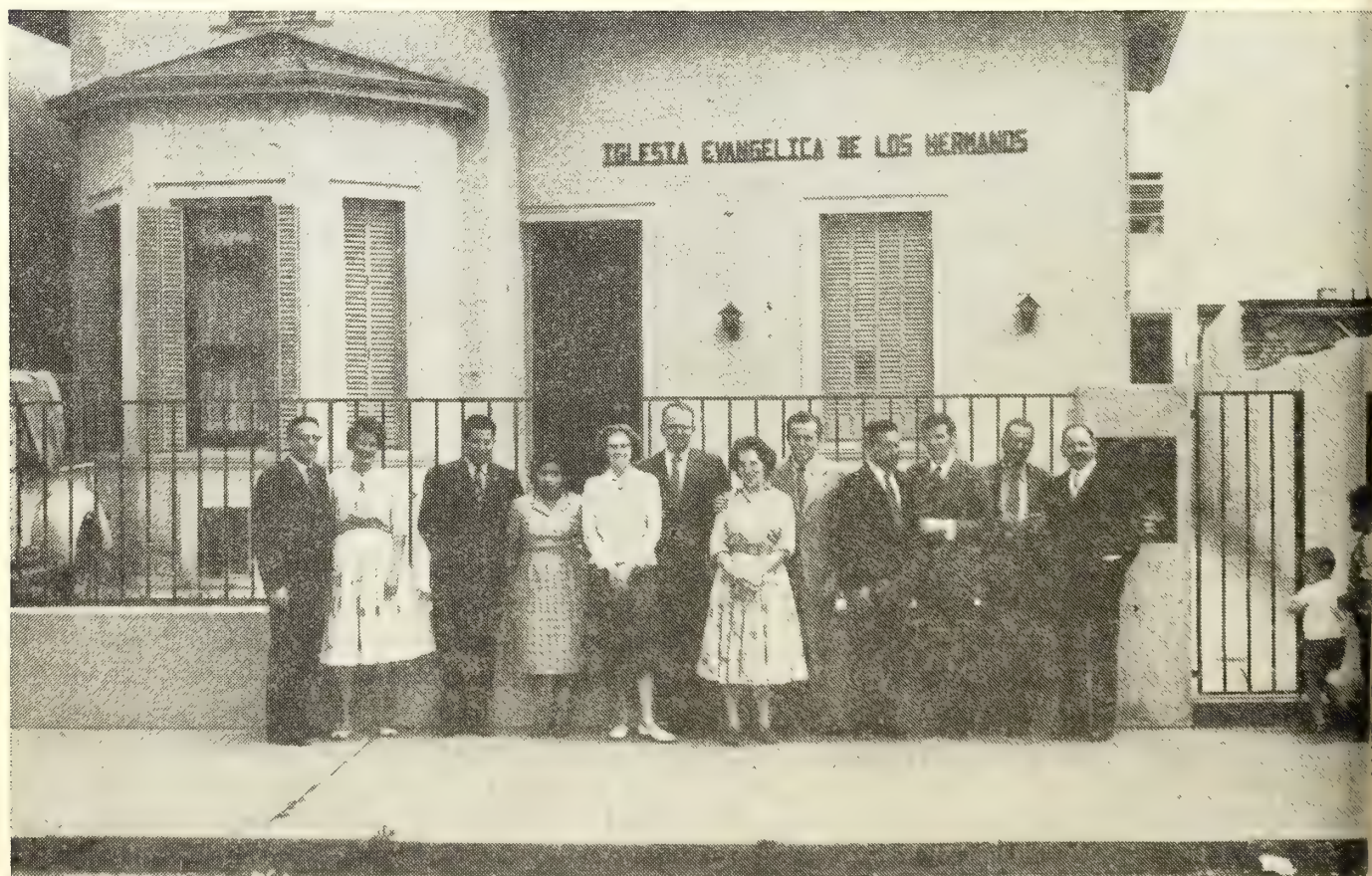
There is much evidence here to justify the Missionary Board's policy of carefully selecting well-qualified candidates and giving them the best training and orientation possible before sending them to the field. The work

today calls for well-qualified, well-trained and spirit-filled people who are able to adjust readily and who have great capacity for work.

Headquarters Building

The headquarters building, located at O'Higgins 316 in Buenos Aires is really wonderful. This property was purchased a few years ago at a very reasonable price and now it is worth several times what it cost the Board. Some of you will recall that the old dwelling on this property was cleaned up by the Nunez congregation, under the leadership of the Bylers, and it has since that time been used as a meeting place for the Nunez Church and for office quarters.

Within the last year the front of this building has been transformed by removing the old porch, applying some paint, and putting the name of the church across the front of the building in large metal letters. A very attractive metal fence with a gate was also erected across the front of the lot. This is typically Argentine, and assures some privacy and protection. Some landscaping with flowers and shrubs is yet to be completed. All of this new



Argentine National Workers and Missionaries with Headquarters Building in the background

look on the front of the building is being paid for by the Nunez congregation.

On the lot to the rear of the original building, two apartments and a radio studio have been constructed. The apartments occupied by the Byler and Rowsey families are very lovely and practical.

For the present, this eases our problem of providing housing for our missionary families. In the past, it has been necessary to rent, and this has not been wholly satisfactory, for there are numerous complications in renting. It will be necessary for us to keep in mind that additional housing will need to be provided as additional missionaries go to the field.

The recording studio is said to be one of the very best in Argentina. It makes the Gospel available to a potential audience of 240,000 people in Argentina, by taping thirty-minute programs which are released over several broadcasting stations in Argentina. This provides a practical ministry to those who have not heard the Gospel; many are responding.

The patio and recreation area to the rear of the building are yet to be developed. This will provide a little outdoor's privacy for those living in the apartments. It will also be useful in carrying on the expanding youth program of the Nunez Church.

The Open Bible

Hundreds of people who pass by the Nunez Church on O'Higgins Street stop to read the open Bible which is displayed in an enclosed chamber in one of the concrete fence posts. The Bible can be read easily through the glass window. At night the Bible is illuminated, and the light attracts many to stop and read. Some have inquired about purchasing a Bible for themselves. May God bless this unique ministry.

(W. Clayton Berkshire)

PROGRESS AT PAPAGO PARK



oderator Lawrence M. Stuckman erecting a sign on church property in (Papago Parkway) Tempe, Arizona.

Much progress has been made in the few short months following the erection of this sign, for which we praise

God. A groundbreaking service was held on December 27, 1959, with a picture and write up appearing in a subsequent issue of the *Evangelist*. Yes, the Papago Park Brethren Church is building for Christ.

Progress on the building is proceeding very nicely according to recent news from the pastor, Reverend Francis Berkshire. He tells us that all windows and door frames have been primed and the laying of blocks for the walls is well under way.

Interest has definitely increased as evidenced by 51 in attendance for worship service on January 24. This is double the number in attendance a few months back.

Brethren, another church is in the making because many of you have given prayerful and financial support. Will you continue to remember this young church in your prayers? Pray and give so that many more Brethren churches may be erected to proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ! Watch the missionary page for further progress of this new church in the "Valley of the Sun."

Items of General Interest

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Brother George W. Solomon comments on their Sunday School Institute which was held for two evenings, January 25th and 26th: "We had a good Institute, and felt it was very profitable. We had a number of visitors from other churches, including Wayne Heights and St. James Brethren." Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, of Chambersburg, Penna., conducted the Institute.

Brother Solomon reports the baptism and reception of five new members on January 24th.

ASHLAND, OHIO. Congratulations to Missionaries Bill and Fran Curtis on the arrival of Deborah Sue Curtis. The new arrival was born at Samaritan Hospital, Ashland, Ohio, the evening of January 20th, and weighed in at a little over seven pounds.

NORTH GEORGETOWN, OHIO. Brother Richard E. Allison reports the dedication of their new parsonage on February 7th. Frank Morrison, student at Ashland Seminary, was the scheduled speaker. Open House followed the dedication services. The parsonage was dedicated "debt-free."

WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO. The W. M. S. presented their public service the evening of January 24th. The missionary film, "Torch in the Night," was featured on the program.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. Brother John T. Byler has tendered his resignation as pastor of the New Lebanon church, to accept the call of the South Bend, Indiana, Brethren Church, to serve as pastor. The change in pastorates will take place about the middle of June.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. One new member was received into the church by baptism on January 20th.

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OUR COVER PICTURE. Two Medicine Lake, Glacier National Park, Montana. Don Knight Photo.

THE SEARCH FOR GOD

IT IS NOT STRANGE that man wants to worship something or somebody because God and His Son created man to worship God their Maker. Their souls yearn and cry for God. David expresses his feeling in Psalm 42:2, "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God." In verse 3 we gather that David felt the closest to God when in difficulty. His enemies said of him, in a mocking way, "Where is your God?" Verse 4 states, "I have found Him in the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with the multitude that kept holy-day."

In Proverbs 8:17 we read, "I love them that love me; and those that SEEK me early shall find me." The question now comes, "Why doesn't everyone seek and search for God?" For the answer we must turn to Genesis 3 where we find that man fell into sin. Satan came and ruined all the good that God had made. Satan is god of this world because he was cast out of heaven (Isa. 14:12-17). After he was successful in getting man to fall, snatching the soul of man away from God, we find man makes his own gods and worships the way he pleases. Abel was a type of spiritual man which you can find today. Cain is the type of man who says, "I'll worship how I please and when I please. I'll take care of myself. I'll make my own religion." This type of man can also be found in the world today. The devil is pleased with this type of man for he is headed toward an eternal hell. The devil wants plenty of company when he is cast into the bottomless pit (Revelation 20).

Since Christ came and redeemed us (bought our souls back from Satan), God has been searching and calling men to the perfect Lamb of God for salvation through His Son. God is searching for men's souls through His Holy Spirit and His Word, like a searchlight at an airport is searching

for planes out in the darkness of night. This light will give the pilot a safe landing and all passengers shall be saved. As the pilot draws near to the field he hears the word of instruction and is able to see the runway clearly because it is lighted on both sides. If we listen to God He will guide us on the straight and narrow path that leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Matt. 7:14). We must LOOK and we must LISTEN to God. Don't be a Cain, be an Abel!

It is interesting to find these truths in God's Word.

(1) **GOD IS ABOVE US.** In Joshua 2:11 we read about a sinful woman, Rahab. She said to God's spies, "And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above, and in the earth beneath." We know this harlot woman was changed in heart, was forgiven and saved from destruction. She searched for God and found Him! A bad person becomes a good person through the forgiveness of God!

(2) **GOD IS AROUND US.** Psalms 125:2, "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever." A little boy was walking through the meadow with his grandfather one evening. After admiring the sunset and all the beautiful surroundings, he looked at his grandfather and said, "Grandpa, where is God?" Grandpa replied, "God is everywhere." How true this is. God is in every living thing! God is in every good thing!

(3) **GOD IS BEFORE US.** Exodus 13:21, "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; And by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and by night." How true Christian friend. God is leading



Rev. Herbert Gilmer

us as faithfully today. We are pilgrims and strangers here on this earth and He is guiding us through to heaven, our "Promised Land." Paul says in Philippians 3:20, "Our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body." Are you getting homesick for heaven?

(4) **GOD IS BEHIND US.** Isaiah 30:21, "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." We can face the year with serenity if we will listen for the still small voice, and obey the voice and direction of His Holy Spirit.

(5) **GOD IS BENEATH US.** Deuteronomy 3:27, "The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust the enemy from before thee; and shall say, destroy them." I have never been able to find anything in the Bible that would lead a Christian to believe that we are on a losing side in the battle against satan and his hosts. Revelation 1:18, "I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." In Romans 8, Paul indicated that, "nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus." In our seminary tour of 1958 we traveled at least 11,000 miles by air. Many times I would look out over the huge wings of our plane and marvel at the power of the motors that were carrying us at an altitude of 20,000 feet and at the speed of 350 miles per hour. The huge wings made me think of this verse, "The eternal God is our refuge and underneath are his everlasting arms." I thought of how those motors could fail and let us down into destruction, but the power of our God never fails. Underneath are His EVERLASTING arms!

(6) **GOD IS WITH US.** Isaiah 41:10. Let us analyze this verse. "Fear thou not; for I am 1. WITH THEE; be not dismayed, for 2. I AM THY GOD: 3. I WILL STRENGTHEN THEE, yea, 4. I WILL HELP THEE, yea, 5. I WILL UPHOLD THEE WITH THE RIGHT HAND OF MY RIGHTEOUSNESS!"

People in the world are seeking security for the future, but many are going the wrong direction to find it. Farm land, stocks, bonds, and all kinds of insurance seem to be the main interest of throngs of people. No wonder Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Also in Matt. 8, Jesus is saying, "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." Let us WALK WITH GOD this year for our security.

(7) **GOD IS IN US.** Paul says in I Cor. 6:19, 20, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Let us give our bodies to the blessed Holy Spirit, that He may use our eyes, our ears, our lips, hands and feet to carry out the work that God has called us to do. Let us talk to the Holy Spirit and let Him talk to us! Let Him give us the orders instead of the reverse. In so doing we shall truly realize that GOD IS IN US!

Are you searching for God? Jeremiah 29:13, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with ALL your heart."

Roann, Indiana.

National Goals Program

of The Brethren Church

One section of the National Goals Program is devoted to the Benevolent Board and the work which it is doing. Inasmuch as the Benevolent Board Offering will soon be lifted throughout the Brethren Church, the National Goals Program Committee presents herewith several thoughts pertaining to this portion of the Goals Program. Written

by a man who is both a member of the Goals Committee and Secretary of the Benevolent Board, Mr. Dorman Ronk, this article contains several excellent suggestions which should help churches attain the goals found in this part of the program.

Henry Bates, Chairman.

V. BENEVOLENT BOARD GOALS

1. Pastor's participation in Retirement Fund and/or Social Security	2	_____
2. Lifting of Benevolent Day Offering	1	_____
3. Benevolent Day Offering showing increase over previous year	2	_____
4. Each church having a definite project for the Brethren Home (Contact Mr. and Mrs. Kuns)	2	_____
5. Participation in "Food for the Faithful" project	2	_____

IN THE SIXTH CHAPTER of Acts we find the apostles making arrangements to have widows cared for by a special group of deacons. Today the Benevolent Board is serving our church in much the same way. We, as Brethren, have a very definite service to render to our Church by seeing that the aged are cared for. These goals are a guide to encourage you to do your part in this program. But—do we all do our part? Do we know the needs of our own church, so we can do our part, and even more? Do you know of the blessings that come from giving till it hurts?

The Benevolent Board goals for this year need to be emphasized now.

- 1. Pastor's participation in the Retirement Fund and/or Social Security: Our denomination has had its own retirement program, and every pastor that can qualify should be on this program. Since some ministers could not qualify because of their age, they should be paying into Social Security. Does your Church pay into either of these programs for your pastor? Why not check and find out?
- 2. Lifting of Benevolent Day Offering: Each church can participate in this goal in February. This is our chance to help the aged.
- 3. Benevolent Day Offering showing an increase over previous year: With ever-increasing costs, it is impossible to continue the work of the Benevolent Board and keep all facilities in proper repair, in addition to giving the proper aid to the members, without an increase in funds.

The general conference approved a retirement plan for ministers not covered by social security, which was fully explained in *The Brethren Evangelist*, December 19, 1951. In order to meet the retirement program the offering should be increased three (3) times over last year's offering. As an individual, are you giving more?

4. Each Church having a definite project for The Brethren's Home: This is a new goal to enable more individuals to become actively interested in The Home. Sunday School class or other church organization will certainly grow and profit by sponsoring a project. Contact Mr. Russell Kuns at The Brethren's Home, Flora, Indiana for a special suggestion.

5. Participation in "Food for the Faithful" project: The Brethren Youth have been urging you each year to bring canned fruits and vegetables to General Conference. Of course, these gifts can be taken any time directly to The Home, if that is more convenient. There is always a need at The Home for food, so you won't need to wait till Conference-time to bring your gifts to the Home.

When the opportunity comes in February, let all of us give from what we have to help those who have in years gone by served our Lord and Master. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Dorman L. Ronk, Secretary
The Benevolent Board
Goshen, Indiana.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE OHIO DISTRICT CAMP BOARD

ON JANUARY 9, 1960 the Ohio Brethren Camp Board met in Ashland to discuss plans for the new camping year. The items which follow were points discussed.

I. MARCH 1, 1960 LAST CHANCE TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR OHIO CAMP. If you want to enter a name in the contest it must be done before the above date. Send all entries to Jack Smith, 1020 Mohican Drive, Ashland, Ohio.

II. CAMP WILL BE OPENED IN FEBRUARY for week-end retreats on a limited scale. The first groups in will be from Ashland College.

III. THE SHALLOW SECTION OF THE LAKE WILL BE SANDED. Sand is already on the grounds for sanding the shallow section and some parts of the banks. On February 1, the lake was within seven inches of the overflow pipe.

V. THE CAMP HAS BEEN RENTED to an independent church group from Mansfield, Ohio. They will use

the camp at the conclusion of our own camping program.

V. OHIO CAMP WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR FOUR WEEKS this year as last. Rev. Keplinger, chairman of the Sunday School Board stated recently that the camp season will be the four weeks between District and National Conference.

VI. NEW TREES TO BE PLANTED in the spring. Government inspectors have instructed the Camp Board that approximately one-fourth of the trees planted last spring have not survived. By a replanting of these trees we will be entitled to our full amount of money. Laymen help will be needed in the spring to do this replanting.

VII. NO CHARGE FOR GROUP PICNICS AND RETREATS will be made by the Camp Board. Freewill offerings will be received to care for costs of the use of camp grounds.

COMING EVENTS

Pennsylvania District
Brethren Youth Rally
WINTER WORK PROGRAM

Third Brethren Church, Morrellville,
Johnstown, Pennsylvania
February 27th

Guest Speaker: Rev. William H. Anderson
Registration—26c Lunch—49c

Lois Jean Wertz, Secretary.

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Dedication Service for new Sunday School addition—Feb. 21—Rev. George W. Solomon, Pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO (Hillcrest). Bible Lectures—Mar. 7-16—Dr. Joseph R. Shultz, Speaker; Rev. Percy C. Miller, Pastor.

BERLIN, PENNA. Dedication of new parsonage—Feb. 14, 2:00 P. M.—Rev. N. Victor Leatherman, Speaker; Rev. Ralph E. Mills, Pastor.

INTERESTING ITEMS

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SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (ARDMORE). The W. M. S. public service was held on January 24th. John and Pete Vartanian, of Aleppo, Syria, were guest speakers and singers.

Mrs. C. William Cole brought the message in the Ardmore church the morning of January 24th.

MISHAWAKA, INDIANA. Brother C. William Cole was guest speaker in the Mishawaka church on January 24th.

PAPAGO PARK, ARIZONA. Brother H. Francis Berkshire notes continued progress, with attendances on January 17th of 27 for Sunday school and 35 for the worship service.

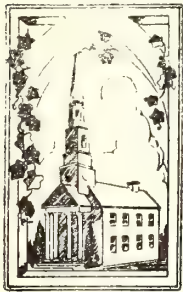
Floors for the new church have been poured and window and door sills are now in place.

ADVANCE NOTICE

1960 BRETHREN PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

April 26, 27, 28

Theme: "The Pastor and His Ministry"



What's Doing
in the
Churches



ROANN, INDIANA SECURES
A COMPLETE ENROLLMENT BOARD

SOON AFTER WE CAME to the Roann field we discovered that giving was very low and that the offerings coming in were the gifts of the most faithful attenders. There were a few non-resident members sending in contributions, but not enough. Our Church was not meeting many of its denominational obligations, district and national. The problem was brought before our Official Board.

After much discussion the Official Board recommended that the Finance Committee meet and prepare a budget for the year 1960. In the budget was included our College obligation, our members becoming 100% subscribing Church to the Evangelist, our supporting Robert Bishof in Nigeria, the meeting of all district and national obligations, and all local items necessary to make an efficient program. The Official Board accepted the proposed budget and recommended to have a new enrollment board made that would keep everyone informed of the Church records as well as the Sunday School. The Church voted to accept both proposals.

Robert Ridenour, a carpenter of our membership, had the new enrollment board ready near the beginning of the new church year, which was October. Each Sunday our people look at the board with interest. Bibles, chapters and

and Sunday School is growing materially and spiritually. Both are essential to any Church of Jesus Christ.

The Official Board requested twelve slots on each side of the board, wherein any additional records can be placed. We ordered extra numbers and the proper lettering for our local needs. Below the twelfth slot is a handy place to keep the numbers for the board. The doors have magnetic fasteners to keep them shut. This makes it very convenient for the person who keeps the board up to date. This board draws the attention of a good many visitors in our church, therefore we would like to share it with others who may be interested in better informing you people. More of our people are giving now and our Treasurer, Berl Brower, has reported that the giving has been \$176.89 per week. Our budget calls for \$177.00 per week. Most of our members are farmers and the farmer has been getting the "squeeze" on profits for the last year.

Our Roann Brethren believe that people give better when they are informed. Information from the record board is placed in the Church bulletin each week. Bulletins are sent to absentees, also informing them. Our monthly paper called "In Orbit", has a mailing list of 244. This includes all members, friends of the church and prospects. The spiritual and material progress of our Church is reported in this paper also.

We are very happy to have this enrollment board and would recommend it to any church. The letters and numbers are large enough to be read anywhere in the sanctuary. We are very grateful to Brother Robert Ridenour for his work on this board. He did an excellent job. The Ridenours sold their farm in our area and moved to Florida. Before leaving the last of October, they presented the enrollment board as a gift to our Church. We do miss them so very much in Roann, as they were very faithful attenders. Our loss is the gain of our Sarasota Brethren Church. We believe God will use them there to encourage and boost the workers and new pastor when he arrives.

Herbert Gilmer.



BERLIN BRETHREN DEDICATE NEW PARSONAGE

The Berlin Brethren Church will celebrate their Open House and Dedication of their new parsonage Sunday, February 14, between 2:00 and 4:00 P. M. The home is the fulfillment of a dream that the people have had for nearly 25 years, so this makes for a joyous occasion.

Rev. N. V. Leatherman, pastor at the time of the Church mortgage burning and faithful pastor for 12 years, will be our guest speaker at the morning service.

The home has been built adjacent to the Church in matching brick, and includes a huge recreation room with fireplace in the basement; kitchen, dining room, living room (with fireplace), master bedroom, bath and church office on the first floor; plus three bedrooms upstairs including the guest room furnished by the Willing Workers club. The house has baseboard heating throughout.

The old parsonage, used for nearly 50 years, was sold for \$10,000 and the cost of the new structure will be a little over \$26,000. It is hoped that a debt of less than \$4,000 can be liquidated on dedication day.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Housing Committee: Mr. Ted Sarver, Mr. Paul Cober, Mr. Karl Hay, Mr. Harold

131	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	248
175	RECORD ATTENDANCE	200
151	ATTENDANCE TODAY	141
142	ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	75
97	ATTENDANCE A YEAR AGO TODAY	17700
2601	DEFERING TODAY	14228
2677	OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	7290
57	ABSENTEE TODAY	51
85	WILLING WORKERS	40
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absentees were added to the regular information on the Sunday School side. Record attendance on both sides of the board serve as a goal to strive toward. The Church is informed of offerings and attendances of all meetings now and one year ago. One can readily tell whether the Church

Shultz, Mrs. Jack Brant, Miss Mary Menges, for many hours of devotion to the building of the home. They have worked hard and have done a job worthy of praise.

The people of the Church have shown a fine spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm which has added greatly to the beauty of this achievement for the work of the Lord. One never knows his strength until he puts it to the test. The people of Berlin have done a splendid piece of work in the past years of first beautifying the sanctuary, supporting a missionary, and now of building a new parsonage.

An endeavor of this nature could not have been undertaken without the guidance of God and throughout the work there has been evidence that each step has been the result of the prayers of the people and the help of God. God has been gracious to His children here, for without His encouragement and challenge the task would have been impossible.

We might add that our Fall Communion found 261 in attendance bringing the average attendance for the two services in 1959 to 275. Nearly 50% of our offerings were given to the Brethren Denominational interest outside our local Church.

We extend to all the Brethren to visit with us and celebrate this joyous occasion on "Dedication Day," or at any time throughout the year. We urge your prayers for the work of the Lord in our community and the world.

Ralph E. Mills, Pastor.



SOUTHERN INDIANA MINISTERS MEET

The Southern Indiana Ministers met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Gilmer, in Roann, on January 12th. The host minister led the group in meditation and Bible Study from 2 Timothy 4:1-8, and Titus 3. A circle of prayer was given after this.

The fellowship dinner was enjoyed by the following: Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Riddle, of Roanoke; Dr. and Mrs. Claud Studebaker, of Huntington; Rev. and Mrs. Bright Hanna, of Twelve Mile; Rev. and Mrs. Horace Huse, of Loree; Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Grumbling and children, of College Corner; Rev. Elmer Keck and Frank Yost of Burlington; Rev. Floyd Sibert, of Mexico; and Mrs. Gilbert Maus, of Denver.

In the afternoon the group attended the funeral of Mrs. Birdie Leslie, who had been a member of the Brethren Church for 62 years. Rev. and Mrs. Harry Richer, of Peru, Indiana, brought messages in song. The writer officiated.

After the memorial service for this fine Christian woman, the ministers returned to the parsonage for the afternoon meeting. President Horace Huse led the ministers in a discussion entitled, "How to Make our Communion Services More Meaningful." We were all greatly blessed by the sharing of experiences and the telling of new ideas that had proven to be successful in helping to make this service more valuable to our members.

Dr. and Mrs. Riddle, and Rev. and Mrs. Grumbling were given a welcome to our Southern District Ministerium. Both have moved into our area recently. Our next meeting will be May 10th at Rev. and Mrs. Hanna's.

Herbert Gilmer, Secretary.

MATTESON BRETHREN, BRONSON, MICHIGAN

A report for the year of 1959 from the Matteson Brethren Church.

At the close of 1958 and at the beginning of 1959 we had a circle of prayer. This was to close out the old year and to bring in the new one. Our prayer being that we would do more for Him.

The pastor and family were forced to move early in the new year because the house that was being rented for the parsonage was sold. A great deal of prayer and consideration went into the finding of a new parsonage. Our prayers being answered, we moved into a beautiful farm home where we have been living for nearly a year.

In April, Rev. E. J. Black conducted our first Communion Service, and this was the first to be held in the new church. Not knowing how many would be present we prepared for twenty-one—twenty were present and that left one place for our guest—OUR LORD JESUS. This service was a great blessing to all.

Early in the summer the church purchased four new tables which have been put to good use. One is used for the children's Sunday School class in the basement. All are used when we have a carry-in-dinner. Of course they are used in many other ways too.

We were very pleased with the service that the Ambassadors presented to us June 20; forty-two attended this meeting.

We also now have a temporary church sign in front of the church.

The church purchased shrubs for around the church in September—they added much to the Lord's little church.

October 4, we held our Homecoming Services; the Lord mightily blessed—Walter Lichtenberger was the afternoon speaker—forty-seven were present for the morning worship and forty-eight for the afternoon. At noon a delicious carry-in dinner was enjoyed by all.

On the morning of November 1 a dear friend of ours was the speaker at Sunday School and at our Worship Service. Rev. Bill Maher, who started "God's Handi-Work, Inc." in Florida. His work takes him into homes of handicapped persons, presenting to them the Word of God. Some parents of handicapped children have said to him, "You are the first person that ever cared for my child's soul." Bill at one time could not walk, could not use his hands and arms, could not speak or hear. He knows that God has healed him, and he knows that because of these afflictions he can better understand the problems of those who are at the present time afflicted. At the close of the Worship service many came forward to rededicate their lives to the Lord.

Saturday evening before Christmas the church put on a short skit entitled "Joy To The World". This Christmas program had a wonderful message for those who attended (46 were present).

The church members and the community joined their efforts to make 71 people happy at Christmas at a local nursing home by fixing packages containing fruit, candy, and cookies.

The church has also held two services at the Nursing Home on Sunday afternoons. We hope to be able to do this once a month in the year 1960.

I have also taken part in about five jail services in a nearby town. This is something else I hope to be more

active in this year. Some of the laymen of the church are interested in this work also. God has told us to go out into the by-ways as well as in the highways. It is wonderful to take the word of God to these men in the jail.

Through the year we also had several Sunday night singingspirations instead of our usual service. This included special music and the singing of the old familiar hymns. The service usually was followed by a social gathering in one of the members' homes. The people seem to enjoy this very much.

During the year I had two weddings. My first was held in the church, which was the church's first also. Also I had three funerals; one was a double (father and son) Military funeral. These were wonderful experiences for me.

Last but REALLY FIRST in importance—we went to Elkhart twice and Rev. Milton Bowman baptized 4 new converts and one transferring her letter from the church of Christ. Yes, the Lord has given us many blessings in the year 1959 but we at the Matteson Brethren Church only pray we can do more for Him in 1960.

Buck D. Garrett, Pastor.



MATHIAS BRETHREN, MATHIAS, W. VA.

Rev. W. E. Thomas of North Liberty, Indiana, was our evangelist for a ten-day meeting Sept. 21 to Oct. 1st. Through these services Christians were strengthened and four young folks made their decision for Christ.

There was special music each night consisting of vocal solos, duets and trios as well as piano and organ duets. Rev. H. R. Garland, with a delegation from the Cumberland, Md., Brethren Church, attended services one night and furnished the special music. Also a delegation from Purgettsville, W. Va., close friends of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas, attended one night and brought the special numbers. Rev. Thomas entertained the congregation each night with music on his saw, accompanied by Janie Fitzwater at the piano and Annabelle Fitzwater at the organ. The Thomas' endeared themselves to all and we hope to have them back again in the not-too-distant future.

Rev. Robert Hoffman of the Maurertown church conducted ordination services for two new deacons and a deaconess on Sunday night, Aug. 9th. He also conducted our fall communion services, with a goodly number in attendance.

The pulpit committee has been able to secure the services of a minister to fill the pulpit two Sundays a month for the past three months. Our records show the attendance to be about the same as a year ago.

We presented our annual Christmas program on the night of Dec. 25, which seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Our W. M. S. has been quite busy, having almost completed our district goals. Six members of the society attended district rally at Mt. Olive, Va., Oct. 21st.

The mortgage on our new parsonage is slowly but surely being paid off and we are looking forward to the time when it will be occupied by a full-time pastor.

Clarice Fitzwater, Sec'y.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

HOW DO YOU WALK?

"Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Leviticus 19:18.

SOME YEARS AGO in one of my first pastorates I was one evening, at candlelight, walking down the street toward the business section. For some unexplainable reason my attention was attracted to the walk of a man a few steps ahead of me. Somewhere in my previous experience I had observed that man. Quietly I quickened my step and drew alongside the party. Glancing out of the corner of my eye I discovered that I was not mistaken about knowing the man. He was a former fellow college student, and we spent a happy evening together.

Men differ in the manner of their walk. Some mince some step deliberately and confidently, others dawdle and loiter, still others seem to slide along effortlessly while still others are always glancing backward as if they feared they were being "tailed" by a sleuth or officer. Men betray their state of mind by their walk.

To an Indian wise man, a scientist was boasting of man's scientific inventions. He recounted how man had invented submarines and airplanes. The wise Indian philosopher made this thoughtful reply: "We know how to swim like fish and fly like birds, but we do not yet know how to walk on earth like men."

But the manner of our physical actions in walking is no half as important as the nature of our relations with our neighbors with whom we walk on earth. How we walk on earth actually means how much we love our neighbors. And the Christian manner of walk with neighbors is the only one that can establish a real world order of peace. To be able to walk peacefully with our immediate as well as our more remote neighbors is a necessary lesson to learn.

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus walked with two of His disciples, and they did not recognize Him. And as they talked with Him, "their hearts burned within them." To warm and bless the hearts of those who walk with us along life's pathway is a blessed accomplishment.

At Winchester, Virginia, in the lovely Shenandoah Valley, there is a quiet old cemetery where a shaft of granite commemorates the unknown dead of the Confederate Army. On it are inscribed the words,

Who they are none knows
What they were all know

Those are the words we can apply to the Priscillas and Aquilas of the world—the quiet, gentle, kindly Christians who, in everyday living, are truly "fellow workers with Christ Jesus."

William P. Barker in SAINTS IN APRONS
AND OVERALLS (Fleming H. Revell
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We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

THE VATICAN—ROME

The statue of Moses had remained in the sculptor's studio for forty years, later being placed in the Vatican. He is armed with the tables of stone, and is poised before going into action. This is another of Michaelangelo's masterpieces. The Vatican library is the richest in the world, and contains 600,000 volumes. The wealth of the Catholic world is contained within the walls of the Vatican, which is a state in itself. It even coins its own money.

Within a few blocks we saw the poverty of Italy. Houses, which do not deserve the name of houses, but which are just "lean-tos" made from battered oil tins; people living in the direst poverty shadowed by the world's greatest collection of art and articles.

The Vatican contains more art treasures than that of any empire in the world. We were thronged by Hucksters when we went to either get off or on the bus, who were desirous of selling their trinkets. To them this was their way of making a living. Outside of the churches they were selling anything they thought that the tourist would buy. Many of them had no religious connection whatsoever. This was true especially just outside of Notre Dame in Paris when Group Leader, Flora, got rid of a pornographic salesman by threatening to call the Police.

ROME. Friday, July 11. This morning, went to the Villa of Hadrian where we saw the ruins of the palace of King Hadrian. Hadrian was the builder of the Pantheon. The original doors still function. They are still excavating at Hadrian, or Adrian's Villa as they call it, finding objects and restoring many things. It evidently was a fabulous place. It was built about 200 A. D. We then went up on the mountain above Adrian to Tivoli. Here we visited another place with some paintings and wonderful fountains on the mountainside below. There were numerous live orchards. The trees begin to bear when 20 years of age and will bear for a thousand years. The town of Tivoli dates back to 1000 B. C. It was badly damaged during the war. Some of the surrounding trees are 1,000 years old, and still bear. Boys were climbing them as boys have always done, or playing in their shade. They were knotty, gnarled and twisted beyond belief, that is the trees, not the boys.

It was 2:00 when we got back to the hotel in Rome. Ate lunch and then started out again. Stopped a few minutes in front of the National Memorial built to celebrate the unity of Italy after the first world war. The unknown soldier is buried in front on the esplanade. There were soldiers on guard. In this same square was the porch from which Mussolini raved and ranted. Next we went over onto the Appian Way and to the Catacombs. There were so many people there that taking pictures in them was difficult. People centuries ago, against the usual idea, did not live there, just fled to them for refuge, and buried their dead

there. Some of the remains could be seen. From there we wended our way to St. Paul's cathedral, said to have been erected over the tomb of St. Paul. It contains a rich 12th century cloister. It was very beautiful.

From here to the Colosseum, to many Romans the outstanding monument of other days. It was built by Vespasian and Titus, A. D. 75-80. It seated, depending on which source you choose, from 35,000 to 80,000 people. It was 142 feet high and 700 feet long. We passed the Trevi fountain, where they tell you if coins are thrown into it, will mean a return to Rome. Just another way to work the tourist. Some of our party threw them in. The writer saved his.

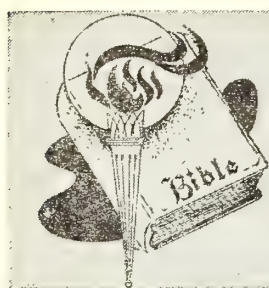
After photographing the Colosseum, and the sun was just right, we went to the old Mamertine Prison, where Paul was supposedly imprisoned shortly before his execution in A. D. 65. It has two levels, the upper one, and the lower one. The lower had a marble shaft, some three feet high and cone shaped, to which the condemned prisoners were shackled. For some reason the Romans brought their unwanted cats to this vicinity. They roamed around there panhandling from the tourists. Some of our party photographed them. The old Roman Forum nearby was interesting. It was the center of public life in ancient Rome.

There were numerous monuments, of which mention will be made of only a few. There was the Arch of Titus, celebrating the fall of Jerusalem, to Titus in 70 A. D., Tomb of Romulus, Temples of Saturn, Castor and Pollux and various others. We were shown the spot where they said that Julius Caesar had been cremated. We were also interested in the Circus Maximus, where they had the chariot races. Thoughts of Ben Hurr's chariot races came to mind. Returned to the hotel and had dinner about 8:00. Some of the party packed for the trip to Naples on the morrow. Beadle and the writer did not make the trip. The party planned to stay all night.

SATURDAY, July 12, Rome, Naples, Sorrento, Italy. States Mrs. Ankrum's diary which we now quote. "At Naples, we got word from there and at Rome about going to Cairo. Went to Pompeii. Stopped a little while before we got there to visit a cameo factory. Then to the ruins. Pompeii was in existence in B. C. In 62 A. D., an earthquake destroyed part of it, and then in 79 A. D., it was buried 45 feet deep by ashes from Vesuvius. About 1700, it was discovered. They are still excavating it. It had about 25,000 population of which 2,000 were destroyed. Mt. Vesuvius is 4 miles from it. A guide got on with us at Naples and was with us the rest of the day. After seeing the ruins we came to Sorrento to Hotel Bristol where we are staying tonight."

"Rock was taken out of the side of the mountain, and a hotel built there. Have a beautiful view of the Mediterranean Sea. We ate dinner about 8:00, a very fine meal. Then we walked out a little up the hill and then down to a shop. The weather was nice except for being a little hazy."

Again quoting from the diary. "About 200 miles from Sorrento to Rome. On the way back stopped at a couple places to take pictures, one of an Italian farm home and one where Paul landed when he came to Rome. Saw a couple herd of buffalo. It was about 2:40 when we got to the Hotel Caesar Augustus. Freeman and Beadle were ready to take a sight seeing tour."



Prayer Meeting Studies by C. Y. Gilmer

ALONE

It was alone the Saviour prayed
In dark Gethsemane;
Alone He drank the bitter cup
And suffered there for me.

It was alone the Saviour stood
In Pilate's judgment hall;
Alone the crown of thorns He wore,
Forsaken thus by all.

Alone upon the cross He hung
That others He might save;
Forsaken then by God and man,
Alone, His life He gave.

Can you reject such matchless love?
Can you His claim disown?
Come, give your all in gratitude,
Nor leave Him thus alone.

—Ben H. Price.

"HE WAS ... ALONE" (Matt. 14:23). Jesus is "God with us" (Matt. 1:23), "the true God" (1 John 5:20). Not only is Jesus Christ deity, but also Man (Jn. 1:1, 14), a partaker of human flesh and blood (Heb. 2:14-18). His incarnation was by virgin birth (Gal. 4:4; Isa. 7:14; Lu. 1:34, 35). Jesus is God's only-one-of-its-kind Son (Jn. 3:16), His "only begotten Son." Our Lord is alone in that He is without a peer (Col. 1:15).

Whereas, "the whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 Jn. 5:19), Christ alone is sinless (1 Pet. 2:22). On Palm Sunday, with people all about Him, He gave way to the heart-break of loneliness (Lu. 19:41, 42). Christ gave expression to the same heart-ache once before (Lu. 13:34). "His own" (Jn. 1:11) rejected Him through unbelief (Jn. 12:37). His relatives thought He was insane (Mk. 3:21). When He spoke of "His Hour" for the accomplishing of our redemption, His disciples rebuked Him (Matt. 16:21, 22). He knew the loneliness of poverty (Lu. 9:58), of being forsaken (Mk. 14:50), of being mocked (Mk. 15:29-32).

In the agony and bloody sweat of Gethsemane He had no human sympathy (Matt. 26:38-40). The betrayer's kiss must have made Him lonely (Lu. 22:47, 48). Alone He suffered the indignities of the court of the high priest (Jn. 18:13, 22). He suffered the loneliness of being denied by His most outstanding supporter (Lu. 22:61). He suffered the loneliness of being "envied" (Matt. 27:18). He knew the loneliness of the bitterest scorn (Mk. 15:17-19). One did bear His cross, but it was by compulsion and not by love (Matt. 27:32). While on the cross, even God forsok Him (Mk. 15:34). Stephen was not forsaken in death (Acts 7:55, 56). But in dense darkness at midday Jesus was "smitten of God and afflicted" (Isa. 53:4). He knew

the loneliness of being made "a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). In His work of atonement He was "by himself" (Heb. 1:3). No other could bear God's wrath against sin (Rev. 5:2-5).

It was the lonely John the Baptist who pointed out Jesus as "the Lamb of God" (Jn. 1:36). The Passover lamb of Exodus 12:3, 6 was isolated from the rest of the flock on the tenth day of the week, and on the fourteenth day it was slain. So the Passover lamb fulfilled in type those last lonely hours of Jesus between Gethsemane and Calvary. Later some stood by the cross (Jn. 19:25). Of Christ's inner circle only John was in evidence (v. 26).

But it was for the joy of seeing us saved that Jesus endured the loneliness of the cross (Heb. 12:2). "He shall see His seed"—those redeemed, "and shall be satisfied" (Isa. 53:10, 11). He was perfected (made complete) as the Captain of our salvation through suffering that He might bring "many sons into glory" (Heb. 2:10). His place is among men (Rev. 21:3).

"Mortals, behold the sacred seat
Of your descending King!
The God of glory down to men
Removes His blest abode!
Men, the dear objects of His grace,
And He the loving God ..."

Lesson

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for February 21, 1960

SELF-GIVING IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Lesson: Acts 20:18-21; 28-35

A LECTURE given at the University of Tokyo on the subject of "Liberty, Culture, Service," was so highly praised the emperor wished to read it. The Japanese professor who was chosen to translate the lecture found great difficulty in choosing just the right word to translate the word "Service" in the title of the address, because the idea was not to be found in Japanese thought.

SERVICE is a Christian idea! Indeed, the Christian has been saved to serve!

Paul, on his Third Missionary Journey, stopped at the seaport town of Miletus in Asia Minor. Not having time to go to Ephesus, he summoned the elders of that city for a farewell address. What Paul had to say to the Ephesian pastors tells us a great deal about SERVICE.

WHAT PAUL HAD TO SAY ABOUT HIS MINISTRY

1. He served the Lord in humility, tears, and trials. "Ye know, . . . after what manner I have been with you . . . serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations" (vs. 18-19). Paul ever performed his work in conscious dependence upon the Lord. To the Corinthians he wrote: "And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling (1 Cor. 2:3)

With tears he implored men to embrace Christ. All the while, many "temptations" (trials, R. S. V.) beset him. Still he served on!

2. He fearlessly taught the people by precept and example. "I never shrank from telling you anything that was for your good, nor from teaching you in public and in private" (vs. 20—Williams). The "woe" of the Gospel was upon him! He must deliver his soul, regardless of the consequences!

3. He counted his life as loss for the sake of his Lord and the Gospel. "But now I count as nothing the sacrifice of my life, if only I can finish my race and render the service entrusted to me by the Lord Jesus, of faithfully telling the good news of God's favor" (vs. 24—Williams.) Later on he could say: "I have been crucified with Christ" (Gal. 2:20).

4. He was tireless in his endeavor to warn men of their responsibility toward God. "Remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears" (vs. 31). We need more men who will shed more tears over the lost!

5. He served God and man out of love, not material gain. "I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel" (vs. 33). This does not mean that Christians have no stewardship responsibility! Rather, it shows that Paul would follow his own advice and be free from the greed of filthy lucre" (I Tim. 3:8).

6. He faithfully followed the principle that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Paul laboured with his own hands while in Ephesus. He said: "I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak" (vs. 35).

Paul exemplified in his own life the true qualities of Christian service!

WHAT PAUL HAD TO SAY ABOUT THEIR MINISTRY

After the Apostle told the Ephesian elders how he had served among them, he set forth three principles for them to follow in their ministry.

1. They were to take care of themselves. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves" (vs. 28). The Christian worker must guard diligently his words and conduct so that he is above reproach. He must strive earnestly to be "blameless, vigilant, sober, of good behavior" (I Tim. 3:2). Above all else, he must heed Paul's warning to young Timothy: "Keep thyself pure" (I Tim. 5:22).

2. They were to care for the Church. "Take heed . . . to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God" (vs. 28). This is the work to which God had called the elders. It was God's "church"; He had simply made them His "overseers."

3. They were to guard against evil workers within the church. "Take heed . . . to all the flock . . . for I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own (from among your) selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them" (vs. 28-30).

The great Apostle Paul knew the importance of Christian service in the Church. He endeavored to impress upon elders, by what he did and what he said, that genuine service requires the giving of oneself in complete submission and obedience!

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

NEW FILMSTRIP—"NIGERIA MOVES AHEAD"

"NIGERIA MOVES AHEAD" is a color filmstrip of eighty-three frames depicting, in documentary fashion, the varied program of our Brethren Mission in Nigeria, West Africa.

This filmstrip has been produced with three definite purposes in mind. In using it, you and your group may want to emphasize one or more of these purposes. They are:

1. To inform members of the church on recent developments in our church in Nigeria.
2. To establish a fellow-feeling among Brethren of the United States for the Nigerian Brethren and thus strengthen the ties of fellowship between the church there and here.
3. To stimulate a re-examination of attitudes toward missions through a frank look at present-day Brethren mission philosophy and strategy in action.

The filmstrip will not be able to accomplish any of these tasks by itself. But, it may help. In using it, determine exactly the purpose that you wish to accomplish.

Do you wish primarily to inform? This filmstrip contains much information and may stimulate the reading of other materials by those who have a desire for further facts.

Do you wish to build fellowship across national and racial lines within the church? Then use it to lift up the similarities of the church in Nigeria and America and the common joys and problems of Christians there and here.

Remember, this is an educational tool and not merely a "show."

This filmstrip is available on a rental basis from The Sunday School Board, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, or may be purchased from The Missionary Board, 530 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio.

IS THIS THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY?

Ted W. Engstrom, President of Youth for Christ International, states there are 17,000,000 boys and girls today in America alone who are without spiritual training. Of all burglaries committed during the year, 49 per cent involved persons under 18 years of age and 85 per cent of all crime was committed by youth under 25. Over the past four years, juvenile crime has increased 26.7 per cent, while the population increase has been but 7 per cent.

He that thinks that success can be won by wickedness is already halfway to the penitentiary and a still hotter place.

World Religious News in Review

NEW DICTIONARY OF THEOLOGY BEING PUBLISHED

Baker's Dictionary of Theology, scheduled for publication March 1, 1960 is the official 20th anniversary publication of Baker Book House of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Expected to be a major contribution in the theological field, the volume, within the compass of approximately 400,000 words, will treat the important Biblical terms of theological import plus such terms as have been used by theologians to give expression to theological ideas.

Baker's Dictionary of Theology is being prepared by a staff of eminent Bible scholars. Everett F. Harrison of Fuller Theological Seminary is editor-in-chief of the project, with Geoffrey W. Bromiley of Fuller Theological Seminary as associate editor and Carl F. H. Henry of Christianity Today, consulting editor. The articles have been written by 125 different theologians. Contributors, chosen with a view to their scholarship and theological position, include: F. Carlton Booth, E. Leslie Carlson, F. F. Bruce, Gordon H. Clark, Frederick W. Danker, L. E. H. Stephens-Hodge, George E. Ladd, T. H. L. Parker, W. T. Purkiser, Wm. Childs Robinson, Wilbur M. Smith, J. Theodore Mueller, Charles F. Pfeiffer, Merrill F. Unger, J. Stafford Wright and others. (EP)

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POAU OPENS CHICAGO OFFICE

CHICAGO, Ill. (EP) — Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) opened an office in Chicago, Jan. 1. Director of POAU'S newest branch office is the Rev. James M. Windham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Maryville, Tenn. Windham is a member of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and has served on the POAU national advisory council for more than 10 years.

QUAKER CHARGE: WARS TAKE 71 PER CENT OF TAXES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Where does the taxpayer's dollar go? The Friends (Quakers) Committee on National Legislation, after an analysis of funds voted by the last session of Congress, charges that almost 71 cents out of the American taxpayer's dollar will go for war—either in military preparation or to meet the cost of past conflicts.

The Committee said that 63½ cents out of the tax dollar goes for the Congressional appropriation of \$46,214,000,000 for military and atomic energy programs based on defense. In addition, they computed, veterans' benefits, survivors' pensions, maintenance of military cemeteries etc., adds up to \$5,388,000,000—almost 7½ cents out of the tax dollar.

Nor does this include interest on the national debt, the Committee said, reminding that most of this was incurred during the time of war. The National Debt will run more than nine billion dollars this year, according to their figures.

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DR. KING CALLS FOR "ASSAULT ON THE SYSTEM OF SEGREGATION"

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (EP)—Should Negroes ignore any state or local laws which are "not in harmony with federal law"? Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., thinks so.

The leader of the successful Negro bus boycott in Montgomery, Ala., told delegates at the Negro Southern Christian Leadership Conference that "this is the creative moment for a full scale assault on the system of segregation."

"We must practice open, civil disobedience. We must be willing to go to jail en masse so that we may be able to arouse the dozing consciences of the South," he said.

The leader claimed he personally would go to jail and "suffer" for such a cause if necessary.

PAPUANS WANT LIMIT ON MISSIONARIES

CANBERRA, Australia (EP)—Too many denominational groups in Papua (southeastern part of New Guinea) are confusing the natives, a delegation of Papua natives has charged, and should be limited to a few. The complaint was made to Minister for Territories P.M.C. Hasluck in Canberra, Australia, by a group representing 50,000 natives on the island. The delegation did express gratitude for missionary hospitals and schools in the Rabaul section of Papua, but said they preferred a decrease in denominational enterprises.

Hasluck upheld the United Nations charter in the case which gives full freedom of entry to all Christian missions. He said the Australian government could not prevent them from entering. He also referred the delegation to the UN Trusteeship Committee.

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FILM TELLS PLIGHT OF CHRISTIAN JEWS

The gruesome experiences of the Jews in Europe during the last decades are known to almost every Christian. The plight of these suffering Jews has been told many times. What is not so well known is the special plight of the Christian Jew during the same period. Now a 45 minute color film tells the true story of a Hebrew-Christian family who were hated aliens in Germany at the outbreak of World War I.

"They Looked for a City," described as "a swift-moving dramatic action-packed film," shows the desperate efforts of a courageous Jewish woman to keep her family together against almost insuperable odds. The family is finally broken up and the mother becomes a fugitive to escape internment that would have meant certain death to the whole family. After the war they are reunited at the Dutch-German border through an exciting chain of events. Then follows the nightmare of Hitler and the wholesale murder of Jews in Europe. "They Looked for a City" is a story that would be fantastically exaggerated except that these things actually happened.

The film is based on the book of the same title by Lydia Buksbazova whose family are the central characters in both the book and the film. The 45 minute color, sound, 16 mm

film is presented on a rental basis by the Friends of Israel Missionary and Relief Society. (EP)

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EDUCATOR CHARGES CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION "SHODDY"

NEW YORK (EP)—"A great deal of shoddy education (has been) purveyed in the name of the church" in Christian colleges. So charged a prominent Lutheran educator here.

"The fact that this education may be 'holy shoddy' does not mitigate the error," said Dr. Robert Mortvedt of Chicago, executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The cause of this shoddiness has been both "economic and ideological," said Dr. Mortvedt as he addressed the board's semi-annual meeting on "The Role of the Christian College."

He urged that the Christian College in America should not be "imitative, defensive or apologetic." Instead, was his plea, it is "to establish the norm of genuine excellence in higher education—to show the entire intellectual world what true education can be."

"There must be differences between Christian and secular colleges, just as there must be differences between Christians and non-Christians," said the 57-year-old educator.

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FRENCH CABINET OKAYS AID TO CHURCH SCHOOLS "IN PRINCIPLE"

PARIS (EP)—After long debate, President Charles de Gaulle's Cabinet has agreed to the principle of state aid to French church schools (which are mostly Roman Catholic). As soon as the bill is drafted, church schools are expected to bow to state authority in the matter of scholastic programs and teachers' qualifications. President de Gaulle pushed through the highly controversial bill reportedly because he did not want it left hanging while he was out of the country visiting Senegal and Mauritania.

The Popular Republican Movement (group of Catholic socialists) wants more aid to Catholic schools than the new bill provides, and less control. The Independents, Socialists and Communists also criticize the bill. They say it makes too many conces-

sions to the clericals. Parliamentary groups in general are dissatisfied with the compromise solution to a problem which has split the country since the Revolution.

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ITALIAN POLICE SEIZE U. S. MISSIONARIES

SALERNO, Italy (EP) — Two American Protestants and an Italian pastor were seized by police when they conducted an outdoor rally recently in the Salerno square. The Americans were the Rev. Vincent James Casale, 40, of Brooklyn, N. Y. who has served six years in Italy under the Bible Christian Union, Inc., and the Rev. William Fusco, 36, of Easton, Pa., a Baptist missionary. The Italian pastor was Mose Baldari, 27. Police reportedly smashed the trio's camera, confiscated its film, disbanded the meeting and detained the preachers several hours under arrest at police headquarters.

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NEW STAMP FOR RELIGIOUS MAILINGS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — On June 17, 1960, the Post Office Department will issue a one and one-fourth cent postage stamp, in preparation for an increase in the bulk mailing rate for religious and other non-profit organizations which goes into effect July 1.

It will be the first time the United States has issued such a fractional postage stamp, although at the present time 1½ cent and 2½ cent stamps are issued.

The present bulk rate for non-profit groups is one cent per piece. Under legislation approved by Congress in 1958 which raised regular postage to 4 cents, the bulk rate for ordinary third class users is to go to 2½ cents next July, and the rate for non-profit groups has been fixed at one-half the regular rate, thus necessitating a 1¼ cent stamp.

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ANCIENT GREEK LEXICON DISCOVERED

ATHENS, Greece (EP)—A hitherto unknown Greek lexicon, or dictionary, was discovered recently by Prof. Linos Politis of the Salonika University who was working at the Monastery of Osios Nicanor in western Macedonia. The report, cabled from Athens by the New York Times,

said Prof. Politis turned up the copy in the library of the Monastery and described it as a complete copy of a lexicon compiled by the scholar and Hellenist Photios, Patriarch of Constantinople during the ninth century. Photios is known to have had access to a number of writers whose works have been lost. His book may enrich knowledge of ancient Greek literature.

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WHY CHURCH WORKERS FAIL

DALLAS, Tex. (EP) — "When church workers fail at their jobs, it's usually because they can't get along with people."

So says A. Donald Bell of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Bell bases his opinion on studies by Carnegie Technological Institute which have shown that 90 per cent of all working people who fail in their life's vocation fail for the same reason.

"Church workers may know the Gospel," says Bell, "they may have mastered new methods of leadership, and be dedicated to their church offices, but yet be unable to get across to people in an acceptable way."

How can church workers learn to get along with people and thus become more successful in their church offices? Bell offers this solution: they can do it by studying the way Jesus dealt with people during his earthly ministry. Jesus did not browbeat his hearers. Instead time after time he won them by the method with which he appealed to them . . . From studying the way Jesus worked with people, Bell says, we have learned certain rules of human relations. This art of getting along with people forms a part of the field of "applied psychology." On the other hand, resistance and contrary ideas will result from coercion, according to Bell's study.

Good salesmanship provides a third avenue of help to the church worker striving to have better dealings with other people. And in conclusion, Bell states: "Every Christian, as a part of his stewardship, has an obligation to improve his art of getting along with others. Only as he improves can he really be a channel of blessing."

If you flirt with the world and the devil as you go through life, there will be no sublime biography written about you when you are gone.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

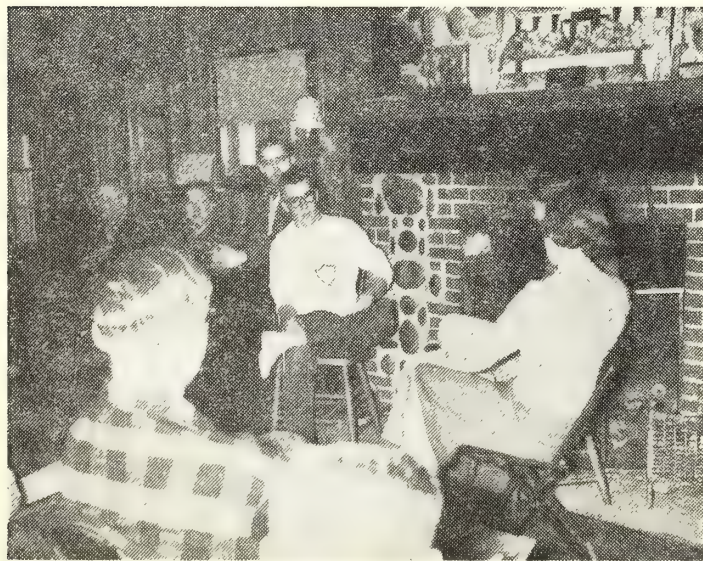
PICS OF THE WEEK

YOU'VE READ THE VERBAL REPORTS of the "first" Indiana District Youth Retreat. Now the pictures have arrived and you get a close look at the activities.

This retreat was held for three days between Christmas and New Years at Camp Mack. Whereas many readers do not live in Indiana, such pictures and explanations should help to arouse your interest in the retreats being arranged in your districts. For example, the OHIO DISTRICT RETREAT, to be held at the Ohio Camp, will take place April 29, 30 and May 1. The CENTRAL DISTRICT SPRING CAMP will be at Cerro Gordo, Illinois, on April 1, 2 and 3. And both PENNSYLVANIA and SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICTS will be having their fall retreats again this year in September.

If you've never been there, you're missing a good time and a spiritually beneficial experience.

INDIANA YOUTH RETREAT PIC Number 1

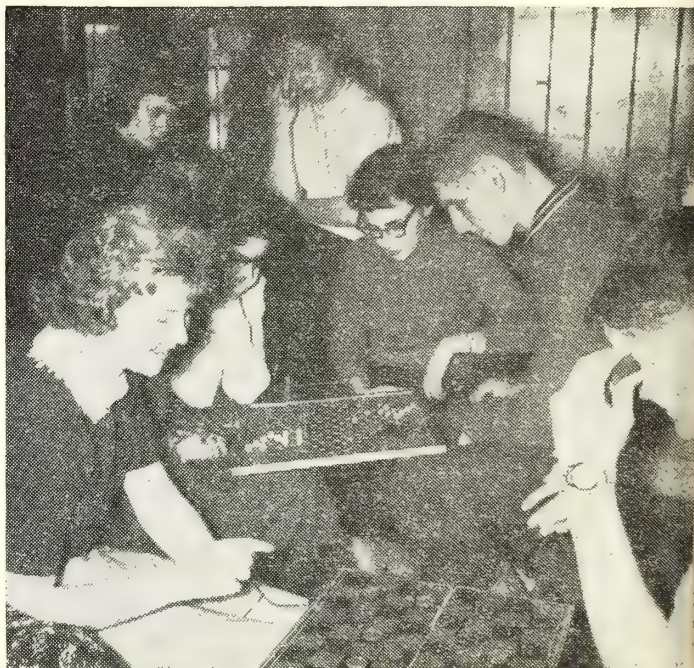


"Role Play" in action

In "Role Playing" two or three young people "take parts" and without preparation give the arguments, reasons, and excuses that the person they are portraying would offer in a particular situation. For example, someone might be the young person who won't attend B. Y. C., or the deacon who doesn't believe in World Missions, or the Sunday School teacher who won't stay for church. These "fictitious" characters are visited by one or two others who are interested in the work of the church. The resulting conversations are very revealing and quite true. It always helps to take such an objective view of such situations.

In PIC Number I above the three young people seated in front of the fire place are involved in "role playing", and very interested in the proceedings are three of the pastoral advisors (l. to r.): Rev. Spencer Gentle, Rev. Virgil Ingraham, and Rev. Virgil Meyer.

INDIANA YOUTH RETREAT PIC Number II



"Who's Winnin'?"

Retreats also offer plenty of time for informal discussions and quiet games of checkers (Chinese and otherwise)—You know, the kind of things everyone used to do before television. One of the blessings of such gatherings is to "retreat" from the blaring of the T. V., the rushing of scheduled meetings, and the hurrying of modern means of transportation.

PIC Number II catches some of the Indiana Brethren Youth enjoying some of these free moments over some of the checker boards.

COMING Brethren Youth EVENTS

MIAMI VALLEY YOUTH RALLY	MARCH
Dayton Brethren Church	
Will every church be represented?	
CENTRAL DISTRICT SPRING CAMP	APRIL 1
Cerro Gordo, Illinois	
PENNSYLVANIA YOUTH RALLY	FEBRUARY
Johnstown III Brethren Church	
Come for a work day.	
SEMINARY RECRUITMENT DAY	MARCH 3
Encourage the Life Work Recruits	
in your church to attend.	
NORTHEAST OHIO YOUTH RALLY	APRIL 1
Canton, Ohio, Brethren Church	

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

1. Thou shalt love thy child with all thy heart and soul and with a mind that understandeth the ways of children.
2. Thou shalt encourage each of thy children so that he may develop to his fullest capacity but thou shalt not expect too much, too soon.
3. Remember that each child is different and compare not thy children one with another, nor thy child with thy brother's child nor with the child of thy neighbor.
4. Thou shalt not bind thy children too closely to thee but encourage them to find friends among their playmates so they may learn to play and eventually to work and live among their peers.
5. May thy children find in ye, their parents, comfort in their sorrows and disappointments, joy in their accomplishments, understanding in their failures, and the inspiration and faith that is ever the regenerating force in their lives.
6. Thou shalt teach thy children right from wrong and shalt start them in the way thou wouldst have them go, through thy example. Thy behavior shall be good that thy children may pattern after thee.
7. Thou shalt set limits for thy children in order that they may have the guidance they need.
8. Thou shalt remember that hostility is normal when frustration occurs. It shall be thy duty to show thy children acceptable ways of getting rid of their hostile feelings.
9. Remember that the deepest satisfactions in life come from the realization that one has accomplished his best and that it has been found good. Help thy children to experience this kind of inner satisfaction by thy encouragement and thy praise.
10. And remember, always, that thou art a partner in marriage and an adult as well as a parent so thou mayest enjoy these roles to the fullest. As thine emotional needs are fulfilled, thou wilt become a better parent.

Freda S. Kehm, Director,
Association for Family Living.

The American Bible Society provides the Scriptures for Africa in nearly two score languages. Last year the Bible Society's share accounted for a total distribution there of nearly 100,000 copies—the greatest number in its history. Most of this was in the Congo Basin, where the Bible Society serves the Scripture needs of over 2,000 missionaries, the majority from the United States.

Laid to Rest

AXTELL. William Axtell, member of the Carleton, Neb., Church for 34 years, died, Jan. 12, at age 68. Survived by his wife. Funeral services at the church by the writer. Interment, Carleton Cemetery.

Albert O. Curtright, Pastor.

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GARBER. Mrs. Rosamond Rae Garber, member of the Park Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, died Nov. 28, at the age of 58. Survived by her husband and two daughters. Funeral services by the undersigned, assisted by Rev. W. H. Miley. Interment, Dickey Cemetery, near Ashland.

Charles R. Munson.

KEEPING THE SABBATH DAY HOLY

Dr. Talmage told of a man he knew who was ninety-nine years old. He said:

"I went across the mountains in the early days of this country. Sabbath morning came. We were beyond the reach of civilization. My companions were planning to spend the day in games and other amusements. I said: 'No, I can't join you today. It is Sunday.' They laughed and said: 'Why, there isn't any Sunday here.' 'Oh, yes,' I said, 'there is! I brought it with me over the mountains.'" Be sure to take the Sabbath with you wherever you go, whether any one else observes it around you or not. God honors the keeping of His day.—Adapted.

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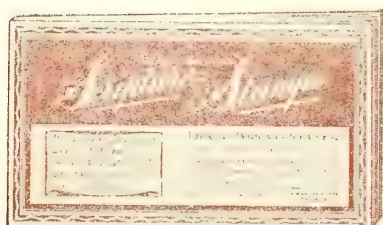
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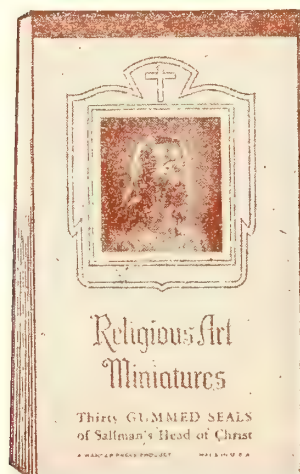
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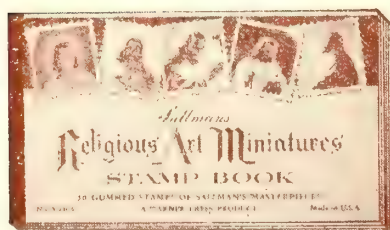
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Stamp Books

Use of stamps with correspondence is growing constantly. Popular for use with greeting cards, post cards, notes, letters, gift packages, and envelopes. These stamps are printed on "Davac," a high-grade, noncurling type of gummed paper. The glue is almost invisible until wet. Sheets are perforated for easy removal of the stamps.

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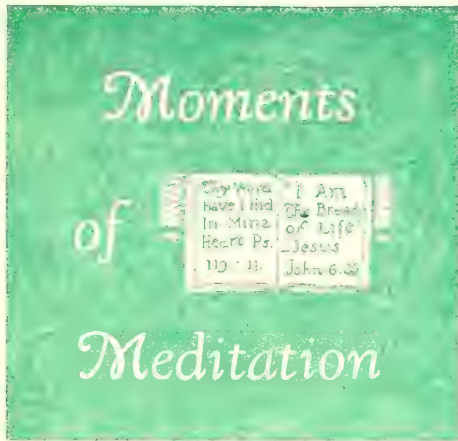
AN OLD COLORED MAN once described church work in this fashion: When a man goes to a church as a preacher it is like the people giving him a hoe and putting him out in the middle of a field to hoe down the weeds. That is converting the sinners.

Then the people of the congregation sit around on the fence, and watch him—and tell him how he ought to do his job! But no sooner has the preacher started hoeing down the sinners in the middle of the field than he looks around—and one of the saints of the church has fallen off the fence!

So he has to lay down his hoe, and go prop the saint back up on the fence. He has no sooner returned to the middle of the field and picked up his hoe, till out of the corner of his eye he sees another saint has fallen off the fence, and must be propped up again.

Most preachers spend their time running around the fence propping up the saints while the weeds are just growing out in the middle of the field!

The solution offered by this colored man was, "Every one of those folks ought to get down off the fence and get a hoe and help that preacher hoe down the weeds." That is New Testament evangelism!



SEEKING THE LOST

Christianity is inherently missionary. It embodies the bloody sweat. It is the divine truth breaking into the world. Christ is on an errand. He comes needed but uninvited. He crowds Himself upon the race when nothing awaits Him but a manger and a cross. He intrenches in a hostile world and undertakes its subjugation. He is seeking the lost. He has the alertness of a hunter. We are to have His Spirit. Thus the New Testament church is the mightiest missionary society ever launched upon the centuries. If you cannot keep step with this cause beware. You will be left in the wilderness alone. Christ always marches at the head of His church.

—Bishop C. H. Fowler.

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MODERATION NOT THE ANSWER

"The clergyman, welfare worker, or parent who becomes truly informed about the risk involved in moderation will be more wise in giving advice about that first drink, whether it be the so-called 'beverage of moderation', the social cocktail, or the mealtime toast."—The Christian Science Monitor.

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING

Keep the altar of private prayer burning. This is the very life of all piety. The sanctuary and family altars borrow their fires here, therefore let this burn well. Secret devotion is the very essence, evidence, and barometer of vital and experiential religion.

Burn here the fat of your sacrifices. Let your closet-seasons be, if possible, regular, frequent, and undisturbed. Effectual prayer availeth much.

Let us examine ourselves on this important matter. Do we engage with lukewarmness in private devotion? Is the fire of devotion burning dimly in our hearts? Do the chariot wheels drag heavily? If so, let us be alarmed at this sign of decay. Let us go with weeping, and ask for the Spirit of grace and of supplication.

—Spurgeon.

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—Selecte

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The Editor's Pulpit

Out Of The Heart

"AS A MAN THINKETH in his heart, so is he." These words from the Word of God so aptly describe the true picture of man and his actions. Sinful, passionate, lustful acts of a man come from an undisciplined, evil heart. We can talk about the natural man, his fleshly desires and appetites. We can see such men in action around us. The greedy, the lustful, the foul, walk the streets of our cities and villages. They make trouble for our law enforcement officers, and drive law abiding citizens behind locked doors at sunset. (In many places in our land it is not safe for a woman to be on the streets after dark, and hardly safe for a man).

The daily walk of such men and women, their speech, choice of friends and entertainment, and their moral and spiritual relations, are motivated by the power of sin in their lives. Talk all about our reform and rehabilitation programs—they have little value unless the heart is changed.

This is why we are able to say that even though Christ came and fed the multitudes, healed their sick, and brought their dead back to life, His most important reason for coming was to make possible a way whereby man could be free from the power of sin!

Christ came to change the heart-interest of people. Instead of having people knocking themselves out to perform religious acts or to engage in the pursuit of sinful acts, or both, as the case may be, Jesus wanted them to get a change of heart in which they would, instead, glorify God. He was interested in the controlling purpose of their lives—what they were living for—what it was that controlled every act, thought and desire.

An old story comes to us of an unconverted captain who came to a mission station on an island in the Pacific Ocean. The missionary talked with him about his soul and its relationship to Christ. The old captain said, "I came away from Nantucket after whales; I have sailed around Cape Horn for whales; I am now up in the northern Pacific Ocean after whales. I think of nothing but whales. I fear your labor would be

entirely lost upon me, and I ought to be honest with you. I care for nothing by day but whales, and I dream of them by night. If you should open my heart, I think you would find the shape of a small sperm whale there." This is what we could call a "pre-occupied heart." It is a description of a heart which does not possess Christ.

In pondering upon the testimony of the sperm whale-hearted captain, it may enlighten us as to why our program of evangelism in the Brethren Church is moving at such a slow speed. Perhaps we are too pre-occupied with other things. Certainly, it seems, if advancing in evangelism were the central theme and core idea of the heart of each Brethren, there would be more soul-searching prayer, more prayer for the lost AND more effort made to win them to Christ.

It is the prayer of this humble scribe that we as Brethren shall learn to think evangelism, breathe evangelism, speak evangelism and practice evangelism, so that it becomes the passion of our heart. When it becomes that in Christ Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, then and then only will we see the desired results.

As long as we are content to know the weather report for the next day, and to listen to a summary of the news of the world each evening, plus a good sermon or two on Sunday, we will gain little ground. These people who are motivated by the passion of evil hearts can be changed through the power of the Savior. The desire to see them saved, to go to them with the gospel—evangelism—must come from our hearts. Our hearts, as they first are baptized by the fire of the Holy Spirit and cleansed. Then, out of the heart shall be heralded the glad news of salvation in Christ which can save all who call upon Him. W. S. B.

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Reverend Robert Byler—seated second from left on front row—and part of his one hundred-voice choir on the platform in Luna Park during the evangelistic campaign in Buenos Aires

THE LUNA PARK EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

The second city-wide united evangelistic campaign was held in Luna Park, located in downtown Buenos Aires, from October 1-12, 1959. Dr. Cecilio Arrastia, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Cuba, was the evangelist.

The average nightly attendance for the campaign was 9,000. There were 447 recorded decisions. These individuals were directed to evangelical churches near their places of residence for spiritual care.

Our Brethren missionaries and our two Brethren groups in Buenos Aires cooperated in the campaign. Robert Byler directed a one-hundred voice choir and was in charge of the congregational singing. John Rowsey played a large part in installing and operating the public-address system.

The campaign was well planned and carried out by an executive committee and seven sub-committees. Posters, announcing the campaign, were put up all over the city. There were literally thousands of them pasted on the walls and buildings wherever space could be found. Cards

of invitation for believers to hand out were made available to all of the cooperating churches.

Special hours and days were set aside for prayer on behalf of the campaign. These efforts were rewarded by a successful time of spiritual victory. To have the thousands gathered together in evangelical meetings in Buenos Aires was indeed a significant achievement in itself. We commend the national believers and the missionaries for this fine work.

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Jared W. Jenkins—Quonset Point, R. I. (Washington Church)

Mrs. Thomas W. Campbell—Lawrence, Kansas, (Formerly Johnstown First)

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PASTOR NEEDED

Will anyone interested in the St. James Brethren pastorate at St. James, Maryland, contact the Committee on, before, or after April 1, 1960? Pastorate vacant April 1960.

Thelma L. Baker, Secretary,
Rt. 1, Williamsport, Maryland.

Items of General Interest

CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND. We note from the Cumberland Brethren bulletin that Brother L. O. McCartneysmith has been a patient in the hospital. Prayer for him will be appreciated. The McCartneysmiths are now living at 21 Virginia Ave., in Cumberland.

AKRON, OHIO (FIRESTONE PARK). Brother J. G. Dodds has announced his resignation as pastor of the Firestone Park Brethren Church.

Brother Dodds has informed the Editor that he has received and has accepted the call of the Muncie, Indiana, church to serve as pastor, beginning in May.

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COMING EVENTS

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Dedication Service for new Sunday School addition—Feb. 21—Rev. George W. Solomon, Pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO (Hillcrest). Bible Lectures—Mar. 7-16—Dr. Joseph R. Shultz, Speaker; Rev. Percy C. Miller, Pastor.

PLEASANT HILL, OHIO. Evangelistic Services—Mar. 7-18—Rev. Herbert Gilmer, Evangelist.

**Pennsylvania District
Brethren Youth Rally
WINTER WORK PROGRAM
Third Brethren Church, Morrellville,
Johnstown, Pennsylvania
February 27th**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. William H. Anderson
Registration—26c Lunch—49c**

Lois Jean Wertz, Secretary.

NORTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT LAYMEN

The 92nd Northern Indiana District Laymen's meeting will be held Monday, March 7th, at the Nappanee, Indiana, church.

Supper will be served 6:00 to 7:15 C.D.S.T. Send all reservations to Pat Bell, W. Walnut St., Nappanee, Indiana, not later than March 1st.

George Kerlin, Dist., Sec'y.

PASTOR NEEDED

The Brethren Church at Linwood, Maryland, will be in need of a pastor after July 1, 1960. We invite correspondence with anyone interested or available. Contact the church secretary.

Mrs. Robert Green,
Rt. 1, Union Bridge, Maryland .

ORIGINS, DOCTRINES and IMMIGRATION

of people

called BRETHREN

Editor's Note: This article formed the basis for a message given by Brother White at a meeting of the Pennsylvania District Ministers. Last August it was delivered to the National Brethren Ministerial Association. The Association voted its publication, and in conjunction with the General Conference Peace Committee's current program of providing peace emphasis materials for the Brethren, we are glad to present it this week. W. S. B.

Rev. D. C. White

THE BRETHREN CHURCH was organized to realize certain ideals that had taken shape in the mind of Alexander Mack and his followers. The nature of the population of southwest Germany determined the origin of certain doctrines and ideals. These made it necessary to have a society in which they could be realized. What then, were these doctrines and ideals? They were as follows: Christian perfection, marriage, ministry, Lord's supper, baptism and non-resistance. The law of the state gave them the negative teaching and ideals of refusing to take up arms even in defense of one's country. Later they extended this teaching to refuse to protect one's self against violence.

The Brethren faith came out of these teachings and conditions. In Germany there was war in some of the districts most of the time. In the conflicts between France and other states in Europe, in which Louis XIV was engaged in war most of his reign, the Rhine country was the battleground across which marched and counter-marched the contending armies.

On one side of them was France and on the other side the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire was so weak it could not defend itself. There were some three hundred small German states between the Alps and the Baltic sea. So in 1688 Louis XIV decided to attack the Palatinat and strike horror in the hearts of the people. One hundred thousand people were forced to leave their homes. Large numbers of them perished, forty towns were destroyed and the fertile valley was turned into a desert. This war was followed by the Spanish in 1701-1711. During the Thirty Year's War they were between the upper and lower millstone. This war made over one hundred thousand beggars and ruined the country for years. The conditions in the Rhine country at the opening of the 18th century prompted immigration.

Thus you can understand why the Brethren church was opposed to war and held to the peace position when they came to America in 1719 and 1729. To the honor of America she has never fought a war of aggression, but of defense. "Empires cemented in blood are dissolved in blood."

Matt. 26:52, "Then said Jesus unto him, put up again thy sword into its place; for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Matt. 5:38-39, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth; but I say unto you, that ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Matt. 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

MAKING AN EFFORT TO HEAL THE QUARREL

In the beginning the German country was composed of tribes. Then owing to the pressure of foreign foes and their need of protection, the tribes were formed into confederations and later into a nation. We dare not however conclude that forming confederations served to unite the various elements of the population.

The races that came out of southwestern Germany had not by the beginning of the 18th century been united into a united people. So the nature of the people determined the nature and development of the social and religious mind. This style of mind fostered sects. The cold logic of the theological position made it impossible for them to bear with the Sectarians. Danger was on every hand, so the common danger brought them to a common purpose. Such was the condition of the Rhine country, and it was out of these conditions that the Brethren arose.

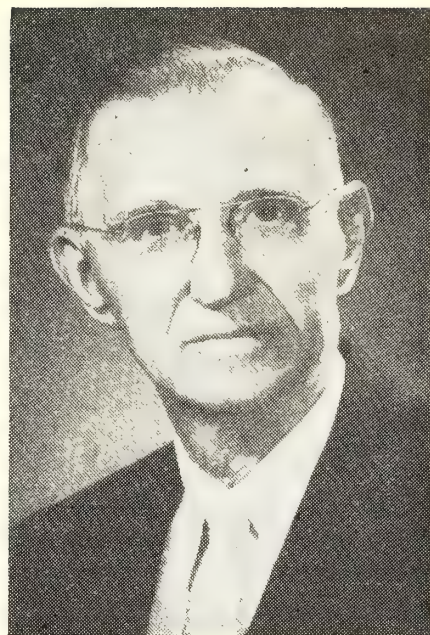
Out of these conflicts two policies arose: 1. Scholastic, 2. Mystical (the mystics and pietists became largely one group). Under the scholastic policy orthodoxy was recognized by the Lutheran church in the formula of Concord (1577). The scripture was no longer a help in one's Christian experience but only for doctrine as set forth in the confession. (Conduct was less important than creed). This resulted in deadness or lack of spirituality in the churches, and as a result, Christian love and tolerance could not grow. It became the feeling of many that there is more in religion than empty Dogmatism (positive assertion of opinions), so the spiritual awakening of the people could not be satisfied with the intellectualism of the theologians.

When scholasticism had bound the living religious life of the people, the pietists laid an emphasis upon conduct as against the churches' emphasis upon dogma.

Because of the position of the state churches, the pietists turned to the following: 1. Rejection of infant baptism; 2. Necessity of regeneration; 3. Separation (come out) in conduct, dress, amusements, education (this last was due to the scholastic overlords); 4. Emphasis upon piety rather than upon correct doctrine; 5. They opposed the state in the policy of Armed Defense—even self defense of the individual; and 6. Bible Christianity, that is, life should be controlled by the Bible. As a result their doctrine dwelt more with conduct than doctrine.

POLITICAL CONDITIONS

The political condition of the small German states caused a very heavy burden to fall upon the lower class of people—while the taxes were so heavy they could not make a living. While these who were the leaders lived in luxury, there was no liberty or freedom for the oppressed. The people had no voice in the government. The government could not reduce chaos to order. These conditions were made worse by the state and church being under government control. The religion of the prince who ruled each different state determined the religion of that state.



REV. D. C. WHITE

There was great strife between the Catholics and Protestants as to the control of the territory. This was also true of the Lutherans and Calvinists. The Philip William Neuburg line (1685) was Catholic. Up to that time the Palatinate was a refuge for all persecuted peoples. His son, John William, was controlled by the Jesuits and began a persecution of the Protestants, with Catholics getting Protestant churches. The same policy was followed by the next ruler, Charles Phillip (1716-1742). His persecution of the Huguenots drove more than two hundred thousand out of the territory causing them to emigrate in exile.

These persecutions caused the forming of sects which were further persecuted by the rulers. All this stimulated emigration among them, and as a result one's life was in danger. Suspicion was everywhere rampant. In the persecution of the Huguenots, many found religious liberty in England and America. In 1783, the Mennonites began to flee persecution and came to Penn's colony, for it was in this year that Penn and his agents were working in the Rhine country advertising religious freedom in Pennsylvania.

The wars had called men from home and work and as goes the effects of war, many never returned and many were wounded. With war and political conditions in 1688 thousands were made beggars and the country's industry was ruined for many years to come. Commerce was ruined, for war had cut off the trade routes. Land was destroyed, towns burned, farming almost destroyed, and they were burdened with heavy taxes. The hard winter of 1708 killed the grape vines.

We could go a long way in presenting the Dunkard Doctrines and origin which would throw considerable light upon the subject assigned, but that would require a very lengthy paper. We will state that the doctrines were the result of their life and environment, and that the three state churches were identified more closely with the rulers instead of with the subjects. So certain aspects of the Christian life grew out of these wars and political

conditions, such as Christian perfection, simplicity of life (dress and marriage); the church a holy institution, initiatory rite of the church is Baptism of adults only by a threefold immersion in water—this rejects infant baptism, and any mode other than triune immersion; the Lord's supper; and the war doctrine of the state which brought them to the doctrine of non-resistance—even to the extent of refusing to protect one's self.

The refusal of the Dunkers to bear arms and take the oath grew out of opposition of a government that oppressed them. Feeling themselves right before God, they regarded as wrong those beliefs and practices of their enemies. They contended that war must be wrong, because it made innocent and good men to suffer. It is clear that the ideals of the Dunkers arose out of the difference between themselves and their powerful and less pious persecutors. Therefore, the basic cause of the social conditions which gave rise to the doctrines of the Dunkers was the conditions that existed in that part of Germany in which the sect originated.

The policy of the Dunker church was formed by Alexander Mack's fellowship with Hochmaan—who was strong on organization based on an internal (mystical) life which corresponded to an outward profession. With Gottfried Arnold, who held that the churches of that day had departed from the spiritual life of the early church, these teachings had a great influence upon Mack. So he set about assembling those of like views and opinions into an organization in which these ideals could be obtained. In 1708 eight people consented to enter into such a covenant. (See Mack's "Plain View" History of the Brethren by Brumbaugh)

Robert Proud, who wrote the first history of Pennsylvania, gives us a very accurate account of the German Baptist Brethren:

"These people in Pennsylvania, called Tunkers, Dunkards, or Dimplers, are a species of German Baptists. They are singular in some of their opinions and customs, and perhaps more so in the manner of their living, and personal appearance, than any others of that nature in the province, particularly those who reside at a place called Ephrata, in Lancaster County.

"They also hold it not becoming a follower of Jesus Christ to bear arms or fight; because they say, their

Master has forbid His disciples to resist evil, and because He told them not to swear at all; they will by no means take an oath, but adhere close to His advice, in the affirmation of yea and nay.

"As to their origin, they allow of no other than that which was made by Jesus Himself when He was baptized by John in Jordan. They have a great esteem for the New Testament, value it higher than other books; and when asked about the articles of their faith, they say they know of no others but what are contained in this book; and therefore can give none.

"The rise or collection of their society they seem to date about the year 1705. Many of them were educated among the German Calvinists, but they left them, and on account of their religious ways of thinking and practice, several being banished from their homes, and otherwise persecuted, they resorted to Schwarzenau, in the county of Wittgenstine, and Crefeld in the duchy of Cleves, belonging to the King of Prussia, where they had liberty of meeting without being disturbed. To these places they collected from several parts, as from Switzerland, Strausburg, the Palatinate, Silesia, etc.

"They agreed on exterior form of religion at Schwarzenau aforesaid; the manner of their baptism of immersion or plunging into water (from whence the name Dimpler in their language). Instead of the method of sprinkling, immersion was established among them; as being not only more consistent with that which Christ Himself suffered from John the baptist, but also more agreeable to the practice of many of the primitive Christians.

"They hold what is called the Eucharist, in commemoration of the suffering of Christ, at night, as they say Christ Himself kept it, washing at the same time one another's feet, agreeable to His command and example. They meet together to worship on the first day of the week, in confidence of His promise, who said, 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them'."

Berlin, Penna.

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THE SIMPLE GOAL

The following speech was written and given by Steve Dobbins in a recent Prince of Peace Contest in Canton, Ohio. Steve, a sophomore at Glenwood High School, is also a member of the Sunday School at the Canton Trinity Brethren Church, Rev. Robert Keplinger, pastor.

Because of its fine content and pertinance to our current affairs, the speech is being made available to the BRETHREN EVANGELIST as a special contribution of the General Conference Peace Committee. We commend Steve for his thoughts and his willingness to share them with us.

Peace Committee
Rev. Phil Lersch, chairman

Steve Dobbins

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF HISTORY the records have been filled with stories of wars and of man's inhumanity to man. Some writers have even written of the glories of battle and the honors of wars.

The wars through the ages have left scars that have not been erased for generations. All too frequently the records are filled with numbers and places and do not in any way relate to the suffering, both physical and mental, endured by the participants and their families. One reads of Wellington's glorious victory at Waterloo and of Napoleon's defeat, but never of the French or English parent who lost a son or the child that lost a father. History fails to mention the disabled and the sorely wounded that were the results of the glorious victory. A reference to the need for war as opposed to peace has been stated by W. R. Sorley as follows:

"Account for it how we may, the fact remains that the heroes and saints of history have passed through much tribulation and that man is made perfect only by suffering!

But He That Creeps From Cradle To Grave,
Unskilled Save In The Velvet Course Of Fortune,
Hath Miss'd The Discipline Of Noble Hearts.

"The character of a free man is made by facing and fighting with obstacles; . . . and I will hazard the statement that an imperfect world is necessary for the growth and training of moral being."

David R. Major has said, "War with all its horrors, probably has helped to develop personal courage, prudence, alertness, and also certain arts and skills."

These two eminent scholars are among many who have agreed that wars not only are inevitable but may be even necessary. When men band together against a common foe they develop a sense of loyalty and a virtue of cooperation that leads to a common good. Certainly we can't disagree that the war of liberation engaged in by our forefathers in 1776, has led to the formation of a great nation that has been generally dedicated to principles of helping peoples. We can't say that their tremendous sacrifices were made in vain. We must admit that according to our standards the world as a whole is a better place in which to live as a result of their will to fight.

Granted then that a common foe or a common struggle bring individuals together and enables them to reach above their usual abilities and capacities and achieve goals that might otherwise be denied; granted then that tribulations are necessary to provide the thing called character. Surely, the disciples were not the men they eventually became until they were welded together by the Great Leader and had endured great physical and spiritual suffering.

In the first few sentences I said that history made little mention of the extreme suffering of the participants of war. Unfortunately, we who have lived during the first half of the twentieth

century are so close to the happening of the most horrible war since time began that we need no records kept by a historian to let us know that battles are not glorious and wars between groups are not honorable. We know that killing is not just a word in a book and that wounding and disabling is not just a number on a page. We also know that an injury to a son can be just as damaging to a parent 3,000 miles away as it is to the man receiving the hurt. We have seen orphans who are innocent victims of a struggle about which they knew nothing.

A story about the war might illustrate my point. A service company of soldiers moved into Kassel, Germany, shortly after a saturation bombing raid. The company, while it had been subjected to bombing raids, was primarily a support company that repaired trucks. One of the men, whose job it was to lay out the camp and set up security, walked away from the rest of the company and came upon a beautiful lake that was part of a park system. As he moved towards the lake he noticed a woman's coat and jacket carefully folded and equally carefully placed on a park bench. Curious, he glanced around and there at the water's edge was the owner. The local mayor was quickly notified and his telling of the affair was that the woman just that week had seen her three small children killed. Her husband had been killed previously at the front. Needless to say, that incident brought the war forcibly home to one company of soldiers.

We have agreed that we need struggle, we need disappointment, we need sacrifices so that we can be brought together for a greater good and greater growth! **but we do not need this kind of struggle.** We do not need something which creates suffering. We do not need a society which promotes murder and mayhem.

How then can we provide this kind of struggle, this lack of peace that is obviously so necessary to the growth of our souls and our characters? The answer is simple, it has been provided for us. Until all disease, all hunger, all poverty, all tyrannies have been completely erased from the earth, our goal, our victory is plainly ahead of us. Certainly all of this is too much for one lifetime or two lifetimes, or even a hundred lifetimes. Certainly we are not all Dr. Salks, or Dr. Schweitzers who have contributed so much to general well being, but we have the struggle, and by banding together we can achieve the tremendous result, that can only come from concerted effort.

What specifically are some of the things we can do? I have just mentioned Dr. Salk. We all know of the tremendous lift he has given in the fight, yes, the fight against Polio, one of the diseases which can and has swept the entire neighborhood of young people and children. We can cooperate fully with his discoveries and make sure that all persons who are susceptible to polio are thoroughly protected. Parents can provide examples for their children, so that the new generation is law-abiding, temperate, and God-loving. Voters can think carefully about the morals and abilities of candidates before they allow corruption and incompetence to creep into public places.

However, we all know of things which we can do which we are not presently doing that will aid in reaching this simple goal. The one true way was stated many years ago to a man named Thomas, "I am the way, the truth and the life no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Laid to Rest

WYANT. Peter J. Wyant, 79, passed away Dec. 14th. Member of the Brush Valley Brethren Church. Was active in the building of our present church. Survived by one brother and one sister. Funeral services in charge of his pastor.

BOWSER. Albert Bowser, 63, passed away Jan. 2nd. Member of the Brush Valley Brethren Church. Survived by three brothers. Funeral services by the undersigned.

LEWIS. Daniel Lewis, 51, passed away Jan. 14th. Member of the Brush Valley Brethren Church. Survived by his wife, one son, mother and father, three brothers and one sister. Funeral services by Rev. Raymond Taylor, assisted by Rev. James Jenkins and the Pastor.

KIELER. Grace Kieler passed away Jan. 18th. Survived by three daughters. Had been in ill health for year or more. Funeral services in charge of the undersigned.

Paul D. Tinkel, Pastor.

The story is told of how two grimy, hollow-eyed torments had remained under fire for days in a lonely outpost during a heavy German counterattack in 1917. One turned to the other and wearily remarked, "I wonder why the jerries haven't taken the sector." The other straightened up, looked him in the eye and answered "The answer is us. We's the answer!"

We sometimes wonder why the church has not collapsed altogether and why the forces of evil have not completely taken over. We—the Eunices and all the other saints in aprons and overalls—are the answer. The answer is us!

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Young Men's and Boys' Brotherhood Program

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THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

Supplement to Part II of "Meditations for Youth"

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT"

If you will think this Psalm every day, it will change your life (Prov. 23:7). God makes unfailing provision for the righteous (Psa. 37:25). The God Who cares for the wild life will do even more for us (Matt. 6:25-33). He will meet our needs according to His abundant supply (Phil. 4:19).

Try substituting your own name for the 17 first-person pronouns used by David in his personal testimony called "The Twenty-Third Psalm." Jesus is God's Good Shepherd of the sheep, the saved ones (Jn. 10:14).

"HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES: HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS"

Sheep walk steadily from four to ten o'clock in the morning while they graze. They cannot digest their food until they chew their cud, and they cannot chew their cud until they lie down. God wants us to have our quiet hours under His supervision (Psa. 46:10). We are the sheep of His pasture (Psa. 79:13; 100:3). The sheep will not drink from a swiftly moving stream for in moving waters he suspects harmful water creatures. So the shepherd leads (never drives) his sheep to quiet waters where will form a pool in the brook for them. Read John 1:14; Rev. 22:17).

"HE RESTORETH MY SOUL"

Each day every sheep at some time comes to the shepherd to be caressed by his hand in order to be reassured of a place in the shepherd's affection. God made the soul (Gen. 2:7) and He can revive it, give it new life (Eph. 1). There is no help for the wayward sheep except the seeking shepherd who rescues him (Lu. 15:4, 5).

"HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE"

The sheep needs a shepherd for provision (Jn. 10:3, 4). The sheep does not have a food and water instinct, nor the "homing instinct" of other animals. The stupid sheep will wander away and he is unable to find his shelter without the aid of the shepherd.

"YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL: FOR THOU ART WITH ME"

Few animals are as utterly defenseless against their enemies as the sheep. They have little speed for running, and an eagle, fox or a small dog can slaughter a sheep. Even if there were no beasts of prey a sheep could not live long without a shepherd. If a sheep lies on a hillside with his feet pointing up the slope, he may be able to regain his feet. Satan as a roaring lion is

too much for a Christian (1 Pet. 5:8). Jesus, our Shepherd, became a Lamb to die for the flock (Jn. 1:29) that through His death He might gain the victory over the Devil who had the power of death (Heb. 2:14, 15). So Jesus, Who goes with us through death, will give us a victorious resurrection (Jn. 11:25).

"THY ROD AND THY STAFF, THEY COMFORT ME"

David slew a lion and a bear in protecting his father's sheep (1 Sam. 17:34-36). The rod and staff of the shepherd is a comfort to the sheep as he passes through the ravines, narrow cliffs and dense bushes. For the shepherd with an eight foot rod probes every covert in which a poisonous snake or beast of prey may be stealthily hiding.

"THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES"

God not only feeds us (Rev. 3:20; Jn. 6:35), but protects us with His guardian angels (Psa. 34:7). Thus was Daniel spared in the lion's den, and the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace in the very presence of their enemies.

"THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP RUNNETH OVER"

The shepherd carried healing oil for first aid, and a cup to give water to a stranded sheep that was weak with thirst (2 Cor. 1:21; Jn. 16:24).

"SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER."

"Goodness" and "Mercy" are two faithful shepherd dogs. Jesus is with us as we do His bidding (Matt. 28:20), and we are headed for the Father's House (Jn. 14:2, 3). Read Isa. 40:11; Rev. 7:16.



**What's Doing
in the
Churches**



CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

It has been a long time since you heard anything concerning the activities of the First Brethren Church in Cumberland, Maryland. This is not saying that we were not about our Father's business and doing the things that He would have us to do.

First I want to say that we are no longer a mission church; we are on our own financially speaking (and I am sure that I express the sentiments of our group when I say we are grateful that finally this was achieved. I also hasten to express our sincere thanks to the Southeastern District as well as to the national board for their financial aid over a long period of years). Again, thanks.

Although a mission church for so long a time, we still are proud of the fact that we can claim five and per-

haps six ministers going out from among our group, our own present minister being one of them. May God bless you men and your families wherever you find your work in God's vineyard.

Between the time Brother McCartneysmith retired and the coming of Brother Garland, Brother Garland's father filled our pulpit.

The Shanks were with us one evening last summer and we enjoyed them very much. We also learned more about the work they are doing. Thanks Glenn and Jean, may God bless and keep you safe in His care, and remove every obstacle that would retard the progress of winning the souls of men.

Last summer we had a Daily Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 55. We closed our school with a fine program; all this with God's help and the help of two of our lovely Brethren Youth, namely Mary Rose and Carol Johnson. Thanks girls, come again.

Last spring we had three nights of services by our pastor previous to our communion.

Last October, Rev. Joe Eurig, a television celebrity from Alexandria, Virginia, held meetings for five nights with a full and overflowing house each night. The two last nights many were turned away. He is a very able and powerful speaker. Results, not too many visible. A large number went forward indicating a closer walk with God. Also, there were many requests for special prayer.

We had a fine Christmas program. It was coached by our pastor's sister, Gertie.

Recently a young couple came forward in an evening service and made a first-time confession. The attendance at all services is good; the evening service is increasing, for which we are grateful.

Several of the Youth for Christ young folks are attending evening services and taking an active part.

Our Junior church is growing, and is very promising as well as our Junior choir, both of which were organized and supervised by sister Mack (Mrs. L. O. McCartneysmith).

The undersigned and Mrs. Paul Landis reorganized a Junior S. M. M., 18 girls were present at our first meeting.

We too were blessed materially by way of making three Sunday school rooms in the basement, plus a chapel (where our Junior church has their services). All labor was done gratis by laymen and the minister. Also some of the material was donated.

An electric organ was set in to be used when Rev. Eurig was with us in October. The folks fell in love with it so much they purchased one, most of which is already paid for at this writing.

Something new for us at least, and I personally think very good, is we made up a budget for the year 1960. We are coming along fine with same.

We also had a watch night service of three and a half hours. This service was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Program, pictures, social hour, and devotions.

We have already made plans for a Daily Vacation Bible School in the spring following the week of the closing of the public schools. We are looking forward to our evangelistic meetings in the spring with Rev. Elmo Byler as the Evangelist.

Pray for us that we may have strength for future duties and remain faithful until Christ comes and calls us home.

Anna S. Beachley, Cor. Sec'y.



JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA, THIRD BRETHREN

On December 18, 1959, the congregation of the Third Brethren Church in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, held a "Family Christmas party". This was really a "scheme" to get the Rev. Clarence Stogsdill family to the church for a farewell party before they left to take up the pastorate in Milledgeville, Illinois. A devotional program was held in the sanctuary of the church after which we adjourned to the basement for a fellowship period of musical entertainment and refreshments plus the presentation of a "token" of appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Stogsdill, Gwen and Roger, for having served so faithfully and cheerfully during their three and a half years in Johnstown.

During Rev. Stogsdill's pastorate many things were accomplished for the Lord. In addition to saving souls, a Building Expansion Program was initiated. A canvass of members was made and pledges for the new addition to our church was taken. The actual building process has not begun, but we are now half-way toward the financial goal that was set. Also, just before Rev. Stogsdill left we had a wonderful two-week evangelistic campaign (Nov. 2-15) with Rev. John T. Byler of New Lebanon, Ohio, as our evangelist. It was a Christian privilege to meet and hear this man of God.

Since Rev. Stogsdill's departure on December 31, 1959 we have been blessed with a "supply" of ministers (both active and "retired") who have graciously filled our pulpit on Sunday mornings and evenings. On Sunday morning January 10, 1960, we heard a layman, Mr. John Porter who is serving as Field Secretary of the General Conference of the Brethren Church.

Our pulpit committee has set up a complete schedule of services and speakers to carry us through till Sunday February 14, when our new pastor, Rev. William Anderson, expects to begin his pastorate. Need I say that we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Anderson sometime during the week of February 8 and before the 14th? We pray that under their guidance and counsel we shall be able to advance steadily in the work of our Lord.

Charlotte L. Howard, Secretary.



We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

ROME TO CAIRO

Beadle and the writer hired a car from the hotel, with driver-guide, and were on our own visiting various places of interest. One was the place of the Three Fountains, supposedly built over the spot where Paul was executed on the Ostian Way about six miles out of Rome. A cave over which a nearby church was built was supposed to be the place where he was confined before his execution. They will tell you, "where his head struck the ground, it bounced three times and at each place a water of different temperature sprang up." They will tell you all they think you will believe, and then some. From there we went to the coastal city of Ostia, now a ruins where Paul is said to have landed on his trip to Rome. This is an old seaport and dates back to 2000 B. C. There was a very interesting museum there containing statues and relics unearthed by the Archeologist's spade. Ostia was indeed well worth the trip.

This was our last full day in the Eternal City. Tomorrow we were scheduled to leave in the evening for Cairo. Some of the women folks as well as the men went downtown in the forenoon to shop and to visit the American Embassy. There was a place near the Vatican where the bus stopped on one of our trips and where articles were sold. The Pope would bless them for the purchaser. Some availed themselves of the opportunity and took back presents for their Catholic friends.

Monday, July 14, we left the hotel in Rome a little after 9:00 P. M. Went to the airport and were off the ground at 10:50. There was a time difference of 5 hours in England, 6 hours in France, and in Egypt, where we were now headed, of 7 hours from New York.

We arrived in Cairo about 6:00 A. M., making the flight in 4 hours and 43 minutes. Here we were, out in the great Sahara Desert. We were not long in realizing that, in many ways, we had dropped back centuries, with a blending of Old and Modern. Men hurrying in their flowing robes, or Galibyas, turbaned, and running hither and yon like ants when someone knocked over their hill. This was Cairo, the city of the ages. Car horns blowing continually, no sense of order. Soldiers at the gate of the airport armed with rifles, and apparent pandemonium everywhere. We were glad when a friendly Travel Agent representative got us through Customs and headed us into the waiting bus reserved for our party.

It was a long way over the sandy desert to the city. Got to the hotel, The Victoria, where we were to stay. A baggage was taken up to the floors where we were assigned. Our suitcases were within twenty-five feet of our room. A big swarthy Egyptian wearing baggy trousers showed them and took them the short distance to the room. He would not leave, but stuck out his hand and said,

"Baksheesh." Told him we had no Egyptian money, but he was not leaving. Gave him a quarter in American money. He looked at it with his nearsighted eyes and left. He had already been paid but they believe in working the tourists for all they can get.

We had lunch and then went to the bank where we exchanged \$10.00 for Egyptian money. The Piaster is the usual currency. All of us were obliged to help the economy and had to have a slip to show that we had exchanged American money for Egyptian, and hand the slip to the officer at the plane before we could leave the country. It seemed as though from every view which met the eye, that we had dropped back into Bible times and into another world.

This was fateful July 15. This morning when we landed at Cairo, the United States Marines landed at Beirut, Lebanon, which was just 45 minutes away by air, and to which we were scheduled to go later on our way to Palestine. It was the gateway, and possessed a very large airport. We did not realize until later on how it would complicate our plans. Pictures of Nasser were shown everywhere on walls, and movie screens, while war-mongering Americans, of which we were them, were blasted continually over the Cairo radio.

In the afternoon we visited two mosques, and had to have canvas shoes put on over our leather ones. There was the idea of traveling around through the mosques and over the rugs wearing snowshoes. The first mosque was the Sultan Hasein, and then we went to the Alabaster mosque, which was beautiful almost beyond description. The floors were covered entirely with beautiful rugs. "Zag", our guide called loudly the name of "Alla", and the echoes came back from the distance of the dome. From one of the mosques we visited, the pyramids could be seen in the distance, across the river.

From the last mosque we went to a bazaar and had to run the gauntlet of natives trying to sell us their products. We were told to follow our guide in close formation, which we did down the narrow crowded alley lined with craftsmen of all kinds. One man was ironing, and as he did so pushed the iron with his right foot. When we got into the bazaar, the doors were closed and the hucksters not allowed inside. The keeper was very friendly. Why not? the guide "Zag", as we called him, had brought him business. Likely the guide got his commission from all we bought. There were many things of beauty which were reasonably priced.

The proprietor said that he would like to come to the states, but had 4 wives and 17 children. When he was away his wives quarreled and he had to stay home and keep them peaceful. Several of the party bought among other things, camel saddles. They were priced at \$15.00 and were shipped to the states by the seller.

We were not permitted to leave this bazaar except as a group because of the persistent hucksters. At that our guide was attacked at the bus by one of them who was infuriated because he would not let them have a chance to sell us, and the Egyptian huckster whipped out a long knife and cut "Zag" on the thumb. From there we drove to a perfume shop. The perfume sold for \$3.00 an ounce, to which was to be added alcohol when we got back to the states. From there we drove through an old ancient cemetery to the hotel.



Prayer Meeting Studies

by C. Y. Gilmer

WHY THE CROSS OF CHRIST?

"O why was He there as the Bearer of sin
If on Jesus the guilt was not laid;
Why from His side flowed the sin cleansing stream
If His dying my debt has not paid?"

THE CROSS REVEALS the natural man's enmity or deep-seated ill will against God (Matt. 27:25). Though God foreknew His Son would be crucified (Psa. 22:16), that did not excuse the crucifiers or mankind from such gross wickedness (Acts 2:23). Though God foreknew that the person of His Son would come into the Satanic inspired torture of the hands of sinful men (Matt. 17:22), His grace, love and mercy were such that "He stood in the poor sinner's place" (1 Jn. 4:9, 10). Instead of man loving God as he should (Deut. 6:5), God loved His enemy, man, though he was wholly undeserving (Rom. 5:8). God "so loved" (Jn. 3:16) that He did not hold back the Son of His love.

Christ so loved the Father that He came to die for sinful man (Jn. 14:31). And Christ also "endured the cross" because of His love for the lost and His joy in seeing the redeemed saved (Heb. 12:2). He actually gave Himself in His love for us "an offering and a sacrifice to God" (Eph. 5:2). It was on the cross that He did this to take our place (2 Cor. 5:21). He made peace for our guilty souls "through the blood of His cross" (Col. 1:20). The appealing love shown on Calvary is God's melting of the obstinate heart (Gal. 6:14), and the primary thought of the Christian message (1 Cor. 2:2).

"Oh cross of Christ, oh, glorious tree,
What place can be compared to thee?
Where God's own Son a ransom died
And for our sins was crucified!"

Through the incarnation (1 Tim. 3:16) Christ came into this world to "die for our sins" (1 Cor. 15:3, 4). The figure of "the Lamb of God" (Jn. 1:29) speaks of a life to be sacrificed (Matt. 20:28). The shedding of His blood was for the remission of sins (Heb. 9:22). In Genesis 3:15 the seed of the woman, meaning the virgin-born Christ, though put to death by the serpent, would be resurrected to destroy the rulership of Satan. "Christ died for our sins" (Isa. 53:5, 6). He was sinless (Jn. 8:46; 18:38) that He might be made sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21). He satisfied the Divine Will, and, therefore, the grave could not hold Him (Rom. 1:4). On the cross Christ effected completely the perfect plan of salvation (Heb. 2:14, 15).

The Christ and His cross are inseparable (1 Pet. 1:20). The Son of man had to be "lifted up" (Jn. 3:14). "Lifted up" signified "what death He should die" (Jn. 12:32, 33). Without refutation this fact is fully established: "Christ

died for our sins" (1 Tim. 1:15). He is God's provision for sin (Gen. 22:8). The manner of His death certainly exposes our unrighteousness (Isa. 64:6). Even "all" are convicted and condemned before God (Rom. 3:10, 23). The deception of sin has penetrated man to the core (Jer. 17:9). That accounts for the cross (1 Pet. 2:24) and the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16, 17).

Christ's work on His cross spells "deliverance" from the guilt of sin (Rom. 8:1), the power of sin (Rom. 7:24-25), and the presence of sin (1 Jn. 3:2; 1 Cor. 15:51-58).

A suffering God upon the tree,
A suffering Christ Who died for me;
A suffering Lord Who cared for me
That I might live eternally.
A suffering God in love Divine
A suffering Christ life's treasure mine;
A suffering Lord in Him to find,
A tranquil heart—a peaceful mind.
A suffering God—a Father's heart
A suffering Christ Who ne'er forgot;
A suffering Lord to share my lot,
A suffering God! Oh, staggering thought!

—Edwin C. Swanson.

Lesson

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for February 28, 1960

COURAGE FOR CHRISTIAN WITNESSING

Lesson: Acts 21:27-39

IN BELLFLOWER, California, 27 year old truck driver Lon F. Allen explained why he tried to run over a highway patrolman: "I wanted to prove I was not afraid of a policeman."

To be sure, no one would speak well of such courage. It is required of Christians, however, that they be brave and courageous—especially in their Christian witnessing.

Our lesson reveals the courage Paul manifested in his witness for the Gospel.

PAUL AND HIS VOW

Returning from his Third Missionary Journey, Paul arrived in Jerusalem where a report was given to the leaders of the Church. They convinced the Apostle that he should prove his loyalty to the Jewish faith by taking the Nazirite, or at least by paying the expenses of other men preparing to take the vow. The Jewish Christians had gotten the impression that Paul was teaching men "to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs" (21:21).

So Paul listened to the Church leaders. In doing so, was he right or wrong? Was this tactfulness or compromise?

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, one of the ablest of scholars, takes one side of the issue:

"I hold that Paul made the greatest mistake of his ministry on this occasion. Yet we have to recognize the fact that the reason of his consent was not that of expediency merely, not that of policy, but that of devotion. The reason of his consent was his desire to win his (Jewish) brethren."

We cannot do justice to his arguments in these few words, but we have shown his opinion.

On the other hand another notable expositor, Dr. Charles R. Erdman, disagrees with this view:

"Paul has been severely criticized for his action, which has been termed compromising and hypocritical; it has been regarded as the unnecessary cause of his arrest. This, however, is quite to miss the point of the story and to misunderstand the principles of Paul. He had rejected the Law as a means of justification, not as a mode of life; he did not trust to its observance to secure his salvation, but he practiced its ceremonies as one who loved his nation and who was glad to avoid any needless offense to his fellow countrymen."

With which view do you agree? Take your choice. Right or wrong, the deed was done! If we may judge from the results, Paul must have been wrong. The leaders of the Church wanted to appease the Jews in order to maintain peace. Instead, there was a riot!

THE JEWS AND THEIR PREJUDICE

In reality, the riot should not be blamed on either the church leaders' recommendation, or Paul's actions. "The Jews which were of Asia... stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him (Paul)" (21:27).

They first criticized Paul for **not** entering the Temple, and for **not** performing the Jewish rites. Then when he entered the Temple they criticized him for doing so. They were looking for an excuse—and they found it!

The trouble all began over a false rumour. They saw Paul and Trophimus (an Ephesian Christian) in company around the city of Jerusalem. They put one and one together, and came up with the wrong answer, for "they supposed that Paul had brought (him) into the temple" (21:29). Trophimus was a Gentile. Paul knew this. He did not, and would not, violate the laws of the Temple by taking a Gentile into it.

The Jewish Christians in Jerusalem were prejudiced against Paul. They were not willing to forget who he had been. Though some 20 years had passed, they still thought of him as "The Persecuter," and were unwilling to accept him as "The Apostle."

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR IGNORANCE

But the great multitude of people in Jerusalem was so to blame. The crowd soon became an unruly mob. And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple" (21:30).

The people did not know they were the "tool" in the hands of the Jewish leaders. They were being "used" in order that the Jews might accomplish their purpose. **It had not been for the Roman soldiers, that unruly Jeru-**

salem crowd may have "crucified" Paul even as it did Christ!

PAUL AND HIS COURAGE

Paul's great courage is seen, first of all, in his coming to Jerusalem. He had been warned before he left Caesarea that suffering and bonds awaited him there. Now as he stands before the howling, gnashing crowd he is without fear. He had already settled the matter with God! He told his Christian brothers: "I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (21:12).

Such a spirit is unconquerable! Such courage is the product of the crucified life!

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

PREACHER MATERIAL

Note: Since the Sunday School Board is cooperating in the combined Life Work Recruit Program which was begun this year, the Life Work Superintendent of the National Sunday School Board will be writing only one personal letter to the Life Recruits during the year. However, material of special interest to Life Recruits and their parents and friends will be presented from time to time on this page by Rev. N. V. Leatherman, Life Work Superintendent of the Sunday School Board. The Sunday School Board is happy to cooperate in this combined program which includes: Ashland College and Seminary, Brethren Youth, National Laymen, Missionary Board, National Ministerium, Sunday School Board, and the Woman's Missionary Society.



WHAT MUST A BOY HAVE TO MAKE A PREACHER? Among some others he must have three particular things. He must have a good heart. He must have a good mind. And he must have a good voice.

This little squib wants to tell you why a good heart is necessary. In the first place it is only a good heart that becomes aware that God is around. No preacher can preach without this knowledge of the presence of God. Jacob found Him when he saw the angels going up and down on the ladder let down from heaven, and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I know it not." Moses found Him near by the burning bush that was not consumed by the burning, and God said to him, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Saul of Tarsus found Him near on the Damascus road, when he asked, "Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." Now these three instances are all different. Yet one thing is common to all of them. Jacob, and Moses, and Saul of Tarsus had a good heart to know when the Lord was nigh. Your experience will not be exactly like theirs

either. But your good heart will know that the Lord is near you.

Your good heart will not only tell you that He is near you. It will also want to respond to the Spirit of the Lord. It will put your own interests and desires into second place, and put what you come to understand to be the will of God for your life into first place. Furthermore you will seek to learn His will for your life with your whole heart.

A good heart will know there is more to life than what man without God can supply. For when we seek life without God it is like coming to the dead end of a street. There is nothing to do but turn around and get on the right street again, this time with the Lord.

Also a good heart will always want to share with others the fine things of life we discover with our Lord. That is the very essence of a preacher heart. Full many a lad has this kind of good heart, who never dreamed that he possessed it. So why don't you go prospecting within your own soul? Doubtless you too will find the Lord near, and that you do have a desire to do His will and want to tell others about it.

Later we want to tell you why a boy considering the ministry must also have a good mind. And then why he must have a good voice.

N. Victor Leatherman

Life Work Superintendent of the

Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church.

World Religious News in Review

PHILA. POLICE CRACK DOWN ON BINGO

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (EP) — Complaints from five Protestant clergymen here have put an end to bingo games in two Roman Catholic churches in the "City of Brotherly Love."

Police Commissioner Thomas J. Gibbons said he had not known of the weekly games. His action got the support of Msgr. John J. Noone, chancellor of the Philadelphia archdiocese who said that the chancery disapproved of bingo games, knowing they violated state gambling laws.

The complaints were filed by the Rev. William A. Drury, a Baptist, and assistant director of Youtharama, Inc., a non-denominational evangelistic program for teen-agers; the Rev. Scott Hutchinson of the Third Baptist church, the Rev. Elvin Zuch and the Rev. Melvyn Lewis, pastors of Primitive Methodist churches, and the Rev. Alex Dunlap, an evangelist.

"OLD FASHIONED REVIVAL HOUR" THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OLD

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (EP)—The "Old Fashioned Revival Hour", one of the oldest and best-known gospel broadcasts, was 35 years old on Jan. 7, 1960. Its founders, Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Fuller, were honored on

that date by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

The Board presented to them an embossed scroll containing the text of a laudatory resolution. Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who presented the scroll, pointed out that their radio program is now broadcast over 625 stations to a worldwide audience estimated at 10 million listeners.

"As a result of their Christian radio ministry, Dr. and Mrs. Fuller have been responsible for teaching the ideals of Christianity to untold thousands and have inspired many persons to become active in church work," the Supervisor stated.

The second best-known achievement of Dr. Fuller was the founding of the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, in 1947. The seminary was the fulfillment of a life-long dream for the radio minister.

TAX ISSUE STIRS COMMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Reaction to an article in *Christianity Today* magazine shows deep anxieties over proposals that taxes be levied on church properties.

The comments were made in response to an article by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Stated Clerk of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., who wrote last August calling for taxes on "unrelated"

church businesses (e. g., commercial radio and TV stations, printing establishments, property speculation). Blake had also proposed voluntary contributions by the churches graduated annually from one percent to ten percent of the estimated real estate tax on their properties.

Those who opposed the taxation of church properties pointed out, according to the editors, that taxation could bring further government regulation, that there is already too much taxation, that religious exemptions are based on the limits of the federal government's power to tax, that church property taxes would open the door to levies on other charitable institutions such as schools and hospitals, and that taxation would eliminate many struggling churches.

Blake's point in the article was to warn churches that exploitation of tax exemption may lead ultimately to "revolutionary expropriation of church properties."

Editors of the magazine said the elimination of exemptions on income from business or trade unrelated to the essential mission of the church will have the support of a wide Protestant conscience.

NATION'S CHRISTMAS TREE CUT UP FOR CROSS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The National Christmas Tree, which adorned the White House grounds during the Christmas season, will be hewn into a giant cross and placed on the lawn of the new Bethesda (M.) Congregational Church.

Pastor Grover C. Rieger asked to cut the tree through the Rev. Frederick Fox, a Congregational minister on the White House staff, who attends the Bethesda church, who in turn

asked the Washington Board of Trade Officials which in turn asked Alice Kimball, on whose Maine farm the 70-foot spruce was cut. The National Park Service then gave its consent.

"The cross will be about 30 feet high," said Mr. Rieger. "It certainly will be more symbolic than the steel cross we had planned last summer."

VATICAN-U. S. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS URGED

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Representative Aime J. Forand (Dem.—R.I.) has petitioned Congress to establish diplomatic relations between the U. S. and the Vatican. The memorial, first such presented to the session of Congress from a state legislature, read as follows:

"Whereas, the United States now has more than 39,000,000 Catholics, constituting 22 per cent of the population, and whereas, the Vatican State is aptly referred to as the central information agency of the world," the memorial declares, "and numerous world powers already enjoy mutual diplomatic relations, a desirable and acceptable means of communication between the Vatican and the nations of the world,

"And whereas, the United States and the Vatican are undisputed leaders in a joint effort to attain world peace and to liberate the legions of oppressed people in the world, and whereas, the mutual objectives of both powers toward the preservation of the free world would be better attained, therefore be it resolved that the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island respectfully requests the President of the United States to enter earnest discussions with Pope John XXIII, regarding the establishment of permanent diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican State."

Rep. Hugo L. Ricci of Providence sponsored the resolution.

CAPITAL TEEN CONVENTION PRESSES SPIRITUAL REVOLUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Coming by special trains, chartered buses and ships, 10,300 teen-age delegates converged on the U. S. Capital Dec. 28th for the three-day Capital Teen Convention sponsored by Youth for Christ International.

Speakers for the meeting, held in the National Armory, stressed the need for spiritual power to overcome the threat of Communism, as they developed the themes of the convention: "You and Your Country," "You and Your World," and "You and Your Tomorrow."

In his keynote address, Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, president of YFCI, called on the youths to make the next generation of adults one which will bring about "a spiritual and moral revolution." He also challenged them to commit their lives to Christ in order to be "the greatest moving force for world peace." Other speakers included Evangelist Billy Graham, Senator Frank Carlson of Kansas and Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc.

On the opening day, delegates participated in "the world's largest teen 'funspiration'", under the direction of Jack Hamilton, YFC high school club director. The convention also featured special seminars on youth problems, sessions for pastors, youth leaders, college students and other adult delegates. An "extra curricular" activity was a four-hour sight seeing tour of the capital.

The world premier of "Monkey Business," a Gospel Films production on evolution, occupied the attention of the teens at one session.

The 10,300 teen-age delegates came from 48 of the 50 U. S. states, and from 14 foreign countries including Canada, Sweden, Japan, Trinidad, the Bahamas, South Africa and Assam.

LEADER SEES METHODIST MISSIONARIES IN SPACE

BALTIMORE, Md. (EP)—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., recently challenged his fellow church members to prepare to carry the Gospel to other planets. In an address at the 175th anniversary of Methodism in the United States, Bishop Oxnam said: "Before another 175 years have passed, we will have conquered space and come to know the thinking, the culture, the dreams, the problems, the limitations of the people who populate the great planets of the universe."

He then suggested that God had created life on other planets of the universe and asked: "Is Methodism ready for the intellectual stretching necessary to re-examine its mission-

ary program and to ask: Must the old command be revised to read, 'Go ye into the universe and preach the Gospel to every creature?'"

BETTING LEGALIZED DESPITE OPPOSITION

HARRISBURG, Pa. (EP)—Pennsylvania's Governor David L. Lawrence has signed into law a measure permitting betting at harness races in the state, despite strong Protestant church opposition. The bill sets a precedent in the Keystone State's long history of laws banning legalized gambling. The Pennsylvania Council of Churches, representing 47 church bodies with a constituency of 3,000,000 people, had argued that once the principle of preventing legalized gambling was broken, the door would be open "to extend pari-mutuel betting and other forms of betting."

The new law provides for an election at the spring primary when votes may decide whether to permit harness racing with pari-mutuel betting in their respective counties. The measure imposes a limit of four tracks.

AFRICAN PITS BIBLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM

ATHENS, O. (EP)—A Nigerian student leader sees the Bible as helping substantially "to undercut the whole basis" of imperialism in Africa and Asia.

'Bola Ige told the quadrennial conference on the Christian World Missions here that he felt the Bible is "a most explosive document" because of its teachings about man and God. Ige, overseas secretary for the CWM Conference, asserted that during the next decade a massive thrust of African nationalism "will sweep the last vestiges of colonialism" from the continent.

Other African students expressed similar views during forums and discussions at the week-long meeting, sponsored by the National Student Christian Federation. The federation, representing some 40 Protestant student groups, is related to the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education.

If somebody else solves all your problems you will never be anything but a poor mathematician.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

THE SINGERS RETURN

THE ASHLAND COLLEGE Chapel Choir returned to Ashland at 6:00 p. m. on Thursday, February 4, after having completed six days of traveling and singing. Your new Youth Director was privileged to travel with the choir as a member.

The choir sang in FIVE Brethren Churches and SIX High schools throughout Southern Ohio and Indiana. The concerts were well attended by many Brethren people throughout the denomination. The choir, under the direction of Prof. Calvin Y. Rogers gave programs of great variety, ranging from the most sacred types of music in the churches, to many lighter numbers for the high schools.

Those in the choir enjoyed the hospitality of the churches and homes in which they stayed. Since the home concert, the choir has begun to prepare for their annual spring concert in May.

PIC of the WEEK CHURCH OPENINGS NEEDED



Who is going to be their Teacher?

In this picture at Linwood, Maryland, a Vacation Bible School class is being held. You see several students, but no teacher. You may wonder along with us where the teacher is. Last summer a Brethren Youth Crusader filled this vacancy at Linwood. Will such a vacancy exist in your Bible School this summer?

It is not too early to be planning for your Daily Vacation Bible School. You need not be reminded of the importance this type of school is to your Church and your youngsters. It would be a terrible shame to come to Vacation Bible School time and not have a teacher for your students. That is why we urge you to send in your applications for Summer Workers and Crusaders. These young people are willing to dedicate their lives for a summer work in the various churches as teachers. They are especially trained and qualified to teach in Your Bible School.

Those of you fellows and girls who are Juniors or Seniors in High School, and want to be a teacher in a class such as this, it is not too late to send in your application to be a Summer Worker or Crusader. We urge both, the church and the young person, to send your application to:

THE NATIONAL BRETHREN YOUTH OFFICE
ASHLAND COLLEGE
ASHLAND, OHIO

Please give these youngsters a chance to hear about Jesus Christ!

SHANKS WRITE FROM AFRICA

"We certainly did appreciate your very interesting letter. It was very thoughtful of you to remember us in this way. It is always a joy to hear news from Ashland and Brethren Youth. May we add, too, that Jean and I were grateful for the various opportunities we had while home to work with the Youth in one way or other. It was an inspiration to us to see again Brethren Youth at work for the Lord. Even more rewarding were the many contacts we were able to make with those of the youth who are looking forward to the Mission Field.

"You had one phrase in your letter which particularly caught my attention, perhaps because I've felt a need for this. This is the phrase, 'The work is a challenge.' as it expands to meet the needs of our Brethren young people.' The Brethren Youth office has always had this aim in mind and I'm happy that it continually is working in that direction.

"The annual meeting of the Mission begins tomorrow evening but since committee meetings are held prior to the Annual Meeting, a number of us are already at Gakida. The Krafts are here as well as Bob Bischof—Bob will be coming tomorrow. Haven't had time for a conference with the Krafts but have enjoyed several visits with Bob.

"The Shanks enjoyed a nice Christmas. Seems as though some people waited until that day to get started as I had to make several trips to out-villages to bring patients to the Dispensary. Then after I got them "ok" Jean was kept busy treating them. Did manage to attend early morning prayers and part of the regular annual Christmas program given by the church (12 noon to 2:30 p. m.) However, missed Christmas dinner at Waka as well as program but arrived in time for gift exchange. Really, I believe I enjoyed this Christmas as well as any because it was spent doing things for other people.

"As we drove home from Waka about midnight, I had of had a nice feeling, knowing that God had used us to bring some light, some warmth and I hope a bit of Christmas joy to others. 'For inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.' Greetings to all."

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

ATTITUDES CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!

"Johnny? Sing in the Cherub Choir? Oh, no! Why he's the original Johnny-one-note!"

"Not my Jim. He'll never have enough nerve to ask for a raise."

"We'd love to come over, Jane, but these little monsters of ours would make a wreck of your home in a minute!"

We all know women who make statements like these. Perhaps we are guilty of doing this ourselves. Of course, the tone of the voice varies—these things are not always said whiningly, sarcastically, or in a tone of ridicule—but the implication is there. Often we fail to realize the effect this has upon our husbands and children.

The conversation of one young mother in our neighborhood runs heavily to how positively AWFUL the garbage service is, how TERRIBLE her kids are at reading, how absolutely USELESS her husband is when it comes to doing things around the house.

Why do we—most fortunate of the world's housewives—have such a tendency to recite our troubles? Do we really feel so put upon? Or is it that, having so much, we feel a little guilty and think we must justify ourselves by letting it be known that we, too, have troubles?

One of the happiest families I know is as poor as church mice. They are not rich except in love and contentment. The mother never has anything but good to say about her family.

"Joe is a whiz at spelling" she'll say proudly. "I'll bet he's won more spelling contests than anyone else in his class!"

And Joe—who's been a little lax, finds himself living up to his mother's faith in him. By the end of the semester he had won the county spelling contest.

Or she'll say of her husband, "He's really brilliant. I know he'll go far!"

And her husband, feeling confident of himself, secure in his family life, began working harder. Of course, the next time a promotion came up at the office, this man was their choice.

We in this country have a reputation for "keeping up with the Joneses." This strikes me as a fairly accurate label, although not always in a material way.

The friends of the woman who was always complaining about her family and neighborhood may pity her, but they may try to "keep up" with her as well. They go on a campaign of self-pity and try to make complaints to help her—and usually succeed.

How much more positive is the influence of the woman who speaks well of her family. The husband and children—knowing that she approves of them—are well-balanced, happy people. Her friends—in the best keeping-with-the-Joneses-tradition—find themselves boasting about the good points of their families also.

It isn't difficult to make a habit of this sort of thinking. It just requires the substitution of a favorable comment each time we are tempted to make an unfavorable one. This doesn't mean we can't blow off steam once in a while, just that we first try to find something good to say. The more good we find to talk about the more good there will be.

It isn't only the world leaders, the men at the summit, whose policies influence our lives. You and I, the American mothers and housewives, can help change the world!

Mrs. Robert Keplinger,
Canton, Ohio.

INTERESTING ITEMS

(Continued from Page 5)

DAYTON, OHIO (HILLCREST). Brother Percy Miller notes seven first-time confessions and two reconsecrations at the morning service on January 24th.

The Hillcrest Brethren were hosts to the Miami Valley Christian Endeavor Union "Birthday Banquet" the evening of February 2nd. It was Christian Endeavor's 79th birthday.

FAIRHAVEN, OHIO. Pastor Waldo Gaby notes that the Fairhaven Brethren held a family supper and business meeting at the church on January 26th. There were 34 in attendance, and it was voted to redecorate the interior of the church.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Brother Virgil Ingraham and Rev. Leland Emrick, pastor of the Church of the Brethren engaged in an exchange of pulpits the evening of January 31st.

The Nappanee Senior Brethren Youth conducted services in the Lu-Ann Nursing Home the afternoon of January 24th.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. Guest speaker in the South Bend church the evening of January 31st, was Brother C. William Cole.

The South Bend church has secured the services of Rev. George Phillips, St. Joseph County Youth For Christ director, to serve as interim pastor until the arrival of Brother John T. Byler as pastor in June.

Five new members, four by baptism and one by letter, were received the last of January.

BURLINGTON, INDIANA. The W. M. S. public service was held the evening of January 24th.

ELKHART, INDIANA. The afternoon of January 31st, the Elkhart Senior Sisterhood entertained the Sisterhoods from the Goshen and New Paris Brethren churches. The mission study book, "Through Gates of Splendor," was reviewed by Elvera Bryket.

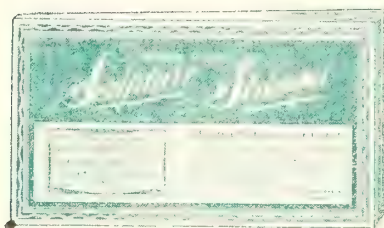
MORRILL, KANSAS. The Morrill church has purchased a new piano for use in the sanctuary, to replace the one which was badly worn out.

TUCSON, ARIZONA. Twelve 30-minute motion picture films, comprising the series, "The Living Christ," are being shown Sunday evenings in the Tucson church from January 10th through March 27th. Pastor Vernon Grisso comments: "A fine series of films." Attendances have been averaging around 130 each evening.

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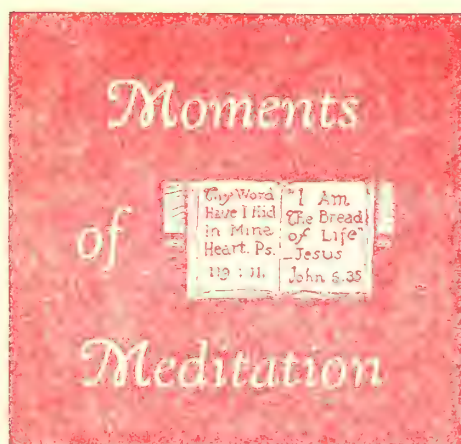


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Out of the realm of the glory light
Into the far-away land of night,
Out from the bliss of worshipful song
Into the pain of hatred and wrong.

Out from the holy rapture above
Into the grief of rejected love,
Out from the life at the Father's side
Into the death of the Crucified,

Out of high honor and into shame
The Master willingly, gladly came;
And now, since He may not suffer
anew,
As the Father sent Him so sendeth
He you!

—H. W. Frost.

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RECOVERY CHANCES

"Cancer patients have a 50-50 chance to recover, which is much greater than that of alcoholic addicts."—Dr. Nelson J. Bradley, Supt. Willmar, Minn. State Hospital.

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The love and grace of God may constrain you sometimes to go into the dens and dives of the devil to rescue a lost soul, but you can shine like a morning star while there and shout the victory when you get out.

I cannot help believing that the world will be a better and a happier place when people are praised more and blamed less; when we utter in their hearing the good we think and also gently intimate the criticisms we hope may be of service. For the world grows smaller every day. It will be but a family circle after a while.

—Frances E. Willard.

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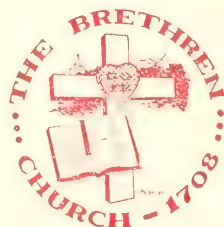
A MAN IS POOR

If he is without friends.
If he has low ideals.
If he has lost his self-respect.
If his morals are questionable.
If he has lost his grip upon himself.
If he is selfish, uncharitable, or cruel.
If he has forfeited his health for wealth.
If his mind and soul have been neglected.
If he has traded away his character for money.
If he has a disagreeable disposition that makes enemies or repels his friends.
If love of money has hardened him until the love of Christ and His Gospel fail to stir him to do his best for missions.
If all his investments and possessions are laid up on earth and he has no treasure in heaven.

—Selected.

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If the masses of mankind could glide heavenward as they glide hellward, the Narrow Way would have to be tremendously widened.



BUT I CAN TRUST

"I cannot know why suddenly the storm
Should rage so fiercely round me in its wrath;
But this I know—God watches all my path,
And I can trust.

I may not draw aside the mystic veil
That hides the unknown future from my sight,
Nor know if for me waits the dark or light;
But I can trust.

I have no power to look across the tide,
To see while here the land beyond the river;
But this I know—I shall be God's forever;
So I can trust."

—Selected.

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BE AS GOD WOULD HAVE YOU BE

Be patient with others, but strict with myself;
Loving to give, but refusing all praise;
Doing right, though it brings me no fame;
Honoring Christ, because signed with His Name;
Helping the downcast, and cheering the sad;
Living our creed, till it makes the world glad;
Fond of our work, of our friends, of our land;
Walking by faith, daily led by God's hand;
This is the pathway the saints have trod;
This is the life hid with Christ's in God.

—Selected.

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The Editor's Pulpit

Personal Evangelism

WHAT DO WE MEAN by "Personal Evangelism"? In this year of emphasis on "Brethren Advance in Evangelism," the personal phase of this work is important.

A newly-installed pastor of a church some time ago, after preaching his first sermon and greeting people at the door, was approached by a lady member of the church. She handed him a piece of paper on which were written several dozen names, and said, "Here are the names of the people we want you to work on to get them into the church."

Time has a way of revealing things, and in this case, as time went by, two things stood out. First, the "list" of names proved to be people with souls, yet souls which had been worked and re-worked, the disgruntled, the indifferent, and "those that the pastor ought to get into the church." They had been "hit hard" by former pastors eager to do the bidding of the congregation. The second thing which time revealed was that this congregation, like too many others, expected the pastor to do all the "gittin' of new members."

A third thing was revealed as a result of the first two revelations. There existed a definite lack of understanding of personal responsibility in soul winning on the part of the members of the congregation.

The pastor does have his responsibility in this matter of personal evangelism, but if any church is to succeed, personal evangelism must be practiced by each and every member.

WHAT IS "PERSONAL EVANGELISM" AND HOW DOES IT OPERATE?

Personal evangelism is each Christian seeking to win other individuals to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. It operates under the direction of the Holy Spirit through dedicated individual Christians. It is the God-assigned responsibility of each and every person who has accepted Christ, whether they are actively engaged in it or not!

There must be personal dedication of self to Christ. How can we win others to Christ if we ourselves do not know Him as our own personal Savior?

We must have a concern for those apart from Christ. We must pray for them night and day. Our influence upon them must be of the very best. Souls will not come to Christ through us if we live anything less than a life of Christian purity in their presence.

We must recognize the place of the Holy Spirit in dealing with souls in need of Jesus Christ. Conviction comes from the Holy Spirit—no other way. Philip was led of the Spirit to meet with the Ethiopian. The Ethiopian was under the conviction of the Spirit, and conversion resulted.

We must understand the end result of personal evangelism. It is to win people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ—not to church commitment. We recall an effort of a pastor through a series of messages and consultation classes to prepare willing members of his congregation for personal work. Such matters as approach to the person, talking to the person, what to talk about. Details were presented on explaining a person's need of Christ as personal Savior from sin, conversion, etc. One of the workers later advised the pastor that he had a certain person "ready." A visit by the pastor to the candidate revealed that he had been approached ONLY on coming into the church—confession of Christ as savior, repentance, etc., was entirely strange talk to the person. A thousand "comings into the church" will save no soul.

Perhaps here is one of the great failures of evangelism efforts. Perhaps we have been trying to evangelize people into church membership.

Personal evangelism succeeds when we learn to love people as Jesus loved them. He did not love their evil deeds or their unrighteousness. His love did not look upon their clothes, their social standing, the lift of their nose, the color of their skin or the poverty of their surroundings. His love looked to the unsaved condition of their eternal soul, and for that He died to be their Savior. Why cannot we LIVE to be the witness of that Savior through personal evangelism to lost souls around us? It's part of the Brethren Advance in Evangelism! W. S. B.

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The Nigerian Church is showing rapid growth, both numerically and spiritually.

CLIMATE DICTATES NIGERIAN LIFE

Mary Ann Moyer Kulp



JUST AS WEATHER is an important topic of conversation in the United States, so it is in Africa. However, this particular part of Africa is neither as hot nor as wet as I had imagined it might be. We arrived in Nigeria just as the rainy season was ending. During September and October there were small rains once or twice a week, which in November dwindled to nothing.

In December and January we experienced the "harmattan," a fog-like mist of dust that settles over everything, reducing visibility considerably and making house cleaning seem more futile than ever.

Winds laden with sand blowing south from the Sahara Desert create this condition which, by obscuring the sun, helps to lower the temperature of the air. During this time of year, blankets are necessary at night and sweaters in the early morning and evening.

Days become warmer

By the end of February the days become progressively warmer and moisture creeps into the air. At noon the temperature rises to 105-110 in the shade, and the humidity tends to wilt animals and humans alike.

Many nights are hot and still, making rest difficult. This pattern continues into May, with the humidity gradually increasing until, one magic day, it rains. After this, the rains are sporadic, with only a few in May, and perhaps every second day or so in June.

By July, in a normal year, it is raining at least every other day and sometimes more often. August is the month of heavy rains, which then begin tapering off in September.

These rains are not constant. As a rule, the air is clear and cool in the early morning, with heat and humidity building up by noon.

Cloud formations begin, and by late afternoon there is a thunderstorm lasting an hour or two, after which the

air clears and grows cooler. (This rain "schedule" is most convenient, as the laundry is usually dry enough to take down by the time the drops fall.)

Lightning here surpasses any I have seen at home. It is brilliant, constant, flashing up from the horizon all across the heavens, in weird, fantastic designs. At times there is thunder, but always there is lightning.

Plenty of mud

Mud is in order at Waka during the rains, and boots become a natural part of one's attire. It seems that water holds a fascination for all children, and ours are no exception.

With the first drop of rain, they rush for their raincoats and boots, and after the deluge is over, they happily slosh around in mud up to their ears. It is difficult to say which is more discouraging from the housewife's point of view: the dust of the dry season or the mud during the rains.

Nearly every African, regardless of his main occupation, farms a small patch of ground near his compound. Because tinned fruits and vegetables shipped out from Jos are so expensive, we, too, try to raise the majority of vegetables for our own use.

The climate necessitates having two separate gardens—one situated near water so that it may be irrigated during the dry season, and another in a location above the flood level during the rains. The dry season garden is planted in September or October, and the wet season one is planted in May or June, although it often must be watered artificially until the rains come regularly.

Monkeys invade gardens

Gardening in Africa, especially for beginners, is full of disappointments and frustrations. For example, we started three plantings of corn. Each time, just as the ears were beginning to form, monkeys invaded the garden.

and reaped the harvest. The fourth time, we planted near the house, where the animals dared not venture.

Lizards and grasshoppers chewed off our tiny cabbage plants, and ants ate our lettuce seeds. For every plant that grows, there seem to be a dozen pests to finish it off. We struggled with carrots and beets and at last have managed to raise about three dozen of each. In the dry season the blistering sun scorches the tender leaves.

During the rains, things are likely to rot. (The exception to all rules is string beans. Every seed matures and produces faithfully.) Gardening at best is a challenge anywhere, but in Nigeria, we have found it slightly more so.

Just as the weather is responsible to a large extent for the success of our gardens (after the plants have passed the stage of being snapped off and before the crops have developed sufficiently to be attractive to monkeys) so it determines to an even greater extent our travel. The roads between our mission stations are unpaved.

Two of our stations are completely inaccessible, except on foot, during at least two months of the year because of mud. When one travels during the rains, he allows twice as much time as the trip would normally take, and also carries extra water and food.

African weather, you see, does provide plenty of fare for conversation. And when conversation lags, we can always comment on how much we miss snow and ice.

(From Gospel Messenger)

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. A reception for the new pastor, Brother J. D. Hamel, and family, was scheduled for the evening of February 14th.

Installation services for Brother Hamel were held the morning of February 7th, with Brethren C. C. Grisso, C. A. Stewart and Fred C. Vanator, participating.

LOST CREEK, KENTUCKY. Brother Harold Barnett notes the scheduling of a Prophetic Bible Conference at the Riverside Christian Training School on February 25th and 26th with Professor J. Ray Klingensmith as speaker.

ST. JAMES, MARYLAND. Revival Services are being held in the St. James Brethren Church, February 24th through March 6th, according to word received from Pastor Freeman Ankrum. Brother George W. Solomon is the Evangelist.

Our sympathies are extended to Brother Ankrum in the passing of his brother, Ivan, on February 2nd, at Zanesville, Ohio.

CAMERON, W. VA. Work on the redecoration of the sanctuary is in progress. Work on painting the Sunday School rooms is being done by men of the church.

PITTSBURGH, PENNA. The W. M. S. public service was scheduled for the morning of February 21st.

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OUR COVER PICTURE. Lake St. Mary, Red Eagle Mountain, Glacier National Park. Don Knight Photo.

COMING EVENTS

CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND. Spring Revival—Beginning Mar. 6—Rev. S. E. Byler, Evangelist; Rev. H. R. Garland, Pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Bible Conference—Mar. 13-20—Rev. Virgil Ingraham, Speaker; Rev. George W. Solomon, Pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO (Hillcrest). Bible Lectures—Mar. 7-16—Dr. Joseph R. Shultz, Speaker; Rev. Percy C. Miller, Pastor.

PLEASANT HILL, OHIO. Evangelistic Services—Mar. 7-18—Rev. Herbert Gilmer, Evangelist.

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NORTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT LAYMEN

The 92nd Northern Indiana District Laymen's meeting will be held Monday, March 7th, at the Nappanee, Indiana, church.

Supper will be served 6:00 to 7:15 C.D.S.T. Send all reservations to Pat Bell, W. Walnut St., Nappanee, Indiana, not later than March 1st.

George Kerlin, Dist., Sec'y.

PASTOR NEEDED

The Calvary Brethren Church, Pittstown, N. J., would like to correspond with anyone who would desire to fill our pulpit and care for pastoral duties on a part-time basis while doing some other work besides, such as school teaching, office work, etc., which are available. Anyone interested please write to:

Miss V. E. Hackett, Sec'y.,
P. O. Box 87
Hampton, New Jersey.

PASTOR NEEDED

The Mulvane, Kansas, Brethren Church will have need for a full-time pastor beginning September 1, 1960. Anyone interested please let us know as soon as possible.

Mrs. Carl Sherman, Cor. Sec'y.,
Udall, Kansas

Luke 12:15-21

The POOR

THE PARABLE which closes with the words, "So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God," can never be forgotten. To hear or read it once is to remember it always. It is a story that needs no explanation; the teaching is unmistakable. It is a story of judgment. Christ certainly had such a man in mind as He spoke. Maybe those who heard it remembered a rich landowner who suddenly died; an unexpected end. He passes judgment on his life. The man who lived and planned thus was a fool.

The parable explains how it is that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth." It is a poor life whose possessions are outward and material. The life on which judgment was passed was poor and foolish because it was not rich toward God. What did it lack? What qualities were wanting? What are the proofs of this rich man's real poverty?

1. **The lack of thanksgiving.** He was rich; his ground brought forth plentifully. BUT his heart was never stirred by a feeling of gratitude; he never gave a thought of God as giver. He thought only of "my fruits," "my goods," "my barns." He speaks only of himself. "I" is his only counselor. He no doubt attributed his prosperity to his own skill, his sharpness at a bargain, his wise planning and anxious toil. He didn't see that God had any part in it. That of itself is proof of poverty.

2. **The lack of helpfulness or service.** The man is embarrassed with his riches. He has no room wherein to bestow his fruits. He takes counsel with himself as to what to do. In a flash he has the answer. It is a resolve to "stow", not "bestow." He will carry on business as before, but on a larger scale. He has no idea of giving, only of getting; no idea of using, but of storing. He never dreamed of stewardship or service. The plenty which came from his fields should have taught him better. The increase came not from stowing

but from sowing. Had he used his means as he used his grain, in service toward man, true riches would have been his. He would have been rich toward God and rich in himself.

3. **The lack of any worthy outlook or interest.** What are his thoughts for the future? What hopes and plans does he cherish? "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years. Take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." He plays with the thought of retiring from business. He has enough and more than enough. There is no need to rise early and toil late or endure the heat of the day. He will take life easy, he will enjoy himself. He is his own Alpha and Omega. ALL is for self. He will be a glutton and a wine-bibber. His pleasures are of the flesh. No higher vision dawns upon his soul. God and the hereafter are absent from his scheme of life. "Many days" is the limit of his outlook. This life is so poor and mean that it knows not what it lacks.

4. **In what he leaves behind him, and takes with him.** He is summoned hence by the voice none can disobey. He has planned for "many days", but he has not even one. "That night"—in the midst of plan and hope, the inevitable end surprises him. What does he leave behind him? He leaves only his fruits, his goods, his barns, his character. Nothing more. No one rises up to bless his memory. His mourners are few if any, though he may have had a funeral. He leaves no imperishable monument in deeds of kindness or of helpful service, or in an honored name. What does he take with him? Nothing of what he had. His treasures were of the earth, and the earth keeps them. Yes, his character he took with him to his place; his character such as it was AND with that he entered the eternal world a beggar, and a fool.

NOW, let us look to the type of life that this man could have lived and should have lived. It is very doubtful if he ever even called himself a Christian. He possibly knew he wasn't a Chris

RICH Fool

Rev. Percy C. Miller

tian. He, first of all, should have been dissatisfied with his life. Not a few Christians are dissatisfied with themselves and their attainments. Many feel that they are living on the surface of the Christian life; that there are depths of riches belonging to it into which they have not come because they do not know the way. This is exactly the way that this poor rich fool should have felt about the whole matter. Every man should want to grow toward God and in likeness to God, but many do not know how to make such an attainment. The fact is that the whole matter has been treated too much as a mystery. The darkness and uncertainty which trouble Christians would disappear if the plain teachings and counsels of the Bible were carefully regarded. The directions for living the "spiritual life," "the higher life," "the overcoming life" are all given so plainly and in such a straight forward way in God's Word that no one need make a mistake.

One essential qualification for the deepening and enriching of the spiritual life is knowledge. There can be almost no growth in grace without first growth in knowledge. BUT there is nothing in the least difficult or mysterious about the way to get this knowledge. It is simply by constant and faithful study of the Bible. Bible-fed Christians are strong, vigorous, active, growing. Those who neglect the Bible are weak and sickly, discontented and inefficient. We are simply to "desire the sincere milk of the word, that we may grow thereby." There is no mystery about that, or anything out of the reach of any of us.

No less important and necessary is prayer. Prayer is indeed a method of knowledge. It brings acquaintance with God, knowledge of God, and growth toward God. The absence of prayer is the sure sign of retrogression and indifference. Prayerfulness is an essential characteristic of any deep or successful Christian living. There is no mystery at all about prayer. It is a very simple thing; but an absolutely essential thing if we would grow as Christians.

Near akin to prayer is meditation. To meditate means to dwell upon in thought, to study upon it deliberately and continuously, to muse, to reflect, to think. It really means to get into the middle of a thing, to study it deeply. The great men of God have been men of meditation. Too many of us fail to make the truth we hear our own. We fail to make it undergo the mental process of digestion by which alone it can become our own—a part of us. Would you grow toward God? Then follow Paul's advice to Timothy: "Meditate on these things; give thyself wholly to them."

One other essential is obedience. So far as we know we are to do. These are attainments in spiritual life which can be reached in no other way save through a faithful and loving doing of the will of Christ. It is through service that life grows stronger, healthier, and more vigorous. To do each day the ordinary duties of life as unto Christ with a desire to please Him, will as truly bring us into a larger and happier spiritual life as the exercise of the closet of devotion, of waiting upon God in the ordinances of public worship. Prompt, loving and faithful obedience to known duty not alone yields joy and peace, but it opens the way to higher service. The failure to recognize this truth will account for the unrest and dissatisfaction and dwarfed lives of many professed Christians. Neither emotion, nor prayer, nor meditation on the Scriptures can be substituted for holy obedience.

Just now think of all that this poor rich fool had to work with, and the amount of good he could have done. Did he not care? Was he just indifferent? No matter what the answer may be, he still did not do his duty toward his God who gave him everything that he had. Now, friends, let us examine ourselves and see where we stand in relation toward God and what He has given to us. Are we making the proper use of what He has given to us? Are we concerned about doing His will and His alone? Be concerned with living the Christian life!

Dayton, Ohio.

THE CENTRAL PLANNING and CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE DENOMINATION

The Field Secretary Reports —

DECEMBER 1, 1959 marked our first official day as the Field Secretary of the Brethren Church. The first few weeks were spent in orientation and simply getting acquainted. There were numerous lengthy conferences and interviews with the various boards and offices such as; Brethren Youth, College, Mission Board, Publishing House, Retirement Board, Seminary and Sunday School.

During that time we were also privileged to accompany Rev. William Curtis to the Riverside School at Lost Creek, Kentucky. Along with spending five days with Rev. and Mrs. Harold Barnett and the staff, we were able to make some needed electrical repairs and assist where needed.

December 29, 1959, found us at the Pennsylvania Ministerium at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Mills in the parsonage at Berlin, Pennsylvania.

January started a full schedule which we hope to continue until we have visited every church of the Brotherhood:

January 6, 1960—Vinco, Pennsylvania

January 7, 1960—Brush Valley, Pennsylvania

January 10, 1960—morning service at Third Johnstown, Pa.

evening service at Berlin, Pa.

January 13, 1960—Ft. Scott, Kansas

January 17, 1960—Phoenix, Arizona

January 21-24, 1960—California District Conference, Lathrop, California

January 27, 1960—Tucson, Arizona

January 29, 1960—Mulvane, Kansas

January 31, 1960—Cerro Gordo, Illinois.

February 2, 1960—Christian Educators Forum, Laporte, Indiana

February 4, 1960—Louisville, Ohio

February 7, 1960—Akron, (Firestone Park), Ohio

February 10, 1960—conference Brethren Youth and Sunday School offices.

February 11, 1960—Canton, Ohio

February 12, 1960—North Georgetown, Ohio.

February 14, 1960—Morning service at Fremont, Ohio
Evening service at New Lebanon, Ohio

February 15-16, 1960—National Mission Board

February 17, 1960—Dayton, Ohio

February 22, 1960—Newark, Ohio

February 24, 1960—Pleasant Hill, Ohio

February 27, 1960—Meyersdale, Pa.

February 28, 1960—morning service at Pittsburgh, Pa.
evening service at Second, Johnstown, Pa.

March 2, 1960—Masontown, Pa.

March 13, 1960—morning service at Quiet Dell, West Va.

evening service at Cameron, W. Va.

Interim dates are being and have been used for special conferences and other engagements. Ashland College has kindly allowed us space in the basement of the Chapel along with the Brethren Youth Board and the Sunday School Board. Slowly we are getting our equipment in order and should be at home by General Conference time.

Our visits have been heartening and inspiring to us. We have found many churches building spiritually and physically and the indications point to a greater building to the glory of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

John Porte.

524 College Ave.,
Ashland, Ohio.

INTERESTING ITEMS

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ADRIAN, PENNA. (BRUSH VALLEY). The film, "Preacher's Kid," was shown the evening of February 7th.

VINCO, PENNA. The Boys' Brotherhood public service was scheduled to be given the evening of February 21st.

NEWARK, OHIO. Mrs. Stanley Fox, nee Janet King, former missionary to Nigeria, was guest speaker at the Newark W. M. S. public service on January 31st.

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO. Brother Claude Stogsdill writes: "Baptismal services were held for eight young people Sunday afternoon, January 31st. Two had accepted Christ earlier and were awaiting baptism. The other six had accepted Christ in the morning worship services the previous two Sundays.

"A new attendance record was set on January 24th when 44 young people attended Brethren Youth Crusaders. The group has been organized only since last September."

WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO. The Sisterhood public service was held on February 14th with Mildred Wolford giving the review of the Mission Study book, "Through Gates of Splendor."

MUNCIE, INDIANA. The Muncie church has secured the services of W. Carl Rarick to serve as interim pastor until the arrival of Brother J. G. Dodds in May.

HUNTINGTON, INDIANA. Scheduled for the evening of February 21st was the public service by the Junior Boys' Brotherhood. The 32-voice choir of the Lincoln School was featured on the program.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. Two new members were received by baptism on February 1st.

The Father and Son banquet was scheduled for February 25th.

BURLINGTON, INDIANA. Refinishing the sanctuary floor and the laying of new carpet has recently been done in the Burlington church.

NEW PARIS, INDIANA. Brother Woodrow Immel notes in the New Paris bulletin that Rev. Robert Lundy was guest speaker in the New Paris church the evening of February 7th.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Ordination services for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stump and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Best as Deacons and Deaconesses, were scheduled for February 21st.

Pastor Virgil Ingraham reports the baptism and reception of four new members recently.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (ARDMORE). On February 28th, Laymen's Sunday will be observed with Tobe Schmucker of Hope Rescue Mission as speaker.

GOSHEN, INDIANA. Brother Spencer Gentle has been a surgery patient in the Elkhart Hospital, but was expected to return home about February 22nd. We urge special prayer in behalf of Brother Gentle, that the Lord might be very gracious unto him in restoring him to health.

STOCKTON, CALIF. Brother Alvin H. Grumbling reports the reception of four members by letter recently.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

WHOM DO YOU HONOR, GOD OR CAESAR?

"... Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things which are God's." Matthew 22:21b.

IN A PUBLIC GATHERING a mother was heard to remark that her boy was trying to help pay his way through school with his musical talent. "An orchestra has been started to play for dances. He needs the money, so he plays in it, though he does not dance." A Christian boy, serving at Caesar's altar.

Aren't too many Christians writing "UNTO CAESAR" in capital letters, and "unto God" in small letters by their daily living? There seems to be an idea abroad that anything is permissible for Christians, just so it is for business reasons.

The relationships that indicate whether Christians are "in the world", but not "of the world" can be pretty easily detected. It takes the light of the Holy Spirit shining upon the situation, to make the relation unmistakable.

The name Caesar and God are not synonymous, nor do they resemble each other in spelling, and should not be too confusing to comprehend. In the eyes of those outside religious circles, conduct here is scanned rather narrowly. In the presence of Jesus, the right relation and proportion is easily distinguishable. Paul's declaration of purpose in Philippians 3:7, 8, might well be the motto of Christians everywhere: "But what things were gain to me, these I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord..." The help that comes in deciding things if we visualize God's presence is undeniable—and abiding.

PRAISE

Praise is our highest exercise. In prayer we often approach God for more or less selfish reasons; in praise we adore Him for what He is in Himself. However tired or weary you may be, see to it that the morning hour of devotion begins with the keynote of thanksgiving and adoration. It is marvelous how this quickens the pulse of the soul and reacts upon every moment that follows.—F. B. Meyer.

ADVANCE NOTICE

1960 BRETHREN PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

April 26, 27, 28

Theme: "The Pastor and His Ministry"



What's Doing in the Churches



WORK AT SHIPSEWANA

Some of the faithful Laymen of North Manchester, Indiana, took a truck, their power saws, axes, etc., and motored to Shipshewana Lake, to assist Mr. Bud Hunter in cutting the dead Elm trees off the Sisterhood lot and adjoining area. It was a very cold morning and they worked vigorously, enjoying the fellowship as they worked, and the contribution they were making to the S. M. M. society.

At noon a bountiful meal was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kindley, and Miss Cynthia Carter, president of North Manchester senior society.

In behalf of the S. M. M. girls of Indiana, we wish to express our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mr. Wayne Ruse, Mr. Dale Smith, Mr. Alfred Carter, Mr. Willard Little, Mr. Frank Conrad, and Mr. C. R. Kindley, for their kindness in performing this enormous task for the S. M. M. girls; thus saving a considerable sum of money for us.

We also wish to express our appreciation to Mr. C. W. Sholley of Shipshewana for his donation to the girls in the installation of the heater in the S. M. M. cottage, and to Mr. Hunter for the many kindnesses he performs the year around.

We thank God, for He has blessed us richly, and may He shower His blessings upon all who have befriended us.

Mrs. C. R. Kindley.



HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

It has been some time since any word has come to the Brethren Evangelist from this church. It is not that we are idle for we keep quite busy, but I am a poor reporter. We preach every Sunday morning and Sunday night. Although our evening services are not well attended, yet we put as much thought and time to the preparation of our evening service as the morning. I was ordained to preach the gospel and I preach it.

Last Sunday night we had three visiting couples. One couple was the Dean of Huntington College and his wife. He said he was so pleased with my chapel talks he wanted to hear me preach and said he received a great blessing. Our evening service is a chapter study. As usual I memorize the chapter and take the heart of the chapter for a text. We are in Hebrews now.

We took two weeks off in December to see a little of Florida. One of our couples, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowlers, was driving down and took us along. We spent a few days with the Stewarts at Sarasota and attended church with them on one Sunday. A beautiful church and

they had 136 in the morning service, a fine spirit of worship, and a splendid sermon. This is a great field and should become a large church. Rev. Hamel should do a great work there.

Rev. Burkholder, Dean of Huntington Seminary, supplied in our pulpit. He is a very fine preacher. Rev. Stewart is to be our evangelist for a two weeks' meeting the latter part of March.

We are enjoying a new organ and piano in the auditorium and will also get a new piano for downstairs. We were talking our need of a new organ and began to solicit money, but some felt we were not able to buy the regular church organ. But my son, Eldon Studebaker, Bedford, Pennsylvania, sent us a check in full for the trade price, \$2,169.00. This made it possible for us to buy our pianos and have them all paid for.

We had one lady present herself for membership last Sunday but this was the first for several Sundays. We are not satisfied unless people are being reached for Christ and the church. We are concerned for every preacher and church and pray for you.

Claud Studebaker, Pastor.



DENVER, INDIANA, REVIVAL

The Denver Brethren were good to call in the homes to invite people to come to the revival services, previous to the starting meeting which was January 19. The attendance increased each evening the first week. There were some foggy nights the second week that hindered folk coming. As their evangelist, I appreciated the prayer group that met each evening before services began. This bolstered Brother Gable and myself up in such a way that we were able to carry on the work much better. Our services were highly spiritual, and Christian hearts were receptive to the Gospel. Brother Gable did a fine job of song leading, and sang at least six solos during the meetings. Others helped him in special numbers also.

Our program started each evening with filmstrips for the children. Since a little was given each evening, it behooved the parents and children to be regular in attendance. They did not want to miss the continuation of the films. The films were entitled, "Tamsy" and "The Stolen Watermelon." On Thursday and Friday nights of both weeks, travel films were shown to the folk after the regular services. Slide pictures were shown of Germany, Egypt, Greece, and Italy. Refreshments were served in the basement on both Friday nights of the meeting, after the showing of travel films. This fellowship was enjoyed as Brethren like to visit.

Each night Brother Gable counted the number of first timers present. At the close of the meeting he had a total of 300. The evangelist was pleased with the response of people bringing their Bibles to the services. A total of 446 Bibles were counted during the night meetings. Much interest was shown in searching the Word of God. The total present during the meetings was 1,242. The ministers visited in 51 homes. On the second Tuesday night the Sunday School classes responded well to the "Sunday School Night." A plaque was given to the Junior Class as they had 100% of their class present.

A goal was set by the ministers to have 125 present for Sunday School on January 31. There was good cooperation.

eration among the people to get one name signed to each link, so that the paper chain would reach the goal on the wall. In spite of flu around, the girls that were in charge of putting the chain together had a total of 112 present for Sunday School. There was a total of 136 names on the chain. This shows the potential of the Denver Church and Sunday School. Brother Roller, the Superintendent, reported that almost all present were of their own people. How encouraging it is when people come! There were 62 present the Sunday before.

Visible results of the meeting were 18 rededications on the last Saturday night of the meetings. Three have united with the Church through letter, restatement of faith, and rebaptism. Several young people will no doubt make their confession of the Lord by the time Brother Gable will have the baptismal service. Also there are more considering bringing their letters of membership into the Church. May the revival continue on after these meetings is the prayer of many. The Gospel seed was sown, the Church will water the seed, and God will give the increase!

The evangelist and pastor Gable were grateful for the many delegations during the meeting. On the closing night there were 190 present. The Roann Brethren were present with 57 in number. This I appreciated very much! Other delegations were: Mexico, Lcree, Cornith, College Corner, County Line (50 miles away), and Peru Brethren Churches. Local Baptist and Methodist Churches, Church of The Brethren from Mexico and Peru. Ministers present were: Brethren Hanna, Sibert, Grumbling, and Huse. Brother Turley from Peru, was present on Tuesday night of the last week, with 24 in their group. Rev. Collier, Baptist minister in Denver and his people, were good to encourage us also. The writer lacked words to express his joy over such a fine closing night.

I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Shoemaker for providing a nice home for me to stay in and all the many homes we enjoyed being in each day of the visitations. It has been reported that the "Preachers" gained several pounds during the meetings. I wish to commend Brother and Sister Gable for their fine consistent work with the Denver Brethren. They are starting on their 15th year. They are also pastoring Center Chapel, which is a growing Church. Brother Gable is farming and is president of the Peru County Hospital Board. This is a heavy load. Pray that God will continue to supply them health sufficient to continue in the Lord's work. I will long remember all the fine folk at Denver and will continue to pray on behalf of their work in the Lord.

Herbert Gilmer, Roann, Indiana.



FREMONT, OHIO

Greetings in the name of Jesus to the Brethren from the church at Fremont. At the beginning of 1960 the brethren in Fremont have much for which to praise our Lord. Ten years ago misfortune brought on by the Temperance threatened to erase the church in Fremont from existence. God however brought victory out of apparent defeat and the church is once again blessed with growth and prosperity.

The past five years have been years of consistent increase in converts and also in church attendance. The in-

terest shown in the worship of Christ is the highest in over ten years. The church recently completed an every-member canvass the results of which are registered in increased attendance and financial support of the church. From a closed church in 1954 there now stands a church with an average attendance of 52.7 at morning worship.

Ministers who have served here in the past will be interested to know that the parsonage now has a new sink and cabinets, an automatic hot water heater and in front of the church a new sidewalk.

Carl H. Phillips, Pastor.



THE STORY OF A BIBLE TREE

On Sunday, January 4, 1959, pastor Gilmer gave out the American Tract Society's Bible reading schedule to his congregation at Roann, Indiana. The tract was entitled, "Through The Bible In A Year." It is arranged in chronological order. Reading it in this way helps to explain many of the Old Testament passages. The pastor gave out tracts sufficient for all ages, with a challenge to read the Bible through in 1959. In order to keep the interest of Bible reading going the whole year through the superintendent, Garland Fisher, and pastor put up a small tree in the sanctuary. Of course there were no leaves on it because it was January, but before long leaves were being added to the tree. Yellow leaves made from color stock paper were placed on the tree to represent books read in the Old Testament. Green leaves represented books read in the New Testament. When a reader had completed the Old Testament, he was given a white flower to place on the tree. Anyone completing the New Testament was given a red flower to place on the Bible Tree. Recognition to Bible readers was given several times throughout the year, to stir interest and fill the tree which looked so bare at first.

On January 17, 1960, we had a special day called, "Bible Day." During the 10:30 hour we honored 21 people who had read the Bible through in 1959. Each person completing the Bible was given fruit to hang on the Bible Tree, thus it was now loaded with leaves, flowers and fruit. The tree represented a great achievement, and we were pleased with those who had read God's Word entirely. The pastor gave out awards to those being successful in reading the Bible through. Four persons had completed reading the New Testament through.

Since this was "Bible Day" there were mottoes on the side walls and on the front wall concerning the Bible. Some of the oldest Bibles that were owned by folk of the congregation were displayed on a table in the front of the sanctuary. Sunday evening the young people looked for the oldest Bible. It was dated 1817. Other Bibles were dated 1847 and 1854. During both services poems, songs, and scripture readings were about the Bible. The pastor's message was about the Bible. Our Church has a new appreciation of the Bible and more Bibles are being brought to our services, which is a joy to any pastor.

We are happy to hear that the County Line Brethren are doing the same thing for 1960. I am sure that Rev. Charles Perrin, their pastor, will rejoice in the results as we folk have at Roann. We recommend this plan to any Church and Sunday School.

Herbert Gilmer.



A SPECIAL WORD ABOUT THE BENEVOLENT DAY OFFERING

Offering envelopes were not supplied this year, so we are encouraging churches which usually use them to use plain envelopes they may have. Individuals not giving through churches are encouraged to send their gifts directly to the Benevolent Board Treasurer.

**Clarence A. Stogsdill, Treasurer,
Box 428,
Milledgeville, Illinois.**



Laid to Rest

SCHNITZ. Mrs. Clifford (Augusta Sands) Schnitz departed to be with her Lord, whom she most faithfully served, early on New Year's Day. A very devoted member of the First Brethren Church of Huntington, Indiana.

Claud Studebaker, Pastor.

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COLEMAN. Doris Lucille Coleman died Jan. 30th, at the age of 50 years. Was a most active church worker, as S. M. M. patroness, teacher, and W. M. S. member. Survived by her husband, one son, her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Mrs. Carl Sherman, Cor. Sec'y.



The general manager of a large drug store in the Philippines, a Christian layman, having read about the Wayside Gospel Dispenser, supplied by the American Bible Society in the United States, requested a similar dispenser to be placed in each drug store supplied by this firm. These dispensers are now in use and several thousand Gospel Portions have already been circulated in this way.

Love is lovely, hatefulness is hateful. He curses himself who hates or wrongs another.

MY NEIGHBORS

May joy in Thee go out through me
This whole day long,
Surmounting fears and irksome cares
With gladsome song.
Let this day be a joyous one
Thy grace to show;
May mind and heart and face of me
Be all aglow.

For I have neighbors round about
Who need Thee so—
Who are not conscious of their plight
As on they go
In search of what will satisfy
Their inmost need;
So let me shine for Thee today
In word and deed,

That knowing me they may be made
Aware of Thee,
And come to want to know the Christ
Who lives in me.

Annabel McConaghy—Heart Life.

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum

A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958



Cairo is the modern capital of Egypt, and the largest city in Africa. It is situated upon the Nile river some twelve miles above the apex of the delta. The pyramids of Ghizeh are on the opposite bank. The population is well over a million, and it seemed that the most of them were on the streets.

Every type of conveyance was seen, Trucks, Donkey carts, cattle and camels. Bicycles were everywhere, with the riders often carrying large trays of bakery goods upon their heads as they rode. When the goods toppled off from time to time, they just picked them up from the dirt and put them back. No wonder there is so much intestinal trouble. We were strictly warned about our eating there.

Policemen, all except those in the traffic boxes, carried rifles. We were warned that there were many pickpockets, also not to get off the main or lighted streets. Most of the people wore robes, including children. It appeared as though they would be a handicap in working but they did not seem to bother. Men were everywhere as well as children, shoeless. Our waiters were Nubians and were very efficient. They wore robes and turbans. They were expressionless, but were continually on their job. Though they let on that they did not understand English, that was just a front. One was inveigled one day into talking, and spoke as good English as a Londoner, and was even better understood. He stated that he had been with this hotel for 32 years.

The poverty of the people in the main was evident. There were modern buildings in the new section of Cairo, but outside the main sections of the city the impoverished conditions were evident. This was a dry, dusty land, as the average rainfall at Cairo is 3 inches. We saw thousands of tons of grain just piled up in sacks, with no cover at all.

Wednesday morning, July 16. Started in two busses for the pyramids. Crossed the Nile, passed by the large Egyptian University and the immense Zoo. Camel trains, and flocks of sheep were in evidence on the roads and sidewalks. Had two guides, both well-educated and efficient. Stopped and took pictures of the three pyramids from across the irrigated Nile Valley, before going up to them.

Near by the Mena House were camels, buggies and horses waiting for us. Most rode camels. Mrs. Garst, Beadle and myself rode in sand buggies. The next time I think I would prefer a camel. Our party wended their way for approximately a mile to the largest pyramid, and then on down to the Sphinx. Mrs. Ankrum bobbed along on a camel with most of the party.

The camel has no sense of humor whatever. He looks as though he had been constructed of rejected parts. In fact he looks as though he had been assembled by the same committee that assembled the Helicopter, but they both go.

The Sphinx is a mysterious stone object that has been there no man knows how long. It has, some say, the head of a woman. The body is that of a couched lion. The ear is four feet from top to bottom, and it is said that if the lady should open her mouth that she could swallow a cow. She did not open it while we were there. Napoleon in his campaign in Egypt knocked off the end of her nose to insult the Egyptians. There are many contradicting stories told of the Sphinx, the same as of the pyramids. The Sphinx is in reality a riddle.

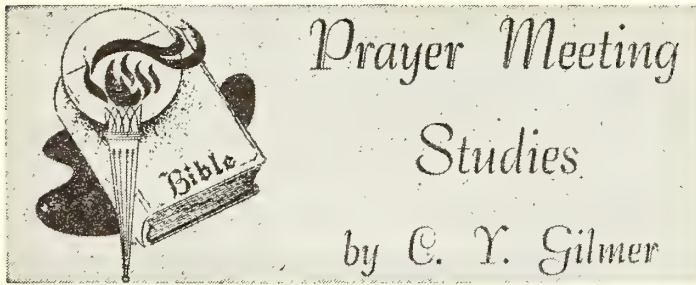
A native climbed the big pyramid, making the trip up and back in eight minutes. If he did not do it under ten, there were no obligations. We gave him tips, which were well earned. Some of our party climbed it with guides. No one is permitted to climb it alone. Our party took better than a half hour just to go up. The large pyramid covers 13 acres of ground, and is approximately 460 feet high. It has, we were told, 2,300,000 blocks in it which weigh on an average of two tons each. You can read about it elsewhere and there are many varying accounts of it.

Our guides, not the agency guides, but the camel and horse guides or drivers, were continually begging for "backsheesh". Here again some Americans had spoiled them. They would pull out bills and tip them when a few piasters would have been sufficient, and as a result they were contemptuous of anything in the shape of non-folding money. We were lined up under the eyes of an armed soldier, and our pictures taken in front of the Sphinx, with camel riders and guides.

Some of the party entered the pyramid and started up the steep incline to the chamber of the queen, some 126 feet up. Too hot. Gave it up as a bad job. Stopped and rested at the Mena House, from which a beautiful view of the largest pyramid could be secured. One bus went to the hotel in Cairo while the others waited for the pyramid climbers. The big pyramid is the only one of the Seven Wonders of the World now in existence. We were shown where they quarried the rocks for the pyramids, and in time of high water floated them to the place of erection. Historian Herodotus, states that it took 100,000 men 20 years to build the large one. Got back to the hotel at 1:10. Afternoon free. It was needed.

Thursday, July 17. Here from the Diary. "Our party started for Memphis, the ancient capital of Egypt. The weather was about the same as yesterday. Mrs. Garst ill and could not go. Had special prayer for her before going. We saw a Sphinx at Memphis and a prostrate statue of Ramses II dating back to 3200 B. C.

"We saw the tombs and coffins of 23 bulls (one coffin had been removed). Bulls were worshipped from 1800 to 2500 B. C. All this was underground. Also saw the step pyramid, said to be the oldest of them all. On the way out we saw many homes, fields, animals, and people. Were back in Bible times in reality. The statue of Ramses weighed 80 tons and was carved from alabaster. Saw people irrigating, threshing by cattle tramping out the grain, hoeing; saw water buffaloes, etc. There were sheep, donkeys and goats in profusion. Got back to the hotel about 1:00. Slept some and then ten of us went for a sailboat ride on the Nile, about 5:00. It lasted for about an hour, and was real nice. Then some of us went down the street to some nice stores. Mrs. Garst better and came down to supper. A nice night for sleeping though much noise from a nearby outdoor movie."



THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER

Thirty pieces of silver
For the Lord of Life they gave;
Thirty pieces of silver—
Only the price of a slave!
But it was the priestly value
Of the Holy One of God;
They weighed it out in the temple,
The price of the Savior's blood.

Thirty pieces of silver
Laid in Iscariot's hand;
Thirty pieces of silver
And the aid of an armed band,
Like a Lamb that is led to the slaughter,
Brought the humbled Son of God
At midnight from the garden,
Where His sweat had been like blood.

Thirty pieces of silver
Burns on the traitor's brain;
Thirty pieces of silver!
O it is hellish gain!
"I have sinned and betrayed the guiltless!"
He cried with a fevered breath;
And he cast them down in the temple,
And rushed to a madman's death.

—Wm. Blane.

THE PERSONAL HISTORY of Judas starts with his call (Matt. 10:4; Mk. 3:19; Lu. 6:16). He became the treasurer of the twelve disciples and was guilty of covetousness, unfaithfulness, and embezzlement (Jn. 12:4-6; 13:29). When many disciples left Jesus because of their disappointment of their earthly expectations (Jn. 6:66), Jesus sounded the loyalty of the disciples and foretold the treachery of Judas (6:67-71). Evidently the hope of larger gain kept Judas from "going back" (Matt. 26:6-13; Mk. 14:3-9; Jn. 12:3-9). Before the Feast of the Passover Judas covenanted with "the chief priests and captains" for money to betray Jesus to them (Matt. 26:14; Mk. 14:10; Lu. 22:3). He was clever to conceal his treachery and vice of avarice from the other disciples, and was present at the beginning of the last supper (Jn. 13:2). Judas did not profit by the feet washing of the Master and the fearful words which He spake (13:10, 11). At the table the betrayer is identified. He left to be a disciple no more, and still the disciples thought he went on a righteous errand (13:21-30; Matt. 26:20). At the Garden of Gethsemane he identified the Master by a kiss (Matt. 27:47-49; Mk. 14:43-45; Lu. 22:47, 48; Jn. 18:1-5) to which Jesus gave a stern and sad reproach (Lu. 22:48). He confessed his crime to earthly priests instead of to the Savior (Matt. 27:3-5). With remorse

instead of godly sorrow for his sin he hanged himself (Matt. 27:5). As "the son of perdition" (Jn. 17:12) he went "to his own place" (Acts 1:18-25). Judas is a warning lest we slight our Saviour and sell our souls through the deceptive power of sin (2 Cor. 10:11; 2 Pet. 2:6).

"It may not be for silver,
It may not be for gold,
But still by tens of thousands
Is this precious Savior sold,

Sold for godless friendship,
Sold for selfish aim,
Sold for a fleeting trifle,
Sold for an empty name,

Sold in the mart of science,
Sold in the seat of Power,
Sold at the shrine of fortune,
Sold in a pleasure's bower,

Sold where the awful bargain
None but God's eye can see!
Ponder, my soul the question:
Shall He be sold by thee?

Sold! O God, what a moment!
Stifled is conscience' voice!
Sold! And a weeping angel
Records the fatal choice!

Sold! But the price of the Savior
To a living coal shall turn,
With the pangs of remorse for ever
Deep in the soul to burn."

Lesson

Comments
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Lesson for March 6, 1960

GOD'S HELP IS SURE

Lesson: Acts 23:6-11, 16-24

SO MANY of us are like the woman in the buggy whose horses ran away with her. Asked afterward how she felt, she said, 'Well, I trusted in God until the harness broke; then I shut my eyes and gave myself up for lost.'

"Too many trust God only while the props of this world stand, and when they fall we think God has fallen to and that our cause is hopeless. But right then is the time to trust God and see God work" (Egerton C. Long, *Moody Monthly*).

Paul, early in his Christian experience, learned to trust God. Time and again the Apostle found himself in difficult circumstances when he had no way to turn except God.

ward. He always found God was ready to help, just "in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

CONTROVERSY

Paul is in Jerusalem. Because the jealous Jewish Leaders falsely accused him of polluting the temple, a great tumult has arisen in the city. He has addressed the multitude, telling again the story of his conversion experience. He is then brought before the Jewish Sanhedrin to plead his cause.

Present in the Council are the Sadducees and the Pharisees. Seizing an opportunity to divert attention away from himself for a time, Paul injects a controversial matter into his testimony: "Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question" (23:6).

Notice what happened: "And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both."

In all this, we must see the hand of God! God most often uses "natural" ways to answer prayer and bring help. He expects the Christian to use his divinely-bestowed wisdom, and enlightened intellect. Faith should be backed with works! As Oliver Cromwell said to his soldiers, before crossing a river to do battle: "Put your trust in God, but mind to keep your powder dry."

The Apostle Paul was well versed in the teachings of both the Sadducees and the Pharisees. He knew the Council would doubtless condemn him. But by so dividing the members, God gave him a way of escape. "And there rose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man" (23:9).

COMFORT

So great was the dissension between the two parties that the soldiers had to take Paul "by force from among them" (23:10).

God intervened at this very moment, and spoke a message of comfort to Paul: "Be of good cheer, Paul: for thou has testified of Me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome" (23:11).

What wonderful encouragement this must have been to Paul! Here was assurance his life would be spared until he would witness also in Rome. Just when he most needed spiritual uplift, God brought him this message of cheer! To wonder the song writer could say:

"It's just like Jesus to roll the clouds away,
It's just like Jesus to keep me day by day,
It's just like Jesus all along the way,
It's just like His great love."

CONSPIRACY

"And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul" (23:12).

This was a group of more than 40 Jews. They were determined to take Paul's life by any means! They plotted to kill the Apostle when he would make his appearance before the Council.

CONCERN

But all this had not escaped the eye of God! The Lord had a servant ready: "And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul" (23:16).

The plot was uncovered in time, and Paul's life was saved! All because someone CARED! Because someone was CONCERNED!

So the power of God was again manifested in Paul's life. God used Paul's wisdom to disrupt the proceedings of the Council; He used the differences between the Sadducees and the Pharisees to benefit His servant; and He used a nephew's concern for his uncle to spare the Apostle Paul's life!

"Be strong and of a good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:9).

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church
by Jim Rowsey

CHILDREN CAN PARTICIPATE TOO!

IT IS A WISE TEACHER of children who plans to bring them into some learning activity during the class session. They may be too young to discuss a problem or point brought to their attention but there are many ways in which they can enter into the class activity. Here are a few suggestions:

1. CONVERSATION

Learning is a two way street even with children. If given a chance they will ask questions or make comments on what they have seen and heard. The teacher can lead them on by his questions and illustrations to see the right answer.

2. VISUAL MATERIALS

A growing supply of correlated visual aids are available for increasing class participation. Many of these the children can hold and use to tell the story back to the teacher and the class. Biblical and modern pictures, touch and feel pictures, hold up pictures, flannelgraph, puppets, and objects are only a few available.

3. ACTION ACTIVITIES

Finger play, observation trips, exhibitions and black-board work are among them. Successful teachers of smaller children have the pupils dramatize the lesson immediately after it is taught. This clears up many misunderstood words and helps them learn as they act the story out.

4. PROJECTS

Children learn by doing. They can make a diagram, sand table scene, color pictures or make a model of some Biblical scene. The more they do, the more they learn and remember.

5. READING

Children who are able to read can be given story books, story papers and library books to read outside the class. Then they can tell the story to the rest of the group. Oral

reading helps them to grow in confidence and to feel they are a part of the class.

6. RECITATION

This method is effective in memory work. Individual or choral speaking helps them to learn and remember. Even the repetition of words is helpful.

7. REVIEW

"Review is the mother of learning." Children love to repeat a story they have heard at a previous session. If one forgets some details the others will fill in as they listen and share in this way.

8. SINGING

Group singing makes deep impressions upon children. They love to join with others and learn from the example of older children and adults. Words in the songs should be carefully explained and illustrated lest false meanings be carried away.

9. PRAYER

Everyone has to learn to pray. Children can be taught simple group prayers and later to offer their own prayers. Every child should be able to join in when the group prays the Lord's Prayer in unison.—Tips.

World Religious News in Review

OSWALD J. SMITH CONDUCTS TV SERIES

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (EP)—Veteran pastor-missionary-statesman Dr. Oswald J. Smith, long-time pastor of Peoples Church, Toronto, Canada, is currently in Southern California for his "World Conquest" television half-hour series to end in Mar., 1960.

Dr. Smith, recently named foreign secretary for World Literature Crusade, founded by the Rev. Jack McAlister, is devoting much of his time to his missionary interests and writing books and hymns. Smith has authored more than 25 books and composed over 600 hymns in more than a half century as a Canadian missionary pastor and overseas evangelist to 60 countries.

PENNSYLVANIA FARM WOMEN WANT BIBLE READING IN SCHOOL

HARRISBURG, Pa. (EP)—The Society of Farm Women of Pa., want the following for their children's classrooms: the Lord's Prayer recited daily and 10 verses of the Bible read.

This resolution was adopted at the SFWP annual meeting here. The women also moved to support crusades against obscene literature and to "cooperate with officials and organizations already working to stamp out cheap paperback books and pictures on news racks at a price that most young people can manage to pay, even if it is lunch money."

Pennsylvania's compulsory Bible-reading law for public schools was re-

cently held unconstitutional by a district federal court, but the ruling is being appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court.

LIQUOR ALOFT FLOWS LESS FREELY

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—An airline passenger who appears to be intoxicated may not be served liquor aloft, according to a new ruling by the Federal Aviation Agency.

Effective March 10, the new law will levy a fine of \$1,000 to anyone aboard an airliner who drinks alcoholic beverages from his own bottle. This does mean that liquor will be taken off commercial airliners.

General Elwood R. Quesada, administrator of the FAA, stoutly defended the growing practice of airlines in serving alcoholic beverages to passengers in flight and attacked legislation pending in Congress which would ban the serving of liquor on airplanes.

The legislation to "ground" liquor has received the support of many religious and temperance groups and has been advocated by airline pilots and stewardesses' organizations.

SURVEY ASKS TEEN-AGERS' MIND ON SUFFERING

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (EP)—Teen-agers know more about suffering than most adults think. Thus concluded editors of *Hi Way*, official

youth publication of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., after they conducted a survey on the question, "Why Does God Let Us Suffer?"

Scores of young people questioned said they didn't know the complete answer but had given much thought to the problem. Most interviewees said they believed that some suffering and pain has a purpose.

"You wouldn't really appreciate spring flowers if you had never been in a bleak January blizzard," said a letter from Ohio. "So we appreciate happiness and love more, having once experienced suffering."

"When we have a fever, we know we're sick and we should do something about it," observed a Pennsylvania girl. "You can't call that pain 'bad.'"

Many of the teen-agers asserted that nobody has a right to expect special treatment from life, the magazine reported. "If we throw a match on dry leaves, we can expect trouble," one writer noted. "God won't stop the forest from burning just to protect us. We've got to obey the laws of nature—after all, we're part of nature."

ANGLICAN YEARBOOK: 10,440 CATHOLIC CONVERTS IN TWO YEARS

LONDON (EP)—The Church of England's official yearbook shows that between 1954 and 1956, 10,440 Roman Catholics joined the Anglican Church. It is the first reference in the Yearbook to persons who have changed their religious affiliation.

The figures were based on a survey and estimates calculated by Anglican officials. The Church of England today claims 26,771,000 baptized members. Of these, 9,961,000 are confirmed members with one in four categorized as Easter communicants.

POLL SEES CHURCH ATTENDANCE DOWN

PRINCETON, N. J. (EP)—Following 1958's record high, church attendance in the United States leveled off during the past year, according to a recent Gallup Poll.

An estimated 49 million adults attended church services during a typical week of 1959, or 47 per cent of the adult civilian population (excluding those living in institutions.)

By way of comparison, during an average week in 1958, 49 per cent of the population—or an estimated 50,000,000 adults attended church.

SWASTIKAS APPEAR IN SPAIN

MADRID (EP) — Fanatical anti-semitists have not forgotten Spain in their desecrations of synagogues and churches.

Signs of the swastika, accompanied by anti-Jewish slogans have been seen on walls of the American, British, French and German consulates in Bilbao.

Two swastikas, each about three feet high, have been seen in Barcelona, where they were accompanied with the words "death to the Jews," painted on walls of the local synagogue. In Madrid the swastikas were accompanied with the words "out with the Jews."

The Madrid Press was silent about these incidents, but Spain's leading political communist, Pedro Gomez Paricio, condemned the acts in an article for *Hoja Oficial del Lunes* as "general anti-Semitic trend in the country."

EXCHANGE PROGRAM PLANNED FOR U. S., VIENNA PROTESTANT STUDENTS

VIENNA (EP)—The International Christian Youth Exchange Program has announced a student exchange program to be conducted by Protestant bodies in the U. S. and Vienna. Austrian and American students from 16 to 18 years of age will participate in the program, in which eight U. S. denominations figure. The students will reside with families in the countries in which they are studying.

The American denominations participating in this phase of a worldwide student exchange program are: the American Baptist Convention,

The Methodist Church in the U. S., the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Church of the Brethren, the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., the Disciples of Christ, the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and the United Lutheran Church of America.

MISSIONARY GIRL GREETED DALAI LAMA

Although the world focused its attention on the flight of the Dalai Lama to India some months ago, most newspaper accounts missed one unusual little item.

Carol Johnson, seven-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George Johnson, missionaries in Assam, India, extended her hand in welcome to the "god-king of Tibet," and the Dalai Lama accepted it (with his left hand).

But later the little missionary said, reflectively, "I should have had a tract to give him."

BILL WOULD AID RELIGIOUS MAGAZINE MAILING OVERSEAS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Religious, educational and other non-profit organizations in the U. S. will be able to send magazines overseas free of charge in packages not exceeding 20 pounds, if a current bill gets through Congress.

The measure has been introduced by Rep. Jeffery Cohelan (Dem.-Calif.), who said his action is inspired by the work of "Magazines for Friendship," organized in California by Dr. Arthur G. Coons, president of Occidental College of Los Angeles.

MFF collects magazines, educational and scientific journals and sends them abroad as gifts.

"These magazines have served their purpose in the U. S. but are eagerly welcomed by persons abroad who want to learn English and gain information," the Congressman said.

He then showed that this work is being severely handicapped by the high postage rates to many Asiatic and African countries. Congressman Cohelan pointed out that he believes the U. S. can afford to subsidize such gifts as part of its "People to People" program and that the privilege should be extended to all religious, educational, scientific and other non-profit bodies.

The measure (H. R. 9570) was referred to the House Post Office Committee.

POPE PUTS CHURCH ABOVE SCHOOL IN EDUCATION

VATICAN CITY (EP) — The church comes before the state in education, declared Pope John XXIII on Dec. 30, 1959. The Pontiff made the statement just after Catholics won a hard battle in France over the issue of state aid to Catholic schools. Said Pope John to Catholic educators meeting in Utrecht, Holland: "Today, as yesterday, the Church deeply affirms that its rights and those of the family in this field come before those of the state. Today, as yesterday, it affirms its own right to having schools in which will be impressed upon the mind, by teachers of firm convictions, a Christian conception of life in which all the teaching is given in the light of the faith."

METHODISTS START "DECADE OF PRAYER"

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (EP)—Methodism's international "Decade of Prayer" was launched Jan. 1, 1960 by a midnight vigil followed by a day-long school of prayer.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, noted missionary-evangelist and author, was the principal speaker at the midnight prayer service attended by 1,100 persons from 23 states in Central Methodist church here.

The 10-year prayer emphasis is part of the "Decade of Dynamic Discipleship" which the Methodist General Board of Evangelism is promoting during the 1960's.

NEW YORK SCHOOLS TO HONOR JEWISH HOLY DAYS

NEW YORK (EP)—For the first time in history, New York City public schools will close in honor of the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashonah (New Year) and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement).

"We have schools full of children, but without teachers," on these days, said Dr. John J. Theobald, superintendent of schools. "And on the other hand we have schools with a full staff of teachers and virtually no children," he added.

Until this year, New York schools have closed only for Christmas and Good Friday celebrations. Of the city's 40,000 teachers and supervisors, some 18,000 are Jewish, as are more than a third of the 950,000 students in the school system.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

PIC of the WEEK



**BILLY
BOOTH
SAYS:**

"THE DATE FOR YOUTH SUNDAY IS MAY 15, 1960!!! As Billy Booth, the Brethren Youth, I would encourage you to mark that special date on your calendar now and begin planning some special activities for Brethren Youth and about them.

National Brethren Youth will assist in every way possible to help make the whole week of May 8 to 15 an important one in your church.

- Suggested program ideas will be sent to pastors and youth advisors.
- Literature emphasizing youth will be mailed to all Brethren.
- PAGE 18 will carry special features.
- Sermon suggestions will come to pastors.
- and young people will be encouraged to attend on YOUTH SUNDAY.

But all these ideas will be of no avail unless you, yes YOU—the one reading now, will become interested in making MAY 15, 1960, an extra-special YOUTH DAY in your own church.

Give your children a break! Show them your interest in their spiritual welfare! Pray now for an effective YOUTH SUNDAY!!!"

says Billy Booth,
the Brethren Youth

A SUMMER IN EUROPE—Interested?

The current issue of the "Brethren Youth Magazine" carries an article written by Dick Ecklebarger, a member of the Goshen Brethren Church. The title of the article is "TRAVEL WITH PURPOSE," and in it Dick relates some of his experiences of last summer as he traveled in Europe and participated in an International Work Camp.

This particular program is sponsored by the Church of the Brethren and is the same kind of summer service engaged in by other Brethren people in past years: such as, Miss Dorothy Carpenter, Miss Shirley Heisler, Mrs. Coleen (Stiemle) Myers, and Phil and Jean Lersch—to name a few.

Again this summer the same opportunity is given and you could be one of those to go. The trip is thrilling! The experiences are educational!! The friendships are inspiring!!! The rewards are lasting!!

National Brethren Youth has received the following information about the summer work camp program from the headquarters in Kassel, Germany! "This year our group is flying from the United States to Europe and returning by the same method. The dates are: Eastbound, June 16—Westbound, August 25, with our tour going to Poland this year pending all visa and other clearances working out. We have nine work camps which are going to prove very interesting. They are pretty well nailed down and ready for applicants. The dates of our work camps this year are July 15 through August 19, with us having two peace seminars... One peace seminar will be in Kassel, one in Vienna, with work camps in Germany, Austria, one in Greece, one in Italy, and one in France."

If you are interested in knowing more about this profitable way to spend a summer, Read Dick Ecklebarger's article and then write to National Brethren Youth, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, and more details will be given as to the procedure to follow.

NATIONAL PROJECT

\$3,000,000

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HIGHLY PROBABLE—

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The National Brethren Youth Project for 1959-60 is to raise 3,000,000 "dollars" through:

1. BIBLE READING
2. PRAYER MEETING

Your hearts should be running over with "money" by now. Have you set a goal for YOU to reach? How much will you "earn" for the Project?

Let's push it over the top!!

"INFILLING FOR OUTPOURING"

\$3,000,000

NATIONAL PROJECT

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

BE NOT TOO BUSY

SO MUCH HAPPENS to us in life through sheer inattention. We do not look where we are going. We don't see what we are doing. And our being so busy—so busy with so many things that we fail to give our attention to the main things.

Being always over-busy destroys our peace, produces irritation and fretfulness. It is not the number of our actions but the value of each that counts.

Putting Off Prayer

This morning when I first awoke,
I heard the birds a-singing;
It made an echo in my heart
And set the joy bells ringing!

I said, "I'll say a little prayer,
Right here, beside my bed,"
And then I thought of all the work
And started that instead.

It seemed that things just wouldn't go
The way I liked them to,
I didn't get done half the work
That I thought I ought to do.

It was lunchtime, I was hungry—
There was salad, fruit, and meat—
I said, "I just must thank the Lord
For these good things to eat."

And then my eyes fell on the clock
Oh, my, 'twas almost one;
I said, "I'll say my prayers tonight
When all my work is done."

My thoughts turned to a poor old man
Alone, and sick in bed;
He doesn't go to church at all—
"I'll take the time," I said,

"And bake a little pie or cake
And him I'll go to see;
I'll tell him of the love of God,
And what He's done for me."

But when I had the dishes washed—
I tell it to my sorrow—
"I have so much to do today,
I'll go see him tomorrow."

Now Grandma Jones is almost blind—
She misses her Bible so!
I said, "'Tis such a sunny day,
That's where I ought to go,

"And sit right down and read to her
Twould strengthen her, I know;
I think she'd like for me to pray
For her before I go."

And then I heard the Tempter's voice,
"Your work is just half through;
You'd better stay and work today;
I would, if I were you."

When night came I fell into bed
To sleep until the dawning;
I just can't say my prayers tonight,
I'll say them in the morning!

—Rose Ballantyne

Mrs. Howard Swoverland,
Warsaw, Indiana

Wedding Announcement

HOOKS-BOWSER. The sanctuary of the Brush Valley Brethren Church, Adrian, Rt. 1, Pennsylvania, was the setting for the informal double-ring ceremony of the wedding of Miss Bessie Hooks and Mr. Luther Bowser. The ceremony followed the evening worship service on January 10, 1960. Sister Hooks has spent most of her life teaching school and has acquired many friends over the years. For the past several years she has spent her winters teaching in the Riverside School at Lost Creek, Kentucky. It was our happy privilege to baptize and extend the right hand of fellowship to Brother Bowser last November. Both Brother and Sister Bowser are very active in our church. They are at home in Worthington, Pennsylvania.

Paul D. Tinkel, Pastor.



BAUSERMAN-WIMER. Miss Nellie Arlene Bauserman became the bride of Nathan Wade Wimer in an afternoon wedding February 6th at the Mt. Olive Brethren Church. The bride's pastor, the undersigned, used the double ring service. A reception followed at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bauserman, McGaheysville, Virginia.

John F. Locke, Pastor.



DARKES-LOUGHMAN. Miss Stella Darkes and Mr. David Loughman were united in marriage in the Newark Brethren Church, December 20, 1959. The double ring ceremony was performed before a large group of relatives and friends. A reception was held at the Y. M. C. A. following the ceremony. Mrs. Loughman is a faithful member and worker in the Newark, Ohio church. Mr. Loughman, at the present time, is serving in the U. S. Navy.

Thomas A. Shannon, Pastor.



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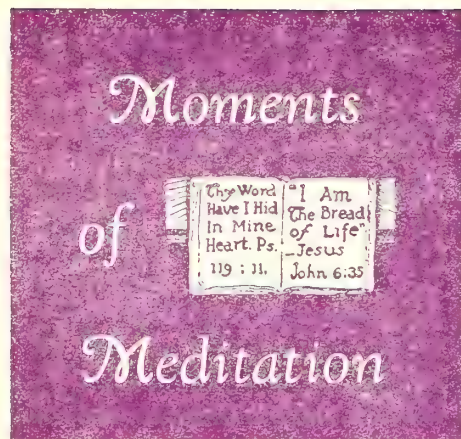
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MARAH'S WATERS

Not always on the mountain
The sweetest flowers we find,
But sometimes in the valley,
With cypress branches twined
We see their buds unclosing
Their blossoms bending low,
A hallowed fragrance breathing
Where Marah's waters flow.

O valley of submission,
Where once the Son of God,
Our precious loving Saviour,
In lonely silence trod.
And when our hearts are breaking
To Him we there may go,
Assured that He is nearest
Where Marah's waters flow.

O valley of submission,
Where, leaning on His breast.
We tell Him all our sorrow,
And feel the calm of rest.
Tho' oft He gently leads us,
Where verdant pastures grow
His mercy shines the brightest
Where Marah's waters flow.

—Fanny Crosby.

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We are not a success unless we
get the next generation to be more
Christlike than ourselves.

—L. D. Peavey.

Following the line of least resist-
ance is what makes rivers and men
crooked.

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SPEAK GENTLY

Speak gently to the erring,
For ye know not all the power
With which the dark temptation came
In some unguarded hour.

Speak kindly to the aged one,
Grieve not the careworn heart,
The sands of life are nearly run,
Let such in peace depart.

Speak gently to the young,
For they will have enough to bear;
Pass through this world as best they
may,
'Tis full of anxious care.

Speak gently to the little child,
Its love be sure to gain;
Teach it in accents soft and mild—
It may not long remain.

—Selected.

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"WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED!"

"When the roll is called" not "up
yonder" but down here on earth this
coming weekend—at church—"will
you be there?" Why not hunt up
someone whose name is on the church
roll but who seldom attends and bring
that person to Sunday School and
church this weekend? You will both
get a blessing.—Church Bulletin.



ABLAZE WITH GOD

I saw a human life ablaze with God
I felt a power divine.
As through an empty vessel of fra-
clay
I saw God's glory shine.
Then woke I from a dream and cried
aloud:
"My Father, give to me
The blessing of a life consumed by
God
That I may live for Thee."

—Selected.

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The busy man has time for every-
thing; the man who thinks he is busy
hasn't time for anything.

* * *

He who faithfully prays at home
does as much for foreign missions as
the man on the field; for the nearest
way to the heart of the Hindu or
Chinaman is by way of the throne
God.—Eugene Stock.

* * *

RULES FOR KEEPING HAPPY

Don't keep looking into the past
lest you become despondent.
Don't keep looking at the present
lest life become monotonous.
Don't keep looking toward the fu-
ture, lest you become fearful,
Just—Keep Looking Up!

—Mary Sanders.

* * *

It is far better to be a servant
of the rich and know that God is with
you than be rich and know that you
are a servant of the devil.

* * *

THE THREE TESTS

When I want to speak let me test
first—Is it true? Is it kind? Is it
necessary? If not let it be unsaid.

—Bobcock

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The Editor's Pulpit

Praising the Lord with the Whole Heart

THE ELEMENT OF PRAISE in the life of a Christian receives much encouragement, both from the standpoint of our worship and from the scriptures. As we join our hearts in worship we sing, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." As we turn to the scriptures, we find many passages, including a good many of the Psalms, which encourage praise on our part to God.

PRAISE is a natural part of life for us. We are created to praise. Originally, man was created to give praise to God. Sin blighted the desire to praise God, and today we find natural man giving praise to everything and everyone but God. Take for instance, a ball game. How we praise the player who makes a home run. As he bats the ball over the fence and comes trotting around toward homeplate, how we stand and cheer and yell. We honor the heroes of war, by setting aside certain days in which we praise them for what they have done. We also erect statues to give praise unto them.

The gods of lust and sin are praised by many. When we indulge in sinful things, we are praising lust and passion and greed. It is even possible to have great praise for one's self. When we boost our ego, we are giving praise to self. In living for self, and self alone, we are indulging in self-praise.

How different this is than what we are supposed to be doing. Earlier we stated that man was created to praise God, that sin blighted that desire to praise Him, turning the desire to praise into acts of sin, lust and selfishness.

When the Christian gives praise to anything or anyone except God, it is a form of sin. Why not follow the admonition of the Psalmist when he says, "Praise ye the Lord"? When God is praised, as we are able to do through Jesus Christ our Lord, then our praise is being directed into the proper channel. The temporal, earthly and sinful things will not then be praised by us. In fact, they will hold little attraction for us. God-centered praise will produce in our lives the deeds of mercy, kindness and love towards others which we Christians should be doing. We

will be, in Christ's name, able to hand out well-deserved compliments to others, to show an interest in their welfare.

God-centered praise is not a part-time proposition, according to the Psalmist. In Psalm 111:1, he says, "I will praise the Lord with my WHOLE heart!" It is possible to really enjoy life as Christians. First, by giving praise to God with all we are and have. Then to so live among men that they can see the joy and peace which is in our hearts.

Wholehearted praise unto God will not be a lonely occupation for the Christian. He will praise God in "the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation." How joyous it is to be able to be in a church service where the people truly are interested in lifting the voice of praise unto God. Not only in the singing, which surely should be praise unto God, but in the tone and atmosphere of the whole service.

Some congregations are not unlike the one where an inspired visitor in a Sunday morning service was thrilled at a statement made by the minister in the sermon, so he shouted, "Praise God" A moment later an usher tapped the visitor on the shoulder and said, "Brother, we don't do that here."

Perhaps we have largely departed from the "Amen" and "Praise God" response to the services, but let's pray we never depart from the place where the entire church service is an offering of praise unto God. How unfortunate it is that there is so little opportunity for Brethren to actually express themselves through praise in the average worship service.

Whether it be in the services, at work, at home, or in personal work for the Lord, let it be with the whole heart. Considering the amazing blessings God has given to us as outlined in the remaining verses of the 111th Psalm, we must conclude that we have great reason for which to praise God—even when we don't feel like it! Let us praise God each hour of each day—with the whole heart and life. W. S. B.

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MISSIONARY MISCELLANY

Following our practice over the past year or two, the Missionary Board will not be sending bulletins for the Easter world missionary appeal. They will, however, provide offering envelopes and publicity materials for world missions. (Many churches prefer following their own bulletin series, and the Missionary Board is reluctant to waste mission money for materials that are not used.) If there is any change in the number of envelopes or publicity materials your church will need, please notify the Missionary Board office.

PROGRESS AT PAPAGO PARK

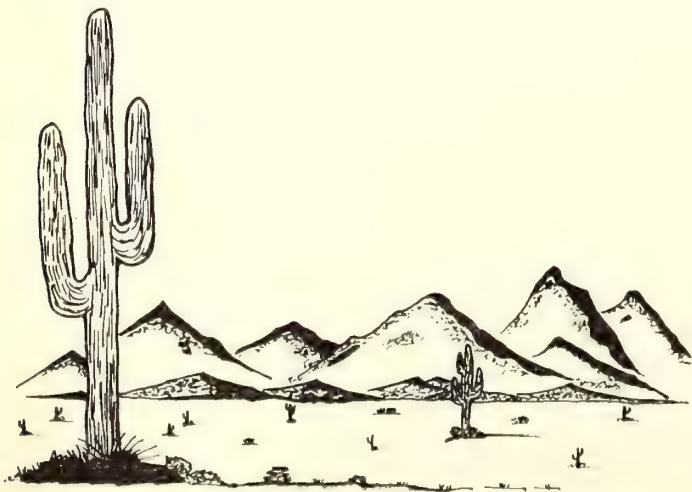
(Scottsdale-Tempe)

Letters and bulletins coming from the pastor, Francis Berkshire, at Scottsdale, Arizona, indicate encouraging progress in this new Brethren Church in the Southwest. Specifically, about the building, we are told—"Masonry work on the educational unit is completed; partitions and window frames are installed; the stone work on the front of the chapel is nearly completed; the tower and cross will be finished within a few days; wooden beams should arrive on February 16. The masons have done a splendid job of blending the colors. REJOICE IN THE LORD!"

Sunday school and church attendance records at Scottsdale reveal splendid growth, with 46 and 58 in these two groups on February 7, and a building fund offering of \$137.60.

A Sunday school contest is being carried on with our Levittown Brethren people—our new church in the East. This friendly rivalry should stimulate interest and attendance considerably.

These Brethren people in Arizona are really eager to build a strong church: one family travels 10 miles to every service; another family must come 60 miles one way. A church made up of such zealous members should really grow!



NEWARK NEWS

Readers of the Evangelist—especially those concerned in our home missionary outreach—may want to know of the progress at Newark. We are happy to share with you some of the events and blessings of the past several months.

The Christmas program, given December 21, closed with an impressive candlelight service, the pastor and congregation participating. During the Christmas season, a supper was held at the Irvin Cooperrider home, after which we finished decorating a Christmas tree with "green and silver" as our gifts to the One whose birthday we were celebrating. These gifts were added to our building fund.

The month of January was designated LOYALTY MONTH, placing special emphasis on faithful attendance at all services of the church. During this month a motto and theme song were chosen for the year: "Know Christ and Live." The chorus, "Lead me to some soul today." We are planning a four-point program of enlargement: our vision, our organization, our program, and our building.

We will be setting up goals in our local church: the number of calls we expect to make; the number of souls to be won to Christ; the number of new members we expect to gain, etc. These will cover a three-year period.

On January 4, 5, and 6 this pastor served as devotional speaker on the local radio station, WCLT.

Beginning in January, the primary class was divided into two classes. Because of the already crowded condition at the chapel for class-room areas, the young people now "migrate" to the parsonage basement each Sunday for their class. Beginning February 14 a new class on the adult level began meeting in the living room of the parsonage. This class, taught by the pastor, is designed for those who have just been received into the church, or who are giving serious consideration to making their fellowship with our church. We are emphasizing the importance of both husband and wife being in this class.

January 31 was important in the lives of the Brethren Church here. In the afternoon of that day, seven were baptized, using the baptistry of the Second Church of Christ near us. Six of those were received into the church on February 7; another, who was ill that day, will be received later. This group included the husband, wife and daughter from one family; the husband and son of one of our members, and two daughters of another member. We praise the Lord for this increase and for the evidence of His call of sinners to repentance and acceptance of Him.

On Sunday night, January 31, the women of the W. M. S. presented Mrs. Janet King Fox as the speaker in their public service. She brought a stimulating and challenging message, using slides and telling of the work during the 2½ years she spent teaching at the Hillcrest School in Nigeria.

We are now holding a teacher-training class each Tuesday night from 7:30 until 9. Mrs. Shannon is teaching the

class for teachers of children; the pastor has charge of the class for young people and adult teachers.

One of our most important tasks at present is to write and adopt a constitution for our church. We expect to have this ready by our next business meeting in May.

Most of our young people are faithful and active in the church; each month they help the pastor publish our local paper; they decorated the front of the church at Christmas; they accepted the project of having the sign in front of the church repainted; they are participating in the National BYC project; and they will enter the national speech contest.

Although some things have been accomplished, there is much yet to be done; but the potential is great, and the power of God accomplishes great things. Continue to pray for us that we may be used to His glory here at Newark.

Thomas A. Shannon.

CHURCH TREASURERS—

Please Note:

If you are holding any mission funds in your treasuries, please send them to us as soon as possible. Our funds are running quite low; two missionary families will be returning on furlough soon; another family will be leaving for training at Costa Rica; building construction and property purchases as well as furnishing of necessary equipment are requiring the expenditure of large sums of money. If you have mission funds on hand, **PLEASE SEND THEM PROMPTLY!**

COMING EVENTS

CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND. Spring Revival—Beginning Mar. 6—Rev. S. E. Byler, Evangelist; Rev. H. R. Garland, Pastor.

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Bible Conference—Mar. 13-20—Rev. Virgil Ingraham, Speaker; Rev. George W. Solomon, Pastor.

DAYTON, OHIO (Hillcrest). Bible Lectures—Mar. 7-16—Dr. Joseph R. Shultz, Speaker; Rev. Percy C. Miller, Pastor.

PLEASANT HILL, OHIO. Evangelistic Services—Mar. 7-18—Rev. Herbert Gilmer, Evangelist.

TERRA ALTA, W. VA. White Dale Brethren. Revival Services—Mar. 28 - Apr. 6—Rev. Phil Lersch, Evangelist.

CANTON, OHIO. Trinity Brethren. Dedication Services for new church building, 455 55th St., N. W.—Mar. 27, 3:00 P. M.—Prof. J. Ray Klingensmith, Speaker; Rev. Robert Keplinger, Pastor.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. Ardmore Brethren. Evangelistic services—Mar. 29 - Apr. 10—Rev. V. Geren, Evangelist; Rev. C. William Cole, Pastor.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Evangelistic Campaign—Mar. 20 - Apr. 3—Rev. J. D. Hamel, Evangelist-Pastor.

Items of General Interest

LOST CREEK, KENTUCKY. Brother Harold Barnett writes: "New (used) pews were received from the Ardmore Church and installed in our Church Chapel in the new High School building. Rev. Perrin and Mr. Mangus from the County Line Church brought them down. Various Indiana churches contributed towards the transportation costs. This is greatly appreciated.

"At our business meeting on January 2nd, the following deaconesses and deacons were elected: Dora Barnett, Stella Barnett, Clara Jackson, William Mullins, William Jackson and Joe Barnett. Their ordination will be soon."

HADDIX, KENTUCKY. Brother Harold Barnett in reporting on the progress of the erection of the new church at Haddix, says, "The Haddix Church just lacks the installation of the furnace. The Milledgeville Church is contributing pews, which are certainly appreciated. The little chapel building looks very fine."

CAMERON, W. VA. Brother Cecil Bolton, Jr., notes in his bulletin: "The sanctuary painting is now completed and adds much to the attractiveness of our church. We hope to have the other two Sunday School rooms and the baptistry completed soon."

AKRON, OHIO (FIRESTONE PARK). The Father and Son banquet was scheduled for the evening of February 26th. Brother J. G. Dodds notes that this was to be "the first event in the new annex ground floor."

The date for holding the first service in the new sanctuary is soon to be announced. Dedication is set for Palm Sunday, April 10th.

DAYTON, OHIO (HILLCREST). Evening services on February 14th and 21st were in charge of the Laymen and Woman's Missionary Society, respectively.

Baptismal services for eight new members were held on February 7th.

ELKHART, INDIANA. The Official Board was in charge of the evening service on February 14th. A local lawyer, Willard Chester, Jr., was the speaker.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Ordination services for deacons and deaconesses were held on February 21st, with Brother C. Y. Gilmer, of the Indiana Board of Evangelists, in charge. Pastor Virgil Ingraham brought the message of the hour.

NEW PARIS, INDIANA. The Junior B. Y. C. traveled to the Brethren's Home at Flora on February 14th, taking Valentine boxes for the residents.

WATERLOO, IOWA. The Waterloo church has set up a system of Memorials whereby an individual or a family can remember a loved one. When such occasion arises, the Committee is consulted and a suitable memorial selected. Information regarding this memorial, the donor and the one remembered is inscribed upon a page in a book of memorials on display in the church sanctuary.

“He Saw . . . Two Brethren . . .

And He Called Them”

**DELBERT B. FLORA, Dean,
Ashland Theological Seminary**

Matthew 4:21

DURING A LONG PERIOD of years it has been my privilege to talk with a great many Brethren young people. The question has been asked of Brethren young men over and over again, “Did you ever consider giving your life to the Gospel ministry?” Almost never has the answer been a direct, “No.” Apparently the Call has not been properly and effectively implemented, or more of these men would have dedicated themselves to preaching the Gospel.

Our implementation of Christ’s call for workers must be constant, but we have one special Sunday of the year marked in the calendar of the Brethren Church as Ministerial Recruitment and Seminary Sunday. On this Sunday we make a

special effort to evaluate our stewardship of service. We ask ourselves whether we have been giving voice to the Call of Christ. We remind our young people that every one of them will answer Christ with a yes or no.

We recognize that one can serve Christ in any occupation or profession that is consistent with Christian character. However, we have so generalized the Call as to make it weak and indefinite. On this special Sunday let the expression of the Call be that for definite surrender to some form of the Gospel ministry. When Jesus called the two brethren and others He did not give them choices of occupations, but sent them as His personal representatives to preach the message He explained to them. Let us also be definite.

Hearing Christ’s Call

THOMAS A. SCHULTZ

“And Jesus said unto them, come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.” (Mark 1:17).

YES, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST gave the invitation to **Come**. We have been asked by the greatest of all who has walked this earth to share in the highest of all commissions. Jesus, our own blessed Saviour, has requested us (sinful crea-

tures) to be instruments of His Divine Will to tell the greatest story ever told to mankind. Christ said, “Come ye after **me**.” This means that Jesus Christ is the One to follow. We are to walk after and in the very footsteps of Christ. Without question this is an enormous task as man looks at his own finite powers. This is an impossibility for man, for it is Christ Jesus who is the giver of all powers. As Saint Paul of old said to

the Philippians, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Notice what Jesus said in the remainder of Mark 1:17, "And I will make you to **become** fishers of men." Jesus is saying in order for us to be workers or ministers of His, we must go through a process of training to learn the word of God. This very word "become" could be likened to the span of time it requires a man to acquire spiritual knowledge through seminary training.

Surely it is obvious there is a **need** for Christian workers. Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:37-38). We quite frequently speak of the shortage of public school teachers. Yet, at the present time we have twelve Brethren Churches without ministers. How do we bring young men into the ministry? As parents we can start by leading our children to Jesus Christ at an early age. Then, we ourselves must be sensitive to the Master's call. If we hear His call, we must act immediate-

ly. If we say no, for any reason, we are no better off than the rich young fool.

Just now I stand on the threshold of responding to the call I have so unmistakably heard from Christ—the call to become a laborer in His vineyard. Jesus spoke to my heart last November while Dean Delbert Flora spoke at the Pleasant Hill Church. It was not likened to Paul's jolting experience on the Damascus Road, but was the clear loving voice of my Saviour, saying, "Follow Me". At first I felt as Moses when he was called, and I wanted to make excuses. After all I had a wife and three children and was engaged in teaching mentally retarded children, which seemed like a worthwhile purpose in life. Yet, I have to commit my entire life to Jesus.

My family and I are anticipating the years at Ashland Theological Seminary and the many years of serving our Lord and Saviour.

If Jesus calls you to any phase of the ministry, please respond! The peace and joy that passeth all understanding exists in the heart of the one who pleases God.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Prophet, or Spiritual Disk Jockey?

RICHARD R. KUNS

A QUESTION which has come to me rather often is, "Why is it necessary for a minister to go to college and seminary?" To be quite frank about it, this was just my thinking when I was about midway through my college training. I couldn't at the time see why I shouldn't cut my education short and go out immediately into a church. I even prayed to the Lord that he open up a church for me to serve, because I felt that I could preach the gospel as well as anyone else. In other words, I was ready to turn the world upside down and I wasn't to sure that I needed all this education to do it either.

But the Lord didn't open up any church for me and I had to be content to waste my "talents" by finishing out my college career. As I look back on this part of my life from the vantage point in which I now stand, I can see that the Lord was

a great deal wiser than I was willing to give Him credit for then. After completing three semesters of seminary training, I can now see what was not apparent to me during my earlier years of college; a man just doesn't simply start preaching. Had I gone ahead and tried to preach without this training that I am now receiving, I would have first of all cut myself short, but even worse than this I would not have been able to give to the people the fulness of the vast truth of God's Word.

Before a man can be used as an able spokesman for the Lord of Hosts, he must be thoroughly steeped in God's Word. We as ministers of His word have such vast truths to communicate to a world fast committing suicide in its infatuation over materialism that we dare not sell ourselves

short because we do not want to take the time to prepare ourselves adequately.

How do I feel toward our seminary and the training I am getting there? I suppose there are some things that I could wish were different or improved, but this will come in time as we of the Brethren church are willing to get behind it with our prayers and money. But I do know this: the vastness of God's eternal Word is being opened to me here in ways that I never in all my life

dreamed possible. This is done by men used of the Holy Spirit and dedicated to their work.

In short, my seminary training is making the difference in my life between the prophet who can speak "thus saith the Lord" with confidence and authority and a "spiritual disk jockey" who plays back to his people the latest hit in the theological world.

Middler, Ashland Theological Seminary.

Into the Ministry at an Older Age

REV. DELBERT B. FLORA

A MAN at the age of thirty five years discovered that he was standing at the crossroads of his life. In one direction the road led to continuation in a successful business and professional career with its financial security and increasing influence in a local situation. In the other direction the road led to some years of theological study followed by service as a church pastor.

About his call he says, "God's call to the ministry may come to some men in a sudden dramatic experience. Such was not the case for me. I had no dream or vision similar to that of the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus. Yet the

Holy Spirit was at work upon my stubborn will. Within my consciousness, there was an unspectacular yet slowly developing awareness of a need to which God was summoning me. As I became increasingly conscious of the world's real need for Christ, I had to find the way in which I could best serve."

There has been increasing evidence that there are men in the Brethren Church who have, or have had, experiences similar to the one described in this true story. Therefore Ashland Theological Seminary is putting into operation a program of study as described below.

THE PASTORAL ORIENTATION PROGRAM

1. This is a special program of training which is meant only for men of the age of 32 years and more who have not had the advantage of college training before receiving the call to the Gospel ministry.
2. It is a minimal two year non-credit program of study in the Seminary which may include some college credit courses. A year of study is defined as 34 class hours or the equivalent.
3. Regular registration in the college will be required. A high school transcript of credits will be presented and entrance aptitude and placement tests will be taken.
4. The student will register with the Seminary for **Pastoral Orientation**. Seminary courses taken will be totaled and labeled distinctively as Pastoral Orientation. (For example: If the student sits in 10 hours of Seminary class work, he will register for 10 hours of Pastoral Orientation).
5. The registrant will be assigned to an Advisor under whose direction he will study for the duration of the program. On the basis of the college entrance tests and personal conferences the Advisor will assign the student his program of study.
 - (1) The 16 hours of pre-Seminary Bible will be required. English and speech will be required as may be indicated by the tests.
 - (2) The Advisor will usually assign the student to courses which are included in a prepared list. At his discretion he may advise independent study in lieu of a regular course (or courses).
 - (3) When the Advisor feels that the student has completed minimal orientation he will so certify to the Faculty. In some instances more than two years may be necessary.

—Delbert B. Flora.

Decade of Destiny for The Brethren Church

DR. J. R. SHULTZ

THE NEXT TEN YEARS, or less, is the decisive period in the history of The Brethren Church. This is the strong conviction of many Brethren Laymen and Ministers. The immediate years will determine whether The Brethren Church can continue the present number of Churches and membership, and experience sufficient growth to exist as a denomination of significant size to carry on a worthwhile program.

These startling statements are based on two basic facts: (1) The decline, or absence of sig-

nificant net increase, of total membership of the denomination during the past years. (2) The fact that there remains an insufficient number of Clergy to fill present pulpits, much less men to establish new churches. And these two ugly facts become uglier when it is realized that this is true during a time of general Protestant prosperity and increase across America.

Following is a chart demonstrating the crisis we face:

The Brethren Church Will Need—1960-1970

Type of Service	No. of Men Needed
Ministerial Replacement	31
Church Extension	40
Special Areas: (Teachers, Christian education, auxillaries)	20
Missions	25
TOTAL MEN NEEDED	116

The Seminary Answer—1960-1970

In order to meet the need the Seminary must start graduating classes of at least 11 a year. To provide this number of graduates, taking into account drop-outs, etc., the following class sizes and total seminary enrollment must be maintained:

Senior Year	15 - 18
Middler Year	22 - 25
Junior Year	30 - 35

Thus a GRADUATE SEMINARY enrollment of between 67 - 78 students.

PRESENT SEMINARY ENROLLMENT: 17!!

IN VIEW of this crisis the Ashland College and Seminary Board of Trustees has appointed a Seminary Development Committee. Rev. Spencer Gentle, Dr. J. Garber Drushal, with Dean Flora and President Clayton, and the undersigned have been at work in the program of development for the Seminary. The Board adopted a program of Seminary Development with the following objectives: (1) Accreditation of the Seminary by the American Association of Theological Schools; (2) Enrollment of at least 50 students; (3) Setting up a new College Department of Bible and Philosophy; (4) Encouragement of Faculty research and study; (5) Enlarged Curricular offerings; (6) Development of Seminary Library;

(7) Alteration of Seminary Building. The objectives may be changed or modified to meet the current development program.

The Seminary Development Committee is unanimously agreed that The Brethren Church has the resources to meet the crisis. It is also commonly agreed that The Brethren Church has never failed to meet a crisis in the past and that the present hour of need will be faced and met for the glory of our Lord. Pray, give your full support in terms of financial gifts and in the giving of your sons for the preaching of the glorious Gospel.

THIS IS: THE DECADE OF DESTINY.

Washington, D. C.

America's Forgotten

Our search for scientists and engineers has obscured the alarming scarcity of young men to provide the spiritual leadership of tomorrow.

AN ATTRACTIVE CHURCH stands in the center of a "model" community near a major Midwestern city. The community is thriving; its supermarkets, shopping centers, and recreational fields are bustling. The church, though, is closed.

There is no lack of religious feeling in the community. In fact, civic leaders say the opposite is true. But there is a lack of clergy!

The Protestant congregation is only one of an estimated 15,000 unable to fill ministerial vacancies. At least another 10,000 young men are needed as missionaries and chaplains in institutions, colleges, and the armed services. Catholic and Jewish faiths, though affected differently by the shortage of clergy, also find demand far ahead of the supply of priests and rabbis.

Manpower shortages are not new to the United States, but the ministerial scarcity has one distinct aspect—it receives little publicity and less relief.

Take the case of one of our most respected theological seminaries. It is associated with a university which has grown immensely in postwar years because government and industry have

pumped money into its schools to develop scientists, engineers, and management executives.

Yet, the seminary's growth has been small. It is not graduating enough young men to fill vacancies in established congregations which have lost pastors through retirement or death. There are the insistent demands of America's new communities must remain "on file."

The theological school is not an isolated case. Vernon L. Strempeke, a Protestant leader who made an extensive study of the shortage, reports that the total number of graduates from seminaries in 1956 was 6,500—only about 300 more than in 1950. At least 7,000 graduates are needed solely as replacements.

Strempeke says all denominations "are showing disturbing signs of infertility in recruiting men and women who will minister in the name of Christ and His church." The situation will be worse in coming years, observers say, as America demands more and more ministers—600,000 in the next two decades, according to Dr. Elmer A. Miller, director of the department of the ministry of the National Council of Churches.

Ministerial Recruitment and

ortage . . .

by Jack Ryan

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e Ministry

Most denominations feel the answer to the shortage is not in high pressured recruiting campaigns. True, foundations are providing money for finer and better theological schools and individuals are increasing contributions for religious training. But religious vocations themselves cannot be bought.

Vocations must be instilled in young people by their families and communities at an early age. Have we done this? Not if statistics tell the story.

Young people hear lip service paid to the importance of the local minister, but when they look around they see a sharp difference between words and actions. In most communities, the lowest paid professional is the pastor. Even with free housing and other benefits, census and spot surveys show he ranks below the teacher, baker, bus driver.

There are other factors, too. For example, in a Midwestern town last year, parishioners asked the pastor's wife and children not to use the public swimming pool—it was "improper" for them to appear in bathing suits, although perfectly proper for the church members themselves.

A youth considering the ministry expects financial sacrifice and rigid standards, but when faced with extremes of both, he can hardly help wondering whether congregations appreciate their pastors as much as they say.

Church leaders fear that unless more congregations give their pastors the same standing as other professionals in the community, young people will tend to undervalue the minister's importance. If so, stepped-up ministerial recruitment drives and career meetings will be ineffectual.

Whether a denomination's problem is in recruiting clergymen or educating them, the solution remains the same—an active laity. Any church, seminary officers agree, depends on the family unit for inspiring vocations and also for supporting the theological schools in which most faithfuls train their leaders.

Until the laity accepts these basic responsibilities, the nation's most far-reaching manpower shortage may continue to be its most neglected one.

Ministry Sunday - - March 13

"I See Men Receiving the Call and Answering It"

REV. VIRGIL E. MEYER

IT IS SAFE TO SAY that more young men are receiving the call to the ministry, and answering it, than ever before in the recent history of our denomination.

Men must receive a call before they will answer. It has been said, and I am sure that it is true, that most young men don't go into the ministry for the reason that no one has asked them. It is truly astonishing to find so many middle-aged men in our churches who say, "I would have gone into the ministry when I was younger but no one ever talked to me about it!" More men are hearing the call today because it is being given oftener.

We must always remember that God issues the call by and through the Holy Spirit. This is a most significant truth which emphasizes the importance of pastors and parents, youth leaders and Sunday School teachers, camp counsellors and church deacons recognizing that the Holy Spirit will work through them to issue the call. These are the human agents whom God uses to put men into the ministry.

The call is now being urged on young men at Youth Camps, Brethren Youth Rallies and Conferences, at Youth Retreats in the districts, at local church gatherings, and in Sunday School classes. Perhaps the most encouraging thing about our current shortage of ministers is the fact that a greater consciousness of the need is developing among the ministers and laymen of

our churches. These young people were kept close enough to the Lord to hear when He called.

A year ago last fall nine young men started their training for the ministry here at Ashland College and Seminary. This year ten are starting. It looks as if even more will start next fall. **Young men are answering the call.**

Each of us can have a part in the calling of men into the Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:37, 38).

The call is being answered! During the first week in December it was my privilege to hold a week of meetings at our church in Mulvane, Kansas. When I went out I found that two of the young men were considering the ministry. By the time the week was over two more young men had received and answered the call. These four men will be coming to Ashland next fall. Three will start their college work and one, who has finished his college training, will enter the Seminary. Besides these three other students from that church are planning to come to Ashland College next fall. Seven students from a church which is over a thousand miles from Ashland. To my knowledge this number has never come out of any of our churches at one time before. This church is to be highly commended.

In the last ten years annual circulation of the Scriptures in Latin America, increased from 1,935,151 copies to 4,758,975 volumes for which the American Bible Society provided about 70%. The results of this work can be seen in more rapid accessions to the Christian church than in any other comparable area of the world.

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We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

EGYPT and GREECE

We went to old Memphis likely over the road that Joseph traveled when he was Pharaoh's Prime Minister. We went by the canal, most of the way. Here lived many people in shacks. One would be washing clothing in the canal, others would be bathing, some would be filling a water pot to take it home. Water buffaloes would reach down their heads, and the ever-present little boy, the under, would be boosted up to get on the animal's back. There was a man butchering a sheep right down in the street. Here was a man walking who evidently had forgotten to dress.

The lower class Egyptian earns about \$80.00 a year, perhaps a little more. At the age of 40 he is usually a victim of Bilharzia, a parasite that comes from human excrement. At 50, he is an old man. We had an Egyptian soldier, a Captain on one of our two busses. Our guide did not want the soldier, but had no say. We were ordered to get out of the busses and take pictures, so we took pictures from inside. One time the rear bus was stopped and some of the men got out to take pictures. The Captain saw it and hurriedly stopped and rushed back and put them into the bus. He said to our guide that we wanted to show the poverty of the Egyptians to the people of America. Our guide said that we were interested only in their way of life, and had no intention of flouting their poverty. The Egyptians were a proud people. Needless to say, the Captain had the last word. Political conditions were getting hotter and hotter, and war was imminent, and we were right on the front step. If any one was not wanted, we were them.

Friday, July 18, Mrs. Garst better. Went to the Cairo Museum. Many things of interest, especially from King Tut's tomb. He was married at 12 and died at 19 we were told, but he certainly had a lot of priceless articles in his tomb. His mummy is at Luxor. Went to the church said to be the oldest church in the world. Old manuscripts were shown us, said to have been brought down by Jeremiah in 500 B. C. However a scholar who helped to translate the Dead Sea Scrolls recently found, told me that the oldest manuscript in existence was that of 100 B. C. Said that this was likely a copy, but very old. Identified Ramses II was said to be the "Pharaoh of the Oppression," and that it was his daughter who fished her bones out of the Nile bulrushes.

Here on the spot where the oldest church was built, it was said that Moses made his last prayer before leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt. Near here Jeremiah was martyred. Here Peter wrote his second letter, what was then known as "Old Babylon". They showed us the spot on the Nile where they said Pharaoh's daughter

found Moses. Again they will tell you what you want to hear. There is a large spouting fountain in the Nile here which was the gift of the German Armament maker, Krupp.

When we came back to the hotel our plans were drastically changed. We were not permitted to go to Beirut, Lebanon, and into the Holy Land. Cablegrams were dispatched home, and to the travel agent in Athens. We learned later that none of our mail or cablegrams ever got out of Cairo. Our party had to get out of Egypt, and not enough seats could be secured on one plane for the entire party. So after much pondering around and various councils, fifteen were selected of the 24 to go that night to Athens, Greece. The others were to come on another plane on the morrow. We were ordered to be ready by 3:30.

Great was our disappointment when it was learned that the Consul of the United States would not permit us to go to Palestine. There were too many dangers. The lives of the entire party were at stake. It was a sad parting when we left the hotel with the nine waving goodbye to us. One of them turned to the others and said, "Boys! we will never see them again." We left the hotel at 4:00 and were due to leave the airport at 6:00. We were guarded by a soldier in the door and were obliged to stay in the room. Finally the plane left at 8:30, and we were very happy to be airborne. The sunset on the desert was beautiful. The Captain, when safely in the air, made his apologies over the ship's radio for the delay. Cairo tried to jam his message.

We landed at Athens, Greece, 9:45 Athens time, with no place to go, and no agent to meet us as the cablegram had never been delivered, or even sent out of Cairo. The airline company was as helpful as possible, and finally we were located in a hotel on the Aegean Sea in the edge of Athens, at 2:00 the next morning. People were being taken out of Palestine and the hotels of Greece and Italy were being filled with them. The next afternoon we were transferred to the Palace Hotel in Kiphissia, outside the city of Athens. Others were there from the Dominican Republic, who had also wanted to go to Palestine. Their party consisted of 65.

We were well located in this beautiful hotel, in the village in the mountain section. When we went there from our first hotel, we had to wait until seven to get our rooms, as there was a rush, owing to the unsettled conditions in the Near East. Athens was crowded with parties from Jerusalem. Saturday, July 19, found the party well located in a good hotel. Plans were made for the tour on the next day.

Again we refer to the Diary of Mrs. Ankrum. "July 20, 1958. First we went to the Museum, then to the Royal Palace. Had a good guide. Then we went to the ruins of the Olympic Temple of Zeus. Went to the Acropolis—the Gateway, the Parthenon and an old temple, all of course in ruins. While walking around I turned my ankle and it hurt quite a bit. After that I was afraid to try to go up on Mars Hill—most of the others went and saw where Paul was supposed to have stood when preaching. Was hot in the sun but a good breeze all day. After dinner at the hotel, had a meeting, but waiting for a letter from the U. S. Agency before we know much more."



Prayer Meeting

Studies

by C. Y. Gilmer

BEHOLD THE MAN!

"Behold the Man—I find no fault in Him"—

Thus Pilate hoped the rabble to appease,
And knew not that his words so full of truth
Would be the verdict of the centuries.

Behold the Man—He towers above the throngs
Of Pilate's day, and all before, and now.
His enemies have failed to find one fault;
Their searching, but adds luster to His brow.

Behold the Man—in majesty He stands,
The answer perfect for the world's dark hour;
The nations rise and fall at His command,
Their might—a candle to His matchless power.

Behold the Man—with scepter in His hand;
Ye councils of the mighty—make Him room.
In Him the wisdom of the ages dwells;
With Him this war-scarred earth again shall bloom.
—Ruth Williams Crooks.

"BEHOLD THE MAN" (John 19:5). He has been for a stone of stumbling to Israel (Jer. 6:21). Unto the unbelieving and disobedient of our day He is a stone of stumbling because they stumble at the Word (1 Peter 2:7, 8). Those who misconstrue the revealed Word concerning "the Man Christ Jesus" may be blind in self-glorying and are determined to bestow their destructive blindness upon unwary dupes (2 Pet. 3:16; Psa. 36:1-3).

Let us therefore "behold the Man" as the Bible presents Him (Col. 1:15-19). Let us with gratitude acknowledge His deity (Jn. 8:58; 10:30). Let us accept the

Father's testimony concerning Him (Matt. 3:17; 17:5). Let us read in good faith what the prophets foretold about Him (Isa. 9:6). Let us see Him as the Holy Spirit would direct us to know Him (Jn. 20:31). Let us not be receptive to religious trash (Eph. 4:14) but remember that God has told us what to believe (1 Jn. 5:10-12)!

See Him in the beginning with God as Creator (Jn. 1:3), Maker of the worlds (Heb. 1:2), the express image of God's person (Heb. 1:3). Time and again the unclean spirits acknowledged His deity (Mk. 1:24, 34; 3:11; Lu. 8:28). His deity was the crucial point on which the Jews stumbled (Jn. 5:18), and for which they demanded of Pilate His death (Jn. 19:7).

Though He is the Son of God it is recorded eighty-two times that He called Himself "The Son of Man." God had foretold Him as "the seed of the woman" (Gen. 3:15). He was to be the seed of David (2 Sam. 7:10-16). He would be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14). If He was not virgin-born He could not have been the Son of God (Lu. 1:35). The incarnation had to be in order that He could take our place (Heb. 2:14-18).

We do well to behold Him as the Holy Child (Lu. 2:34) in His youth (Lu. 2:52), in His perfect life (Jn. 8:29), in the completion of His Saviorhood through suffering (Heb. 2:10). By His becoming Man He became poor (2 Cor. 8:9). By His becoming Man He could reveal God to us (2 Cor. 4:6). As Man He was endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit (Lu. 3:21, 22). Because He was perfect Man He was given the Spirit without measure (Jn. 3:34). He faced temptation as a Man (Matt. 4:4). He used as the "way of escape" (1 Cor. 10:13) the proper application of Holy Scripture (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10). He suffered as Man to become our Example (1 Pet. 2:21). He became our Example in cross bearing (Jn. 19:17), in humility (Phil. 2:5-8), in forgiveness (Lu. 23:34). All of the exemplary lessons, and His crucifixion were made possible through His incarnation (1 Tim. 3:16). The Son of God became also the Son of Man in order to take our place effecting redemption through substitution (2 Cor. 5:2) by the sacrifice of Himself (Heb. 9:26, 28).

In resurrection He was not only spirit but also flesh and bones (Lu. 24:39). In ascension "the Man Christ Jesus" became the Mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5).

World Religious News in Review

DR. SCHWEITZER CELEBRATES 85th BIRTHDAY

LAMBARENE, French Equatorial Africa (EP)—Among the congratulatory messages from religious and other organizations around the world that were sent to Dr. Albert Schweitzer on his 85th birthday, was an announcement that Prince Rainier of Monaco had awarded to him the highest grade of the Order of Cultural Merit on his anniversary.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner and famed medical missionary celebrated his birthday quietly, working in his jungle hospital as he has done for the past 40 years.

Church construction to total one billion dollars in 1960.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION TO TOTAL ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN 1960

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The Department of Commerce predicts that more than one billion dollars will be spent on church construction in 1960—which would be the first billion-dollar-year in history for the building of religious edifices.

The U. S. Census Bureau shows that \$935,000,000 was spent in 1959, setting a new record.

In its annual report, the U. S. Department of Commerce states that building activity in this field will probably be increased to \$1,050,000,000 this year. The department also predicted that there will be a substantial increase in church construction in the future.

al upturn in building activity by the nation's non-public schools and colleges, many of which are church-related.

Private hospitals, non-profit groups in the social and recreational fields, including Y. M. C. A.'s, church social halls, lodge and veterans clubs, summer camps and social service centers, will also be caught up in the building boom. About \$700,000,000 will be spent for the latter-mentioned projects, it is predicted, compared with \$40,000,000 in 1959 and \$424,000,000 in 1958.

THE FARTHEST ARE MOST FAITHFUL

NEW YORK (EP)—A survey conducted by four Lutheran Church bodies showed that members who live farther from church are more regular in their worship attendance than those who live nearer by.

The results of this interesting survey showed that congregations in which more than half of the members resided five or more miles from the church reported an average attendance of 54 per cent of their confirmed members, compared to 45 per cent average attendance in congregations with over half of the membership living within walking distance. The study surveyed 1,081 congregations in the U. S. and Canada, and was conducted under a long-range parish education program of the American Evangelical, Augustana, Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod) and the United Lutheran Churches. The program is now in its fourth year preparing a parish education curriculum which will be used in all four groups. They plan to merge in 1962 to form the three-million-member Lutheran Evangelical Church in America.

NEW SON GETS 12 APOSTLES' NAMES

AMSTERDAM (EP) — A Dutch father has named his newborn son after not one, not two, but after all 12 of Christ's Apostles. The news was reported over Dutch radio, which said that a registry office clerk had argued with the father, saying that even the boy grew up he would have trouble writing his name in forms and statistical reports.

But the father stuck to his intentions, and gave his son 12 Christian names.

THE DUTY OF DEACONS . . .

JACKSON, Miss. (EP)—A nine-year-old girl in a Mississippi church, participating in a Baptist Training Union, was asked: "Why were the deacons chosen?"

Her answer almost broke up the meeting. She said: "To take care of the windows and organs."

DOES CHURCH ATTENDANCE INCREASE WITH AGE?

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (EP)—"Religion is for old people." This stock phrase of many young people was not substantiated by a recent survey of nearly 7,000 Protestants, Roman Catholics and Jews over 21 years of age in the Detroit metropolitan area.

The survey, conducted by Harold L. Orbach of the University of Michigan's Department of Gerontology, has found that a five-years' survey which he has conducted fails "to show any general trend in attendance with age or indication of an increase in religiosity in the later years."

Surveyor Orbach has found that the proportion which attended services once a week ranged from 43 to 49 per cent, but showed no steady increase with age. Women's attendance topped men's, the survey shows, especially among women between 40 and 65 years of age.

Negro Protestant men were the only individuals surveyed who showed a persistent increase in attendance with advancing age. Catholic men surveyed showed a decline in attendance with age, but their women folk held a steady level of attendance with "some suggestion of an increase in old age." Jewish people, on the other hand, both men and women, were the only group which exhibited a trend toward increasing religious attendance with age.

"It would seem quite evident," Mr. Orbach said, "that this difference is more readily explainable as a consequence of the historical decline of orthodoxy within Judaism in the U. S. directly reflected in our age groups, than as a function of age."

WISCONSIN DISC JOCKEYS GET QUICKIE SERMONS

MADISON, Wisc. (EP) — Rock 'n Roll programs on Madison's radio station WISM are getting a dash of religious inspiration each day. The program has been broadcasting two-minute inspirational sermonettes in

between their regular program of popular music.

The taped sermons are broadcast several times a day and are produced by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish ministers whose identity is not divulged. More than thirty such sermonettes are aired each week.

Station manager William Walker said the unique series is aimed at "catching the attention of teen-agers, radio listeners in cars on their way to and from work, and the listening audience not normally inclined to tune in formal church-sponsored programs."

TENNESSEE CITY TO HAVE CHRISTUS BIBLICAL GARDENS

GATLINBURG, Tenn. (EP) — A Tennessee business man has purchased property for a one million dollar religious center here, which will be known as Christus Biblical Gardens. The project will feature a 100-foot statue of Christ and 10 wax scenes from His life.

Developer of the gardens is Ronald S. Ligon, Nashville, Tenn., an insurance and real estate executive who said he would build the center on a 14-acre tract of land which he purchased for \$150,000.

The huge statue, one of the world's largest, will tower high above the area, on Crockett Mountain. Mr. Ligon said the statue may not be ready for more than a year, but the Gardens are scheduled to be open to the public in June.

TURKEY AND THE VATICAN ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES

VATICAN CITY (EP)—Diplomatic ties have been established between the Vatican and Turkey, according to the Vatican Radio.

Turkey is the fifth Moslem country to establish relations with the Holy See. The Vatican has already established diplomatic ties with the United Arab Republic, Iran, Pakistan and Indonesia.

Nuretting Zergin, a senior diplomat who is now Ambassador to Greece, is expected to be the first Turkish ambassador to the Holy See.

The Roman Catholics have maintained an apostolic delegation in Turkey since 1868, an office limited to ecclesiastical affairs which affect the 20,000 Catholics living among the approximately 250,000 Christians in the country.

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

TO PROMOTE DISCUSSION

HOW CAN I GET MY CLASS to enter into a discussion? This has been asked again and again, and of course needs a variety of answers.

Patience

Teachers must be willing to patiently wait if they would have real discussion. Not everyone is ready to talk immediately upon being given a question.

The class should be prepared with an invitation. Say something like this, "In a moment I'll be asking you to discuss this problem." State the problem, then proceed with your introductory remarks, geared to stimulate the minds of your pupils in the direction of the topic of discussion.

Permissive Atmosphere

A second requirement is that of a real permissive atmosphere. Little discussion will arise in an atmosphere where individuals do not feel free and secure to talk. They will not speak if they run the danger of being directly challenged, rudely interrupted, or avoided. Freedom of expression is more than permission—actually it is a happy atmosphere of mutual exchange.

Provocative Problems

Specific questions automatically create answers in the minds of your pupils. If a thought is expressed in the form of a question the mind is triggered into an answer to that question. So, as you introduce your lesson, be sure to include questions as a part of the lesson technique.

Personalities

Begin the discussion by directing your question to an individual that is ready to answer the problem. This offers

a good example and sets the stage for the more timid pupil who takes time to answer any question.

Direct the more simple and easy questions or problems for these more timid souls.

ITEMS TO AVOID IN DISCUSSION

Interruption

To interrupt a pupil in the midst of his discussion to destroy his freedom to express himself. Occasionally you may have to interrupt one who is stealing all of the time, but even then, it must be done decently and in order.

You Are Wrong

A second danger to avoid is that of telling a pupil he is wrong. If you recognize error, deal with it carefully. Allow others to make comment on the matter at hand, or take the view expressed, and work with it until you have shown the correct view of the point in question.

Impoliteness

Discussion within the class always demands courtesy. After a pupil has responded, acknowledge it with "Thank you, Bill" or some other phrase that will indicate you are really happy for class participation. Remember, it never hurts to be courteous, and "Please" "Thank you" are never out of order.

This is the Answer

Remember, if there is only one answer to a question it is not a discussion problem, but a statement of fact put in the form of a question. As teachers, we should generally avoid using the term, "This is the answer."

Remember, learning is a two way street. If traffic is only moving from the teacher to the pupil, there will be but little learning. Discussion is one device by which the teacher measures communication. It is one of the best. —Tips.

Faith that is not tested will not grow, and just during the time of testing is the most powerful witness Christians can render.

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What's Doing in the Churches



PROGRESS REPORT OF THE MISHAWAKA BRETHREN CHURCH

Some of you may not be aware of a fast-growing church group in Mishawaka, Indiana. These Brethren were temporarily organized in October of 1959 to meet as a Brethren Church in the eastern part of Mishawaka. They can be a Chartered Church by the time of Indiana District Conference in June, 1960.

The South Bend Brethren Church helped the cause by purchasing three acres of ground on which to place the future building. The Brethren are presently meeting in the North Side School building each Sunday, which is located near the purchased ground for the new church building. They pay \$25 each Sunday for two hours use of the school gym. Usage of any classrooms is at the rate of \$2 per room. These Brethren are anxious to build as quickly as possible, as the church will grow much faster with a new building.

This writer called a meeting of the Indiana District Mission Board for February 2. We met in the home of Brother Glenn Cripe, Treasurer, in Warsaw. Charles Smith of Elkhart and Rev. Claud Studebaker of Huntington, members of our Board, were also present. Rev. Milton Bowman and Rev. Virgil Ingraham of the National Mission Board were also present. Brother William Heinke, moderator of the Mishawaka group, arrived with their building committee, and Max Strieby their secretary.

The Mishawaka Brethren had a very good three months' report to share with us. Their average attendance in Sunday School for January was 26. Church attendance average was 28. Prayer meeting average was 10. Visits made by their own group, 33 for the month. The flu hit them the last of the month. Their speakers thus far have been Walter Lichtenberger and Jonathan Moyer of Elkhart, Thomas Wilfret of Goshen, Rev. William Cole, Russell Gordon, Tom Hill of Ardmore, Rev. William Thomas North Liberty, Max Miller, Max Bigler, Richard Best, Stump of Nappanee, and C. A. Sholley of Shipshewana. Out of these laymen we pray will come forth ministers of the Gospel. The Mishawaka Brethren are learning to become teachers, leaders and pioneers of a new work. Their giving is commendable.

The Indiana Mission Board and the Mishawaka Brethren are sending in petitions to the National Mission Board for a ten dollar call. The District Board will help us we can. The local Brethren will sacrifice in order to start a small unit up soon with plans to build on later as the church grows. Be in much prayer about this new

work. JOIN THE TEN DOLLAR CLUB SO MORE CHURCHES CAN BE BUILT WITHOUT DELAY!

Brother Austin Gable informed our District Board of the good prospects of a new Brethren Church in Kokomo, Indiana. There are quite a number of Brethren living in Kokomo. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reed have offered their home as a meeting place for interested Brethren. Their address is 800 North Wabash Street. Rev. Gable and son, Jerry, have offered their help to see the Brethren in Kokomo. Anyone reading this article, who knows of Brethren living in Kokomo area, please give name and address to Rev. Austin Gable, Peru, Indiana, Rt. 5. Our District Board has given the go sign for these willing Brethren to make a survey. Kokomo is growing rapidly because of new factories moving in recently.

Our District Board is still giving support to the Matteson Brethren in Michigan, in the way of helping with the salary of Brother Dwayne Garrett, their pastor. Therefore we make a special plea for all Indiana Churches to meet their 60c per member obligation before May 30, 1960. LET'S HAVE 100% RESPONSE FROM ALL INDIANA CHURCHES THIS YEAR!

I would like to remind you that there should be a new Church started in Elkhart in the very near future. Let us unite as a District to make these new areas a reality. God is waiting for us to help this cause along. In fact God has waited 20 years for our District to build another new Church. The Elkhart Brethren gave \$5,000 to help build the Matteson Church and the Matteson Brethren shared most of the remaining amount to build their building. I CHALLENGE MORE BRETHREN IN OUR DISTRICT TO GIVE MORE FOR OUR DISTRICT MISSIONS. THIS IS OUR MISSION FIELD. LET'S INVEST MORE TIME, TALENTS, AND MATERIAL GIVING. LET'S NOT HINDER GOD'S WORK ANY LONGER. LET US WORK AND GIVE TOGETHER FOR THE SAKE OF PRECIOUS SOULS!

Herbert Gilmer, Roann, Indiana.

OBSTACLES ARE OPPORTUNITIES

You are never to complain of your birth, your training, your employments, your hardships; never to fancy that you could be something if only you had a different lot and sphere assigned you. God understands His own plan, and He knows what you want a great deal better than you do. The very things that you most depreciate, as fatal limitations or obstructions, are probably what you most want. What you call hindrances, obstacles, discouragements, are probably God's opportunities. Bring down your soul, or, rather bring it up to receive God's will and do His work, in your lot, in your sphere, under your cloud of obscurity, against your temptations, and then you shall find that your condition is never opposed to your good, but really consistent with it. —H. Bushnell.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

IT SEEMS LIKE A

LONG, LONG, TIME

... since the "Ambassadors To Europe" Project was sponsored by Brethren Youth with the result that the Brethren Youth Ambassador Quartet did travel to Europe in the summer of 1957. But even though the members of that 1957 Quartet (Marlin McCann, Ray Aspinall, Phil Lersch, Chuck Huff, Rolf Stolpner) are situated in four different localities now and many changes have taken place in the lives of the friends made in Europe, there are still some close ties that remain.

Each year at Christmas the Quartet sends a combination Christmas Greeting and Newsletter to all of the places abroad in which they sang in 1957. We think the following reply will be of interest to all of you that helped finance the mission of the Ambassadors.

Dear Young Friends in Christ:

We thank you for your lines before Christmas time. With interest we have read every single letter from you and wish you God's assistance and joy in service, especially those of you already serving as pastors.

I have learned from your letter that your quartet is not now together and you live far from one another. Have you been in contact with one another?

Since your visit in the summer of 1957 our congregation, which first originated after World War II in Stadtrand, has grown considerably again—so that I have over 7,000 souls to care for. Since this is not practically possible, our endeavors for the establishment of a second pastoral position have met with success. The new pastor enters his office, as soon as the parishioners are finished building the home which we calculate will be early in the year. How different it is amongst you with your much smaller congregations. With God's help we carry on the heavy burden of such a great congregation, but nevertheless we are not able to exercise as much "soul concern" as is desirable. Therefore our congregation is very happy that they will divide, although the new division will give several headaches. Our further fixed aim, then, is the building of a bigger church, whose beginning is only a question of raising the means for this.

On this past Christmas (1959) evangelical Christianity was called upon to sacrifice for the drive, "Bread for the World." In our congregation it was modestly a complete success, and we were able to give a considerable contribution. May God bless this work and check hunger in the world with all its sad consequences and preserve us freedom in the world.

Our congregation and I wish you all God's blessing in the New Year.

With friendly greetings,

Pastor A. Rosner,
Neumunster, Germany

Dates to Plan For

MIAMI VALLEY YOUTH RALLY	March 6, 1960
Dayton, Ohio	
SEMINARY RECRUITMENT SUNDAY	March 13, 1960
CENTRAL DISTRICT SPRING CAMP	April 1, 2, 3, 1960
Cerro Gordo, Illinois	
KENTUCKY YOUTH RALLY	April 23, 1960
Krypton, Kentucky	
NORTHEAST OHIO YOUTH RALLY	April 24, 1960
Canton, Ohio	
NATIONAL YOUTH BOARD MEETING	April 25, 1960
Ashland College	
B. Y. SUMMER CRUSADER WORKSHOP	May 7, 1960
Ashland College	
ASHLAND COLLEGE MAY DAY	May 14, 1960
YOUTH SUNDAY	May 15, 1960
Every Brethren Church	

GROUP SMALL — VALUE GREAT

A Retreat Report

SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR, National Brethren Youth again has planned two weekend retreats for Ashland College Students, being held at the Ohio Camp. On February 19th the first group of eight students and four leaders plowed through the snow to settle in the camp for three days of "retreating".

Along with Youth Directors McCann and Lersch were Professors Dorothy Carpenter and J. Ray Klingensmith to lead in the discussions and assist with the cooking and singing. Everyone ate well and seemed to have a good time and several expressed a desire to return to another similar experience real soon—that is, all but Klingensmith who will only return when there is no danger of having to dig his car out of a snow drift again.

The next campus retreat will be held on the weekend of March 4th.

IT WON'T BE LONG . . .

... UNTIL all of the local SPEECH CONTESTS will be past and your opportunity for entering this year will be gone.

... UNTIL you will wish you had gotten started earlier and finished a speech in time.

... UNTIL the District Contest will be held and someone you know will be the winner.

... UNTIL some young person your age will win the National Finals and walk off with the \$300 Scholarship as first prize.

... UNTIL you will realize that that person could have been you.

NATIONAL B. Y. SPEECH CONTEST

"What I See — When I Lift Up My Eyes"

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

"And ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" Acts 1:8b.

TWO YOUNG PEOPLE were being interviewed over the radio. One was a girl and one was a boy. The boy had been the outstanding skier at a recent meet. The girl said it was her job to cover the whole area the day before the meet, to insure the necessary safety of those who later would participate.

This set me to thinking. We are Christians. As per the above Bible reference, we are witnesses. It is our job to prepare the lives and hearts of men and women, now bound for an eternity in hell and death, for a life of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

This week I was reminded of this very fact again. The snow was falling steadily and the prevailing wind whipped snow drifts all around. That was the day my husband felt to be the ideal time to "catch up" on his office work. But look! A car stopped in front of the house! It was the insurance agent coming to talk with my husband concerning insurance for the baby! Though he stopped here just a few days before, he guessed (correctly) that on this one occasion my husband would be home.

"We are witnesses . . ." We often sing the hymn, "I'll go where you want me to go," but if it rains are we prone to stay home from the church service? If the P. T. A. is on, are we most interested in that or do we attend the church service or participate in visiting or witnessing should it fall on the same night? Your young people often have to make a choice between the church or the school. Should a prom, a school activity, and a prayer meeting or youth meeting at the church fall on the same night, do you as parents encourage (witness) them to attend the prom or the church meeting? Which choice would you make? "Ye are witness"—for whom? Christ and His Church or the world and the devil? What is your testimony to your neighbor?

"Work for the night is coming—when man's work is done."

Mrs. Henry Bates,
Mineral Point, Pennsylvania.

Bible vans, though expensive to operate, have been effectively used in several countries by the American Bible Society. The van can cover wide areas where there are few churches and where distance makes it impossible for the colporteur to visit regularly and frequently. During the next few years, the Bible Society looks forward to providing Bible vans for at least thirty more countries than are now served in this way.

Brethren Annual Changes 1959-60

LESTER E. MYERS: p. 88; New address: 6829 S. Maplewood, Chicago 29, Illinois.

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON: p. 84—change address to 186 Spring St., Johnstown, Penna., and listing to: Pastor, Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, Penna. Also, pp. 78 and 80, change from Pleasant Hill to Third Brethren Church.

RONALD MIATKE: p. 85: resigned as pastor of the Glenford, Ohio, Brethren Church.

DALE J. LONG: Associate Secretary of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, Home address is now: 417 Buena Vista Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

ELKHART, INDIANA: New secretary, p. 81, is Mrs. Walter Brunner, 1002 St. Clair Ave., Elkhart, Indiana.

SMITHVILLE, OHIO: New Secretary, p. 80, is Mrs. George Miller, Rt. 2, Wooster, Ohio.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

CHARACTER and DESTINY

"The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord." Psalm 37:23.

THERE IS ANOTHER VERSE from God's Word which ties in with our text; it is the text that tells us that "All things work together for good to them that love God." It would seem that to this worried, hurrying generation of ours this promise should bring the answer to the questions as to why we find ourselves nervous, worried, dissatisfied, fearful.

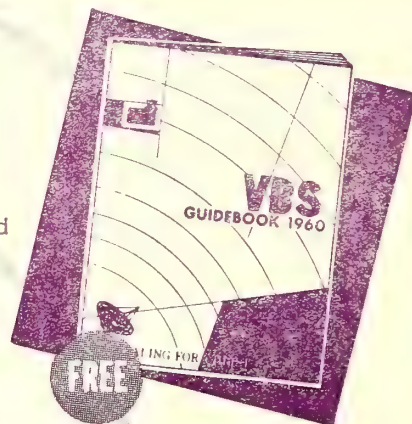
If we could really believe that God is really and deeply interested in everything that concerns us; and remember that He knows the way that we take, and be willing to follow His leading, we should believe that we are of more value to Him than any other of His creations.

In every moment of life, and amid all the experiences, our Creator is "the same always." Men change, but God changes not. And He will be our guide and protector even unto death. But we must reverence Him, we must look to Him as our Comforter and caretaker.

In God's instructions to Moses concerning the Israelites' obedience to His commandments, He stressed the necessity of implicit carrying out of His teachings, and added the assurance of blessing for such obedience. But he added the warning of forfeiture of blessing in case of disobedience. And it is true today that reverencing of Him, shown by doing His will and loving His Law, will guarantee His presence with us through the changing scenes of life, and will bring us at last into His presence with exceeding joy.

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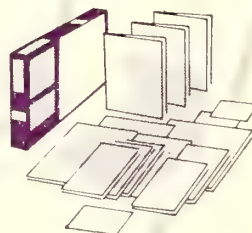


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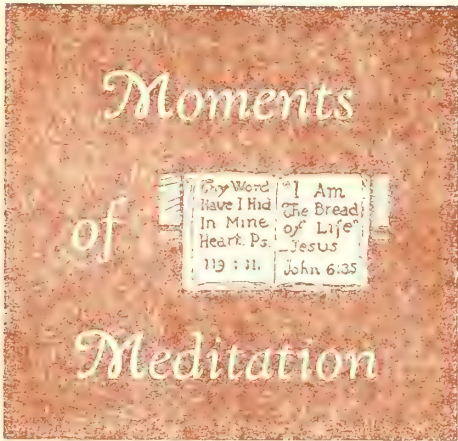


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DID YOU EVER HEAR ...

Did you ever hear of a man who lost his job because he was a total abstainer?

Did you ever hear of an insurance company that offered reduced premiums to drink addicts?

Did you ever hear of a woman saying, "My husband would be the best man in the world if he would only drink?"

Did you ever hear of a railway engineer who stood better with his employers if he drank?

Did you ever hear of a child who complained because his daddy did not come home half-drunk?

Did you ever hear of a man who objected to his daughter's marrying a man who was not a drink addict?

Did you ever hear a man awaiting sentence for his murder who complained his abstinence practices had gotten him into his predicament?

Did you ever hear of a man beating his wife because he was sober when he came home?

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The strength of a nation lies in the character of its citizens.

THE PEACE OF GOD

When waves are raging o'er the upper ocean,
And billows wild contend with angry roar,
'Tis said, far down beneath the wild commotion,
That peaceful stillness reigneth evermore.

Far, far beneath, the noise of tempest dieth,
And silver waves chime ever peacefully;
And no rude storm, how fierce soe'er it flieth,
Disturbs the Sabbath of that deeper sea.

So to the soul that knows Thy love, O Purest,
There is a temple peaceful evermore.
And all the babble of life's angry voices
Dies hushed in stillness at its sacred door.

Oh, rest of rest! Oh, peace serene, eternal!
Thou ever livest, and Thou changest never;
And in the secret of Thy presence dwelleth
Fullness of joy, forever and forever.
—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

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One of the greatest incentives to holy living is the second coming of Jesus.



RESPONSIBILITY

Some time ago a good, Christian mother was advised to give brandy to her delicate baby boy in his food. One day the brandy bottle was empty and no one was in the house to send for a fresh supply, so the mother prepared the food without its usual flavoring spirit. To her amazement the babe spat it out with evident lack of relish. With horror she realized that she had already fastened upon her infant child the deadly alcoholic appetite. Being a woman of quick resolution and firm determination, she said to the little one: "Well, my boy, if you will not take your food without brandy, you can go hungry until you will." How few mothers would have recognized the danger until it was too late!—Selected.

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THE NARROW WAY

'Tis such a narrow pathway,
Yet there's room enough for two
There's room to walk with Jesus
And for Him to walk with you.

You would lose Him on the broadway
The crowd would press between
And only in the narrow path
The heart on Him can lean.

'Tis in the narrow pathway
Your eyes can meet His own,
No need for other counsellors,
Help comes from Him alone;

O blessed, narrow pathway
Where there's but space for two
Just room to walk with Jesus,
And for Him to walk with you.
—Beatrice Cleland

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A driver is safest when the roads are dry. The roads are safest when the driver is dry.

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The Editor's Pulpit

Realistic Loyalty

THE STORY IS TOLD, with some variations, no doubt, of a GI who returned from the world war a decade and a half ago, and was asked by the pastor of his church to speak in the pulpit one Sunday morning.

The veteran had been attending the services for several weeks, noting who was there and who wasn't, so was reluctant to speak. However, he consented on the condition that the congregation sing "Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God" (from "Onward, Christian Soldiers"), just before he was to speak. Here is what he said:

"'Like a mighty army moves the church of God.' That might have been all right once, but the trouble now is that millions of men know exactly how an army moves. And it doesn't move in a way a lot of you folks do in the church—or do not.

"Suppose the army accepted the lame excuses that many of you think are good enough to serve as an alibi for not attending the church services.

"Imagine this if you can: Reville at seven o'clock—Squads on the parade ground. The sergeant barks out, 'Count fours.' 'One.' 'Two.' 'Three.' Number four is missing. 'Where's Private Smith?'

"'Oh,' says a buddy by a vacant space, 'Private Smith was too sleepy to get up this morning. He was out late last night and needed the sleep. He said to tell you he would be with you in spirit.'

"'That's fine,' says the sergeant, 'remember me to him.'

"'Where's Brown?' asks the sergeant.

"'Oh,' says another chap, 'he's playing golf. He gets only one day a week for recreation, and you know how important that is.'

"'Sure, sure,' says the sergeant cheerfully, 'hope he has a good game. Where's Robinson?'

"'Robinson,' explains a buddy, 'is sorry to not greet you in person, but he is entertaining guests today, and of course, couldn't come. Besides, he was at drill last week.'

"'Thank you,' says the sergeant smiling. 'Tell him he is welcome any time he finds it convenient to drop in for drill.'

"Honestly, now," continued the returned GI, "could any conversation like that happen in any army? Don't make me laugh. If a GI tried to pull that stuff, he would get twenty days in the guard house. Yet you talk like that every week in the church—and say it with a straight face, too.

"'Like a mighty army!' Why if this church really moved like an army, a lot of you folks would be court-martialed within the hour."

As is usually the case with related incidents such as this one, there is no report of what happened after the GI finished speaking. We trust that the effect was good, and that people of that church determined right then and there to be more faithful and loyal to their church. What the GI said is no less true regarding the average church today. The preacher, with a smiling face and a heavy heart must listen week after week to the lame excuses manufactured by parishioners who have relegated church loyalty to the last place on their list of things for which they are responsible.

What is "REALISTIC LOYALTY"? First of all, let us tell what it does. It fills the church with the people who have vowed to be faithful to all services except when hindered by reasons they can conscientiously tell to God.

It also causes the people of the church to move forward in a program of advancement for Christ, united in fellowship, purpose and outreach. Such unity is coupled with a full dedication to stewardship, Bible study, prayer and personal soul winning.

Finally, it demonstrates to the pastor, to others, and to mankind that their Christian life means more than just lip service, or an occasional spasmodic spurt of loyalty. When you see what it does and when you practice it, then you have defined "Realistic Loyalty." W. S. B.

1960 BRETHREN PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

April 26, 27, 28

Theme: "The Pastor and His Ministry"

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HIGH LIGHTS

Missionary Board Meeting

February 15, 16, 1960

The Missionary Board meeting opened on a very enthusiastic and stimulating note with General Secretary Berkshire giving an encouraging report on the Argentine work. He showed slides and made several recommendations growing out of his conference with the missionaries and national workers and out of his visit to all the churches and annexes during his recent tour.

For the purpose of increasing interest in our missionary program, the office was instructed to make the Argentine slides available to churches, with explanations and comments to go along with them.

It was announced that the Bylers should be returning to the States in March.

Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis are preparing to leave for Costa Rica the latter part of April for language training at Costa Rica during the next year. Little daughter Deborah will, of course, accompany them. They will probably return to the States before going to Argentina.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kraft and family expect to return to the States about May 1. Chuck and Meg have been invited by the American Bible Society to assist in their summer training program for missionaries at Toronto and at Meadville, Pennsylvania. The Board has granted permission for them to share in this program if they wish to do so. It is expected, however, that they will attend our General Conference.

Reverend J. M. Bowman was re-appointed on the Board of Directors at Riverside Christian Training School, and Everett Miller was appointed to replace J. D. Hamel on the same board. (Hamel is no longer a Missionary Board member, since he has become pastor of a home mission church—Sarasota.)

The Missionary Board is making a study of the factors involved in the effective continuation of a Christian day school at Lost Creek.

The Missionary Board has approved the borrowing of \$8,000 to advance to the Building Committee of the Lost Creek Cooperative Committee toward the completion of their gymnasium-classroom building. (This is to be repaid out of the 1960 W. M. S. project, with the Missionary Board paying the interest.) This action is designed to make the building ready for use by fall of 1960, using the summer months for construction. With the W. M. S. project money designated for this use, the action merely anticipates this project fund by a few months. (Our Board has two representatives on the Cooperative Committee.)

Reverend Duane Sholly, president of the Central District Mission Board, presented the need and desire for a

Brethren church at Decatur, Illinois. The Missionary Board is requesting the Cerro Gordo Church and the Central District Mission Board to work out a plan for ministering to the people at Decatur, with a view to establishing a church there. If circumstances prove favorable, the Missionary Board will cooperate, wherever possible.

Reverend Shannon and the Brethren Church at Newark reported progress in the work and requested counsel with reference to their future building program. The Board expressed commendation for this progress and outreach; they authorized Berkshire or Long to counsel with Newark on building plans and to report to the May meeting. The Newark Church will be eligible for a \$10 Club call at a later date.

A report from Mishawaka, Indiana, indicates that plans are in the making to build a church in that city. Services are already being held in a school building. They will be looking to the Missionary Board for assistance. In March Berkshire will meet with these people to consider their plans for development of the program and how the Missionary Board may be able to help.

An encouraging report was made of the survey being carried on by local pastors and representatives of the Ohio District Mission Board at Massillon, Ohio, for possible establishment of a Brethren Church. The Board commended the brethren for their interest in a work at Massillon; they look upon this proposed work with favor and pledge future consideration to it.

The Board reiterated its desire for the church at Stockton, California, to relocate. At the May meeting, after the Stockton Church and the Northern California District have expressed their intentions regarding support of the work and where the church is to be located, the Missionary Board will be better able to make a commitment on aid for the program.

Dale Long presented a comprehensive report on the Revolving Fund, which was accepted by the Board. This fund is claiming increasing interest of our people and promises to be a valuable church-extension resource. Two loans were approved by the Loan Committee.

A report on Gift Annuities, by Dale Long, was also accepted by the Board.

The Committee on Revision of the Missionary Handbook indicated progress in their investigations. Policies of other boards are being studied and a more complete report will be brought later.

A report of the Cooperative Life Work Recruit program was approved. This program, being sponsored by Brethren Youth, Ashland Seminary, the Missionary Board of

the Brethren Church, Ministerial Association, National Laymen, Sunday school Board, Ashland College, and Woman's Missionary Society, is attempting to keep in touch with young people who have volunteered for life work. These sponsoring groups plan to communicate with the recruits approximately nine times during the year; they will endeavor to direct them into the various areas of Christian service.

The Missionary Board extended sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John Golby for their very substantial memorial gift to missions—in memory of their daughter, Nadine.

Mr. John Porte, Field Secretary for the Central Planning and Coordinating Committee, attended all sessions of the Missionary Board meeting. He expressed appreciation to the Board for this courtesy extended to him; he maintained that he had learned a great deal more about our missionary program and the problems involved in those meetings than he knew heretofore. The Board, in turn, was grateful for his interest in the work and for his evident spirit of cooperation with the program. He will be welcome to all meetings.

The next meeting of the Board will be held about the middle of May. This will be the budget-making meeting.

Items of General Interest

MAURERTOWN, VIRGINIA. Brother Robert L. Hoffman reports that his recent speaking engagements include: "Lectures and pictures on Egypt at Presbyterian Men's Meeting at Woodstock, a talk to the Business and Professional Women's Club of Shenandoah County, on 'bosses' night when they brought their bosses as guests, and pictures on Switzerland to the Homemaker's Club at the Saumsville Christian Church."

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Brother George W. Solomon notes in regard to their dedication day, "We truly had a fine day together as we dedicated our new building to the Lord and His work. A good crowd, with fine spirit, was present to hear an inspiring message by Dr. Glenn Clayton."

The Men and Boys' banquet was scheduled for the evening of March 8th.

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA. (THIRD). A reception for Brother and Sister William H. Anderson, who began their work with the Third Brethren early in February, was held the evening of February 24th.

The Father and Son banquet was scheduled for February 29th.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. New carpet has been installed in the sanctuary of the Nappanee church.

TIOSA, INDIANA. The W. M. S. public service was held January 31st, with Mrs. Russell Rodkey as guest speaker.

On the same day, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Fred VanDuyne were ordained as deacons and deaconesses of the Tiosa church.

NEW PARIS, INDIANA. The W. M. S. conducted the evening service on February 21st. Dr. H. A. Bosler was the speaker.

BURLINGTON, INDIANA. Brother Elmer M. Keck notes that they are now back in their sanctuary following the refinishing of the floor and the laying of new carpet.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA (PAPAGO PARK). Brother H. Francis Berkshire notes that the roof is now on their new building and that the electric and plumbing is nearly completed.

TUCSON, ARIZONA. Dr. Charles L. Anspach, former president of Ashland College, was guest speaker in the Tucson church on February 21st.

COMING EVENTS

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Bible Conference—Mar. 13-20—Rev. Virgil Ingraham, Speaker; Rev. George W. Solomon, Pastor.

TERRA ALTA, W. VA. White Dale Brethren. Revival Services—Mar. 28 - Apr. 6—Rev. Phil Lersch, Evangelist.

CANTON, OHIO. Trinity Brethren. Dedication Services for new church building, 455 55th St., N. W.—Mar. 27, 3:00 P. M.—Prof. J. Ray Klingensmith, Speaker; Rev. Robert Keplinger, Pastor.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. Ardmore Brethren. Evangelistic services—Mar. 29 - Apr. 10—Rev. V. Geren, Evangelist; Rev. C. William Cole, Pastor.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Evangelistic Campaign—Mar. 20 - Apr. 3—Rev. J. D. Hamel, Evangelist-Pastor.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO DISTRICT LAYMEN'S RALLY

April 19th
Canton, Ohio.

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Sunday, March 27, 1960

JOHNSTOWN, SECOND BRETHREN CHURCH

Theme: "The Place of the Bible
In the Sunday School"

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Leaders: Rev. Henry Bates
Rev. William Anderson

Evening: 7:00 o'clock

Singspiration—Rev. Charles Huff

Message—Rev. David Rambsel

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OBEDIENCE,

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Dr. Claud Studebaker

THERE ARE SO MANY texts in the Bible that teach the basic truth which we have chosen as our subject, that no serious student can fail to see them. We are quoting three of them: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15); "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another" (John 13:35); "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my father's commandments, and abide in his love" (John 15:10).

These three quotes are from the words of our Lord during the last evening before His crucifixion. There were other similar statements which He made during that self-same night. The one when He had just finished washing the disciples' feet, the one next while He was still in the Upper Room where He had washed their feet and ate the meal symbolizing love and fellowship, where He broke the bread and gave the cup, thereby teaching the fundamental truths of Christian faith, cleansing, fellowship involving forgiveness, and communion.

There is no communion with God unless we are cleansed. To be cleansed, we must forgive our brother. This, before we can have real communion with God. It is one thing to claim we know God; it may be quite another thing for God to know us. Christ made that very plain in His Ser-

mon on the Mount, when He said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:21-23).

Then our Lord closes that immortal sermon by giving the great truths of those who hear and obey—building upon the ROCK, versus those who hear and do not obey—building upon the sand. The storms will destroy the lives built upon the sand; great will be the fall thereof. We cannot improve on the words of Jesus Christ, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away"—but they shall judge us in the last day.

Another scriptural reference on Obedience is in II Samuel 6 where David has started to take the Ark of the Covenant, which contained the Law of God, back to Jerusalem. They had it on a new cart, and when it was taken over a threshing floor where it was rough, Uzzah was afraid it would fall off so he reached forth his hand to steady it. As a result, God smote Uzzah and he died.

David thought God's punishment too severe, but God had commanded that man was not to touch the Ark of the Covenant wherein was His Word. There were bars for handles, and they were to be used, but God's Word was not to be touched. God's Word is sacred today as always. We need not think that God's word will ever fail or fall. It is our sacred duty to obey it. There are many who say they have done many wonderful works and given great testimonies in the name of the Lord, saying, "Lord, Lord, have we not done this and this, and done it in the name of the Lord?" But the Lord will say, "I never knew you, ye workers of iniquity, depart from me." It is vitally important that we obey the word of the Lord. It may not seem so important to man, but if God has commanded it, that makes it supremely important.

The Brethren Church has stated her motto as: "The Bible, The Whole Bible, and Nothing But The Bible." Peter, on the day of Pentecost under the direct power of the Holy Spirit, said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). We believe this is just as binding today as it was on that day. We believe the mode of baptism is and should be the same as it was on that day. It was not changed until the Pope and Cardinals gave permission to change it to sprinkling. This was done in the year 1311, and it became the mode of the Roman Catholic Church. There were two churches at the time, the Eastern, Greek (capitol at Constantinople) and the Western, Roman (capitol at Rome). The Greek Church has always baptized by Triune Immersion, which was the command of Christ, and should be obeyed by all churches.

We are not studying the mode of baptism, specifically, here, only saying that **obedience** to the word of God is the evidence of your faith and true devotion to God.

You may say you love God, and shout His praises very emphatically, but if you refuse to obey the very plain word of God, you place yourself against God by not doing the things that He commands. "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?" Sin is the transgression of the Law. Christ has said again and again words making it plain that if we love Him we will keep His commandments. "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me, and he that loveth me shall be

loved of my Father, and I will manifest myself unto him" (John 14:21).

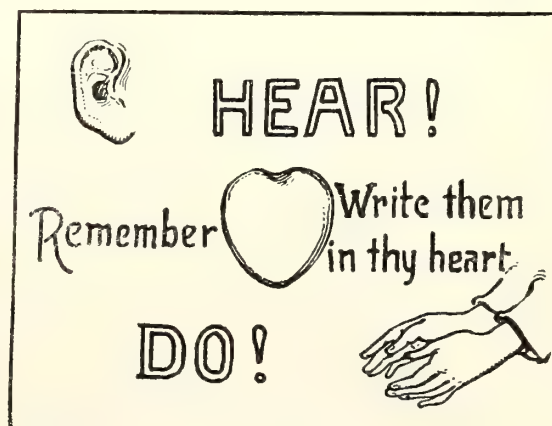
The plea our Lord made on the last night before His crucifixion was on this very point. Humble obedience is the sure evidence of our faith. I have no objection to shouting the praises of God, but you cannot shout loudly enough to cover even one sin of disobedience. You may say, what is the value of baptism and feet washing? My answer is, Christ commanded it, did He not? There is only one thing to do with His commands; that is, to obey them.

The supremely important thing is that Christ knows you. If you say that you know Christ and He does not know you, even with all your testimony telling of the things you have done, He will say to you, "Depart from me, I never knew you."

Christ says again, "He that hath my commands and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." Obeying the commands of Christ will make us humble, forgiving, loving, true, just, holy, temperate and kind. Our life will be filled with all the other gracious attributes of Christian character, producing a life that is devoted and pleasing to God, and respected of men.

If Brethren obey some of the commands that other Christians say are unimportant, I still say we are to obey all the commands of our Lord, for thereby we become like Him. As children of God we are to become like our Father by the precious redeeming blood of His Son, by which we are born again. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2).

Huntington, Indiana.



"We Go to Church In Moscow"

Tom Anderson

IMAGINE GETTING your greatest spiritual experience in atheistic Russia! We had just left Moscow's citadel of atheism, fantastically ugly Red Square, where thousands of subservients come daily to worship the incarnation of history's foremost mummies, Vladimir "The Body" Lenin and "good Ol' Joe" Stalin, their carcasses perfectly preserved in their glass showcase in the red marble mausoleum. They're the only well-dressed people in Moscow—all dressed up and no place to go.

Stalin had pronounced repeatedly: "Lenin is God . . . The party cannot be neutral toward religion. Anti-religious propaganda is a means by which the complete liquidation of the reactionary clergy must be brought about."

The Russian "God," Lenin, stated: "Religion is a kind of spiritual gin in which the slaves of capital drown their human shape and their claims to any decent human life . . . Marxism is materialism . . . The materialist gives a more important place to materialism and nature, while relegating God and all the philosophical rabble who believe in Him to the sewer and manure heap . . . Down with religion. Long live Atheism."

Atheism or Starvation

Sunday Schools in Russia are not permitted to exist. All "education" belongs to the state—and so do the children. Six days a week for 40 years the children have been taught atheism in school. It would be inconsistent to let them be taught about God in a Sunday School!

A person can lose his job or be demoted for church attendance. Starting next year young people have to either be confirmed in church or join "youth confirmation" (Communist) groups. If

they choose the church, they won't be able to get a job when they're old enough to work. Most people under 60 have sold out God for jobs, security, convenience. Or maybe they've simply concluded that co-existence, with atheism, is better than no existence.

Our Intourist guide had informed us that intelligent people don't go to church; that religion, which they refer to in the past tense, is a fairy story. With a straight face the beguiling guide had told us that churches were closed because the people no longer wanted them open; they had "learned better." In spite of this unsolicited wisdom, we drove from the ornate, atheistic Kremlin to a little out-of-the-way faded stucco Baptist Church on a narrow cobblestone Street. The Central Baptist Church, one of the few open-for-business churches left in Moscow, was playing to its usual three-times-a-week standing-room-only crowd of about 1,000.

Behind the pulpit glowed a stained-glass window inscribed with "Bog est lyubov (God is love)." It glowed quite differently from the diffused orange-colored light which bathes the carcasses of the enshrined killers on display in Red Square.

Every face in the old sanctuary gasped incredulously as our obviously American group was led down the aisle. They grabbed for our hands as we proceeded to our pews which were gladly vacated for our unexpected visit. Their wrinkled old faces looked at us pleadingly. They reached out to touch us almost as one would reach out for the last fincaress of one's most-beloved just before the casket is lowered. They were in misery and yet a light shone through misery. They gripped our hands like frightened children.

A member of our group was unexpectedly called to the pulpit. His voice choked with emotion, he preached a sermon of love and faith, hope and truth.

"I believe very firmly in prayer," he said. "It is possible to reach out and tap that unseen power which gives us strength and such an anchor in time of need.

"Be not afraid. Keep this commandment; Love one another. Love all mankind. Truth will endure. Time is on the side of truth." Thus spake Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture.

The Secretary's wife and two beautiful daughters raptly drank in his words, with tears streaming. "God lives, I know that He lives; that Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the World. We are eternal beings."

As each sentence was translated for the audience by the Russian minister the women removed their handkerchiefs from their heads and waved them like a mother bidding permanent goodbye to her only son. Their heads nodded vigorously as they moaned, "ja, ja, ja" (yes, yes, yes!).

As their gnarled hands folded in fervent prayer, it made you think of the ancient Christians about to be thrown to the lions. Most were old women. The old can attend church. They have no jobs to lose. They can "afford" to go to church. There was a handful of teenagers; one of them stood beside me. I wished mightily that we could break the language barrier and talk. A youth with the courage to oppose history's most godless dictatorship to worship God!

Cynical newspaper correspondents who'd griped about a "command performance" in church with Benson, stood there crying openly.

The Last Believers

These people have what has been described by some bubble-heads as "freedom of religion." It is freedom to live out their last few years without being shot in the back of the neck; freedom to go on existing in a living hell under a forced choice between God and their own families.

These old souls live by faith alone, unlike the Communist high priests who're backed by the all-powerful state and the firing squad.

The Communist plan is that when these "last believers" die off, religion will die with them. What the atheists don't know is that God can't be stamped out by legislated atheism or firing squad. This Methodist back-slider who occasionally grumbles about having to go to church, stood crying unashamedly, throat lumped and chills running from spine to toes. It was the most heart-

rending and most inspiring scene I've ever witnessed.

As we filed out they sang with all their hearts, "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again." And all knew we never would—on this earth. We also knew that some day, the greatest force in the world, love of God, will destroy this organized religion of hate.

With heavy hearts we left to rejoin the smug, smart-aleck guides who took us to the church but refused to go in.

This trip with Secretary Benson was unforgettable. I was able to reach many conclusions, including the inscription I want for my tombstone: "I'd rather be here than in Russia."

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Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyll Belote

SENDING SOMETHING OF US

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER had finished reading the words of our text, when a boy in her class raised his hand and asked, "But, teacher, suppose we can't go ourselves? Can't we send something of us instead?"

Now God has given talents to all of us—to some of us one talent, to others more than one. Some may be common laborers, others home-makers, others writers, still others teachers, lawyers, carpenters. It is not a matter of the kind or number of the talents bestowed, but of the way we make use of our bestowals.

God does not ask us to try to be persons that we are not. He only asks—and expects—that we shall develop the talents that are bestowed upon us, and that we dedicate them wholly and without reservation to His service.

In Matthew's account of the reports brought by the recipients of the talents, of the use they had made of the opportunities given them for service, we have the warning of failure to make sensible use of the talents, with which we are entrusted, and the ultimate banishment from the Master's presence for failure to invest our talents in the Master's work. "Outer darkness", "weeping and wailing, and the gnashing of teeth."

God does not send all of us to use our talents in some far-off country. But, He does call us all, without fail, and regardless of the nature or number of our bestowals, to minister for Him throughout the whole world.

And we can minister through prayer, the giving of money, clothing, food, or personal ministry to those less fortunate than we. It is sending or giving something of us that pleases the Master.

In Memoriam . . .

WILLIAM DAVIES FURRY

1874 - 1959

Elder and Educator in the Brethren Church for more than 60 years

Dr. William Davies Furry, who died at the age of 85 on Dec. 31st following a short illness, will be missed by Faculty, Trustees and Alumni of Ashland College. A former president of the college, Dr. Furry came to Ashland in 1900 to teach. In 1959 he was honored by his alma mater, Johns Hopkins University with a fifty-year alumni award and in the same year Ashland College conferred upon him the honorary degree, Doctor of Laws.

Tribute by

Dr. Glenn L. Clayton

President Glenn L. Clayton added his tribute to the many given Dr. Furry:

The calling home of William Davies Furry marked the end of a life dedicated to a search for truth and knowledge with few peers among those of us with whom he labored.

His scholarly demeanor at all times was worthy of his Christian faith and dedication to the personal God whom he served with complete devotion and the Lord whose Messiah-

ship he acknowledged in every word and deed.

His life remains as a testimonial of excellence uniting at once the vistas of critical philosophic thought and the verities of divine leadership in a pleasing and true blend of thought for all to admire and, within the limits of our lesser perception, to emulate. In him were combined the bold query of the researching scholar, the speculative insight of the philosophic pioneer and the unwavering sureness of the man who walks with God. For those who may doubt at times the possibility that secular learning can be one with spiritual growth and insight, his lifelong teaching and quiet faith must stand as a pillar of strength for both present and future.

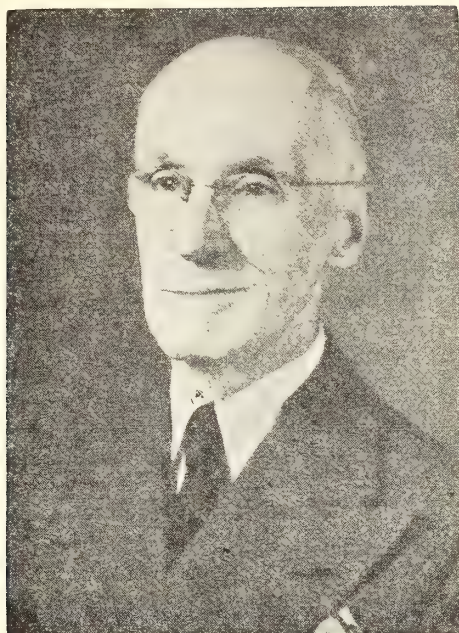
An outstanding educator, a capable administrator and a devoted persuasive minister of the Gospel, William Davies Furry served his God, his church, his community and his college with well-nigh incomparable distinction for over half a century.

I speak for the Trustees and Faculty of Ashland College as well as the thousands of young people who

studied under his direction when I say that it has been a rare privilege and inspiration to have worked with him as a colleague for many years. The college was the chief interest of his life as he rejoiced in its growth and achievements and sorrowed in its times of trial. By the same token his steadfast leadership reached the hearts of multitudes of people whose eyes were lifted to behold the heights that he loved and whose ears were tuned by him to hear the eternal words of assurance by which he lived.

Surely the high example which he set will live on in those of us who remain, not as a memorial to him but rather as a motivation in our quest for truth and understanding among men. If ever the words of life were applicable, as indeed they have been among the servants of God, they must certainly be applicable as a benediction in this case at the close of a life so fruitful and constant:

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."



Dr. Furry

DR. WILLIAM DAVIES FURRY, former Ashland College President, and a Brethren Minister, died at 6:00 P. M. on December 31, 1959. He was born in Maryland, June 21, 1874.

Dr. Furry came to Ashland in 1900 to teach in Ashland College under the leadership of Dr. J. Allen Miller. From 1911 to 1919, he served as president of the College. After this, he spent 14 years as dean. Dr. Furry was absent from Ashland from 1933 until after the death of his wife in 1943, when he returned as professor of philosophy, remaining active until his retirement in 1957.

Tribute by A. Glenn Carpenter

AN APPRECIATION

FOR SIXTY YEARS it was my privilege to know Dr. William D. Furry. His first pastorate was at the Fairview Brethren Church at South Bend, Indiana. He was one of the most dynamic preachers I have ever heard. Following many of his sermons he was physically and mentally exhausted. His sermons were profound and his gesticulations profuse; and he held his audiences constantly alert. He was a master student of the Scriptures and his ambition to delve ever deeper into the depths of spiritual truths was an obsession which dominated the years of his entire life.

Dr. Furry's intense yearning for knowledge led him to the University of Notre Dame, the University of Chicago, and then to Johns Hopkins University. Without neglecting his study of the Bible, he branched out into the field of Philosophy and Ethics. With his broad mastery of these particularly cultural subjects he was adept and unique in his ability to advise, counsel, and encourage the thousands of young people with whom he came in contact.

It would be impossible to evaluate Dr. Furry's influence in the pulpit and in the class-room. Many of our Brethren ministers give him credit for directing their minds to the preaching of the Gospel. His keen mind and

hunger for learning inspired many students to search deeper and deeper for the eternal truths, to pass by the mediocre and to assimilate those virtues which build the full and abundant life.

Dr. Furry's interests can be said to have been strictly religious and cultural. His readings were profuse on a wide range of subjects. He took no active interest in sports or politics. His great joy and satisfaction always, but especially in his latter years, was to read good books and to pass on to others his philosophy of real, worthwhile living. Even in his closing days joy came to his heart as he recalled giving help and inspiration to the many students who had called upon him.

Truly Dr. Furry could say with St. Paul,

"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the Faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of Righteousness".

May the memory of this good man ever be a source of inspiration to all who knew him, and to those who learn of him.

A friend and admirer

A. Glenn Carpenter
Ashland, Ohio



Tribute by Prof. Charles R. Munson

DR. W. D. Furry was truly a minister to ministers. As such he had many spiritual sons and could say with Paul to Timothy, "Unto Timothy my own son in the faith." He was able to impart to many a faith which could say, "... I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

To many of his spiritual sons he has said, "Hold fast the form of sound words..." As a philosopher Dr. Furry's business was words. His interest was in keeping his words related to the Christ of the Gospels. Many learned this lesson from him.

Then also as a minister to ministers his teaching at Ashland College made one look farther ahead than a few years. Certainly Dr. Furry could say again with Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith". As a teacher of men he enabled them to look forward to their time of finishing the course also. He was truly a minister to ministers.



WHITE GIFT OFFERINGS, AS OF
FEBRUARY 20, 1960

Denver, Ind.	\$ 50.50
Gretna, Ohio	83.26
Berlin, Pa.	400.00
New Paris, Ind.	127.20
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Mansfield, Ohio	17.57
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Center Chapel, Ind.	93.50
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Brighton Chapel, Ind.	15.00

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Muncie, Ind.	160.00
Sergeantsville	22.25
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Bethlehem, Va.	74.22
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Pittsburgh, Pa.	105.68
Dayton, Ohio	396.00
Cameron, W. Va.	23.00
Washington, D. C.	100.00
Highland, Pa.	31.50
Huntington, Ind.	49.36
Ashland, Ohio*	226.00
Elkhart, Ind.*	87.87
Goshen, Ind.*	344.87
Meyersdale, Pa.**	37.50
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THE FAIREST THINGS
Elizabeth Schollard

The fairest things are those that silent come;
You may not hear the first approach of morn,
And though you listen as the golden sum
Of hours fade into dusk, no sound is born.
When the stars dance on high no bugles blow;
The footsteps of the flowers fall silently,
As softly come the blossoms of the snow;
And clouds float by in pale tranquility.
No voices herald moonlight on a lake;
The silvery dew is still; these gifts are given
As quietly as Christ, Who for our sake
Was sent to us, the greatest gift of heaven.
Tenderly now, as in the yesterday,
He leads earth-weary children in His way.

—Free Methodist.

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum

A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958



CORINTH, ATHENS, MILAN

Again, the Diary, "Monday, July 21, 1958. Started to Corinth at 8:30. It was a beautiful drive, much of it along the Aegean Sea, with many curves in some places. We had to stop for about an hour on one mountain where they were widening the road and had blasted out some rock in the road. Walked over the ruins of Corinth before lunch. Only five columns of the temple are standing—there were six. They were the only things to be seen before the excavations which began about 1896. We walked where Paul walked when he was at Corinth.

"Leader Flora read Acts 18:1-11. This temple, the temple of Apollo was the second oldest in the world. After seeing these and an old theater we ate lunch nearby. Was a very pleasant place to eat. After resting awhile we started toward Athens. Stopped several places to take pictures of grapes, currants, olive trees, etc. Some of the olive trees were as much as 1000 years old. Then we stopped at the bridge across the canal between the Aegean and the Ionic Seas. The canal is four miles long, 75 feet wide and 125 feet to the water, which is 25 feet deep. Then we came nearer to Athens and stopped at an old church in which there are many mosaic pictures. The pieces are about the size of the little finger nail and are glass-covered with gold and marble."

The writer was not on the trip. There were upset stomachs and other ills suffered by all members of the party; there were no exceptions to the rule. Perhaps the strange water and the cooking with olive oil added to it. So the writer missed several tours that otherwise would have been enjoyed. It was a thrill beyond expression to travel and walk where the immortals of Greece's Golden Age lived and worked. Socrates, Pericles, Phidias and many, many others. Listening again as it were to the singing of the blind poet, Homer, recall the days of the Trojan War.

We were in the realm of former great artists and sculptors, we name them not as you have heard their names. All these lived again. Never when first studying them did we think we would ever be in the land which contributed so much to the advance of Civilization.

The mountains of Greece have been denuded of timber over the ages, and as a result, marble is cheaper in Greece today than lumber. Many of the old ruins are spotlighted and speak of worthies of other days. Yet modern Athens is as modern as any of our cities. People are friendly.

One of the guides, well educated and very intelligent, stated that if it had not been for Foreign Aid from the U. S. A. that Greece would never have been able to come back. This was different from what we experienced in other countries. The Revolution in Lebanon which prevented us from getting there and into Palestine was an

attempt to overthrow the government which was sympathetic to the United States. They depended upon tourists for their economy. Our party would have by rule of thumb spent \$500.00 a day there and we were scheduled to be there two days. The same applied to others. Yet later on the new Lebanon government not sympathetic to us and which destroyed its economy was aided with millions by the U. S. A. Some things were hard to understand by some of us who were on the scene.

After he had safely led us out of Egypt, we gave our tour leader Flora, the name of Father Moses.

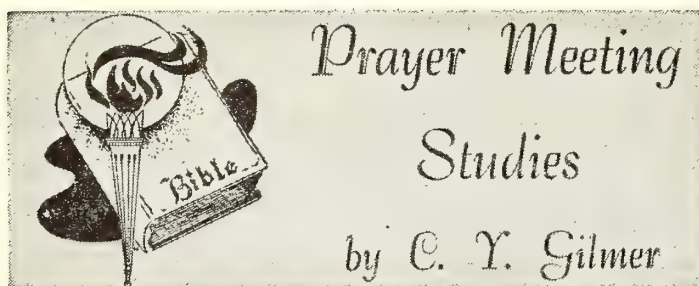
Tuesday, July 22, we were scheduled to leave Athens. The time which would have been spent in Palestine had to be used in other countries, such as Italy and Switzerland. Again Mrs. Ankrum's Diary. "Athens to Milan, Italy. July 22, 1958. Left the hotel at Kiffisia at 9:00 o'clock. Came to Athens and shopped. Then we went to a hotel lobby until about 12:00 when we went to a restaurant to eat. Back to the hotel lobby until 1:30 when we left for the airport. Beadle left us at Athens, going to Turkey. Fairbanks had misunderstood and left his bag that he had bought in Cairo at the Hermes Agency. They called a taxi and it was brought just barely making it before plane time. (It contained valuable papers, health certificate, etc., Writer). Munson will remember leaving Athens as he was just about the sickest he was anywhere on the trip.

"We left Athens airport at 2:45. Got to Milan 6:30 Athens time, or 5:30 Milan time. We were met at the Milan airport by a man and the bus. Brought us to the Hotel Omedi.

"It rained hard on us while we were coming from the airport but had stopped when we got to Milan. The airport was a long ways from town."

As we flew out of Greece, there was Red territory on our right. The Captain said that he was staying away from there. He was very friendly and came back to visit us in the ship. We were ordered at one time to fasten seat belts, but he made an explanation so all were relaxed. "Said that there had been a temperature drop, but the Radar did not show much storm. We ought to be out in five minutes. Wanted to change altitude but Airways would not permit it." We could see some icing on the hub of the propellers. Said that he did not want us walking around in the plane until we were out of it and in the clear.

Wednesday morning, July 23, went on a local tour, leaving the hotel a little before 9:00. Went to the large cathedral on the city square which is adorned by over 3000 statues. It faces one side of the square from which Mussolini and his Mistress were hung by their heels after they had been killed. From there we went to the Church of Santa Maria delle Gracia, where was Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, "The Last Supper." It was painted about 1490 or thereabouts, depending upon which guide book or guide you follow. It was painted upon plaster and the artist worked three years upon this production. It is deteriorating, and the entire building which housed it was destroyed in the war. Sand bags preserved the painting. Napoleon cut a door under the painting to bring his horses into the church. It has been walled up but is plainly evident. He was another rascal who had little regard for many things worthwhile.



PONTIUS PILATE

Then Pilate called for water
And washed his hands, saying,
"See, I am innocent of the blood
Of this just Man."

O Pilate!
You removed His blood
Figuratively from your hands.
But the stain upon your heart
And life remains.

Christ has been lifted up;
But you have gone down in history
As one who helped crucify Jesus—
Simply by washing your hands.

—Luman Wesley Colton.

PILATE WAS A DISGRACEFUL SINNER who did not do what he knew was right in the case of Jesus (Jas. 4:17). Three times he declared that he could find no fault in Christ (Jn. 18:38; 19:4, 6). His faithful wife sought to strengthen his convictions (Matt. 27:19). He sought by the customary Passover prisoner release to free Christ by nominating public enemy number one, Barabbas, as a candidate along with Christ (Matt. 27:15-18). John 19:1-5 teaches us that Pilate stifled his conscience. Though he had declared Christ innocent, he hoped that a scourging of Christ would satisfy His enemies (Lu. 23:16). After the third attempt to release Christ Pilate yielded to the voices of mob rule (Lu. 23:22-24).

Those who bowed the knee in sport (Matt. 27:28-30) will some day be forced to bow the knee again (Phil. 2:9-11). Pilate was "reckless with the truth" (Jn. 18:37, 38). He must have known that Christ was Deity (Jn. 19:7-12). When Christ refused to answer Pilate He kept silence because Pilate was not really willing to do the will of God (Jn. 7:17). Pilate was reminded that God would hold him responsible for dispensing justice (Rom. 13:1). Jesus taught that there are differing degrees of guilt (Jn. 19:11).

Pilate sought to release Christ, but in a way that would satisfy the enemies of Christ (Jn. 19:12). Pilate feared the people more than he feared truth (Lu. 23:23), and ensnared himself (Prov. 29:25). He let the rabble make him think that his loyalty to Caesar required him to be dishonest with the Son of God (John 19:12). Instead of setting an example of justice for all time to come, Pilate betrayed Christ, justice, and himself (vs. 13-16). Eusebius and others declare that Pilate lost his favor with Caesar anyway, and that he committed suicide (Exod. 23:2). Men are to do the right without fear (Jer. 1:17-19). Those who do right need have no fear (Psa. 27:1; 118:6).

Pilate was not the only one who did not want to be put out of office (Jn. 12:42). Such were men pleasers (v. 43) more than lovers of God (Heb. 13:13). They were entangled (2 Tim. 2:4), and their fear of man caused them to deny Christ. Peter, many years after his base denial before a worldly crowd, lost his Christian principles by trying to please a religious crowd (Gal. 2:11, 12). The Pilate test is brought upon every man (Matt. 10:33). Not only do our enemies, but sometimes our friends and loved ones will put us on the spot (Matt. 11:34-38). Pilate, the political opportunist, sold his soul for worldly approval (Mk. 8:26).

Saul, the king of Israel, like Pilate, feared the people and obeyed their voice (1 Sam. 15:24). For this he lost his throne (v. 26), his contact with God (1 Sam. 28:6), his life in disgrace (1 Sam. 31:4), his head to the enemies (1 Sam. 31:9), his armour, and his good name!

Pilate feared the people but Christ fearlessly witnessed before the same crowd His deity and second coming (Lu. 22:66-71). Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was fearless (Acts 7:51). Our Saviour taught His followers to be fearless when tried for the right (Matt. 10:28). The enemies of Christ have no real power over us (Jn. 19:11). Christ is greater than Satan (1 Jn. 4:4). The opinion of the crowd is of no consequence when it contradicts the right (Jer. 8:9; 1 Cor. 1:19). Men are not our judges, but God is our Judge (1 Cor. 4:3, 4). They can neither reward nor condemn us (Isa. 51:12, 13). In the light of God's great rewards, their enticements are trivial (Eccles. 2:10, 11; Mk. 8:36). God's rewards far outbalance our sacrifices (Lu. 18:29, 30).

Lesson

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for March 13, 1960

THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS TO CIVIL RULERS

Lesson: Acts 26:1, 19-32

BECAUSE HE LIVES IN a society, the Christian is responsible to those in places of authority and rule over him. Christ set forth this principle that should serve as our guide: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Mt. 22:21).

The Apostle Paul found himself in conflict many times with the civil rulers. He always left them with a witness. Yes, this was God's purpose in exposing him to these rulers. The Lord spoke to Ananias at the time of Paul's conversion and said: "He (Paul) is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before . . . kings" (Acts 9:15).

In our lesson we find Paul standing before King Agrippa. The Apostle has been confined in the Caesarean prison for two years. At the time of his arrest, Felix was

Governor. Now the office is occupied by Festus. Herod Agrippa II, before whom Paul stands, has no authority in this province. He is, however, brother-in-law to Festus. "Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself." Festus answered him: "Tomorrow thou shalt hear him" (25:22).

THE REVELATION

"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself" (26:1). This was the opportunity for which Paul was waiting. He recited again the wonderful events of the revelation—the vision—which God had given him on the Damascus Road.

It is significant that Paul used every opportunity to tell of his conversion experience! He was not ashamed of what had taken place in his life. He felt it was his responsibility to witness for His Lord. Later on he exhorted the Roman Christians with these words: "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed" (Rom. 10:10-11).

THE RESPONSE

"Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision" (26:19). Paul made it very clear that he had responded to the heavenly revelation God had given him.

The Apostle's response was threefold:

1. **He had witnessed to the Jews.** "I was not disobedient... But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and of Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, ... that they should repent and turn to God."

Going back to Acts 9:15, we read that Paul was called by God "to bear My name before the... children of Israel." He had been faithful to this calling!

2. **He had witnessed to the Gentiles.** "I was not disobedient... But shewed... to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God."

Referring again to Acts 9:15: "To bear My name before the Gentiles." In the Grecian cities of Corinth and Athens, and later on in Rome, as well as in Asia Minor, Paul witnessed to the Gentiles that Jesus was the Christ.

3. **He had witnessed to the Rulers.** "I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great" (26:22). We have previously referred to the fact that the Apostle was to bear witness before "kings." He had already witnessed to two Governors: Felix and Festus. Now he stands before King Agrippa.

"Who was this man Agrippa? Agrippa the Second, was the last of the Herods. His great grandfather had murdered the innocents at the birth of Jesus. His grandfather had murdered John the Baptist at the caprice of a wanton. His father, Agrippa the First, had executed James; and seeing that it pleased the people, had sought to lay hands on Peter also..."

"One glance only at the woman at his side. Bernice was his own sister, sister also of Drusilla, the wife of Felix... Jewish and Roman historians agree in the declaration of the fact that at this moment Bernice

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Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THE GREATEST BATTLE IN THE WORLD is the battle for the hearts and minds of little children, and the church isn't winning it. The Russians have sensed the futility of trying to win adults and even older youth to the standards and ideals of their so-called "communist" order. They are concentrating their attention on little children, and they are winning them.

In this battle for the hearts and minds of little children, the church's greatest untapped opportunity lies in the summer months—that long annual vacuum in the life of the child when schools are closed, and, unfortunately, churches too. Here is our golden opportunity, but if we do not grasp it, secular agencies will. We must abandon the comfortable pattern of making the summer a time for religious loafing. No factory or store shuts down in the summer, why should the church?

The church can and has to some degree grasped this great opportunity, through two important and effective means—the summer church camp and the Vacation Bible School. Why is VBS important? How effective is VBS?

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Is Christ Jesus our Lord being abundantly satisfied in your life or have you gone on a spiritual strut?

Sunday School Lesson Comments

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was living in unnameable sin with Agrippa" (Dr. G. Campbell Morgan).

THE RESULT

What was the result of Paul's response to his heavenly revelation? "For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying, none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come" (26:21-22).

Paul wanted to establish the fact that what he was saying was nothing new; that these things concerning Jesus Christ the Messiah had already been prophesied by "the prophets and Moses."

Notice the outcome of Paul's recital of his conversion. Festus did not understand, and thought him to be mad (26:24). King Agrippa was convinced that Paul spoke the truth. The King did not have the moral courage to accept the Way, but he privately admitted that the Apostle was innocent of all the charges against him.

Paul was faithful to his task, whether or not Festus and Agrippa accepted his witness. The Christian's duty is to sow the seed by faithfully witnessing the truth. Only God can give the increase!



Lesson for March 20, 1960

"I BELIEVE GOD"

Lesson: Acts 27:1, 21-26; 28:1-2, 11-14

THE GREAT SCOTTISH expositor of almost a century ago, Alexander Maclaren, gave the following definition of faith and trust:

"True faith, by a mighty effort of the will, fixes its gaze upon our divine Helper, and there finds it possible and wise to lose its fears. It is madness to say: 'I will not be afraid'; it is wisdom and peace to say: 'I will trust and not be afraid.'"

On his last journey to Rome, the Apostle Paul was in need of such faith in God. Our lesson reveals how he was able to say, in the midst of dire circumstances, "I believe God."

PAUL THE PRISONER

"And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band" (27:1).

Luke begins this account with these words: "When it was determined . . ."

"Determined—by whom and why? Determined, first, by Paul, who . . . had appealed to Caesar . . ."

"There is a deeper meaning here . . . The divine hand was in it, and the divine will; said God to Paul (Acts 23:11): ' . . . so must thou also bear witness at Rome' " (Frank S. Mead).

Even though he was a prisoner, Paul never acted like one! Paul never called himself prisoner of the Roman government! Listen to what he says:

1. "I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ" (Eph. 3:1).
2. "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner" (II Tim. 1:8).
3. Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ' (Philemon 1).

Though he was in the hands of the Roman authorities, though he was guarded night and day by Roman soldiers, Paul considered himself a willing bond-slave of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

PAUL THE COMFORTER

"I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship" (27:22). There was need for comfort and encouragement at this time! In Acts 27, Luke describes so vividly the condition on board ship:

They had run into "a tempestuous wind" (vs. 14).

They were "exceedingly tossed with a tempest" (vs. 18).

"Neither sun nor stars in many days appeared" (vs. 20).

"All hope that we should be saved," says Luke, "was then taken away" (vs. 20).

For 14 long days and nights this continued! In the midst of all these things, Paul was able to comfort, cheer and give hope to those around him.

PAUL THE BELIEVER

But what was the basis of Paul's hope? Was he merely "whistling in the dark"? No! It was Paul's explicit faith and trust in his Heavenly Father!

"Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me" (27:25).

"This is Paul's reason for his own good cheer and for his exhortation to confidence in spite of circumstances so untoward. Paul had doubtless prayed for his own life and for the lives of all. He was sure that he was to bear his witness in Rome" (A. T. Robertson).

The angel of God had appeared to Paul with a message: "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee" (27:24).

The word "given", in this verse, refers to "a gift of grace." Writes A. T. Robertson: "The lives of those that sailed with Paul, God had spared as a gift to Paul."

"And so we went toward Rome" (28:14). We are not surprised to read in Acts 28 that Paul, and all those with him, reached Rome safely.

The Man of Faith shall always reach the goal God has set for him. (From Ur of the Chaldees Abraham reached Canaan, even though he did not know the way (Heb. 11:8). He did it "by faith!" Moses left Egypt with several million Israelites, and safely reached Canaan. This he did in spite of Pharaoh, the Red Sea, the Jordan River, and the giants in the land. He did it "by faith."

"I believe God" should be the guiding, spiritual principle of every Christian's life!

One who has learned the secret of walking with God is saved from advertising his troubles.

World Religious News in Review

CUBA PROTESTANTISM SEEN STRONG

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Americans should not dismiss Fidel Castro of Cuba as a dictator or a maker but should pay heed to some of the things he is trying to do."

This was the observation of Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord of Boston when he addressed the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Temperance here. He said that regardless of criticism leveled against the Cuban Premier, Protestantism is flourishing on the island under his regime.

"Protestants freely attend church services for the first time in many years," Bishop Lord said. "They have been placed in positions on governmental boards and charged with governmental responsibilities."

Bishop Lord said that an evangelistic campaign is currently underway under the auspices of the Protestant churches in Cuba without interference from Premier Castro. He pointed out that Castro has accused the United States of long ignoring the social and economic problems of Cuba and showing little interest in the welfare of the people. Bishop Lord lamented the transfer of infamous social practices from the mainland of America to the island republic. This remark obviously referred to the gambling casinos that operated under American auspices in Havana prior to the Castro revolution.

ANCIENT HEBREW SCRIPT FOUND IN FORTRESS RUINS

JERUSALEM (EP)—The excavation of a fortress along the southern coast of Israel, has uncovered an ancient Hebrew inscription which archaeologists say was prepared some time between the sixth and third century, B. C.

The letter is 14 lines written in ink on a potsherd and was found in five pieces at the fortress gate. The Israeli Exploration Society in cooperation with the Government Department of

Antiquities, is undertaking the excavation, according to the *Jerusalem Post*.

The inscription on the letter begins: "May my lord the prince hear the words of his servant." Other lines are barely legible and incomplete. They will be deciphered from infra-red light photographs after the completion of the excavations. The inscription is reminiscent of the Lachish Letters which were found in the guard room of the fortress at Lachish. They consist of a group of Hebrew letters written just before the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 B. C. from the commanding officer of a fortress in Judah to his superior in Lachish.

CANADIAN UNITED CHURCH SEEKS END OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

TORONTO (EP)—Members of the United Church of Canada have deluged the federal government with telegrams urging that an alternative method of punishment be found to replace capital punishment.

The petitions were disclosed by Dr. W. G. Berry, associate secretary of the denomination's Board of Evangelism and Social Service, at a joint meeting of the agency with the Board of Christian Education. He said that the Church must be prepared to take a hand in the rehabilitation of criminals.

The Canadian House of Commons has answered the petitions by scheduling a "free vote" on the knotty problem. This "free vote" allows political leaders to vote as their conscience dictates without being involved in any "party whip."

MENNONITES LAUNCH RUSSIAN BROADCAST

A Russian-language broadcast was recently launched by Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., Harrisonburg, Va., with Dr. Ivan Magal, medical doctor and minister of the Mennonite Church as speaker. "Golos Drooga" (The Voice of a Friend) is a 15-minute

broadcast beamed to Europe and Russia from HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, S. A. This station regularly receives mail out of Iron Curtain countries from listeners to its several other Russian-language programs.

Russian-born Dr. Magal came to this country as an ordained minister in 1947 to take up medical training. He is now an American citizen. On off hours from the Blue Ridge Sanatorium in Charlottesville, Dr. Magal produces the Russian broadcast and edits *The New Way*, a Russian-language paper with a circulation of 7,000 copies.

NIGERIA WARNS MISSIONARIES AGAINST INTERFERING

KADUNA, Nigeria (EP)—Christian foreign missionaries must not meddle in political affairs of the Nigerian government, Prime Minister Alhaji Sir Ahmadu Bello has warned. He directed his remarks to the 1,200 missionaries in Northern Nigeria working in an area where 63 per cent of the population is Moslem.

Sir Ahmadu Bello made reference to last December's federal elections when missionaries urged people to vote for Christian candidates. The Prime Minister is head of the Northern People's Congress now in power—a government which has granted funds to missions and named Christians to cabinet posts.

"We've got to live together," the government leader told the Christians. "We Moslems have the greatest respect for the teachings of Christ. He is God's prophet."

POSTAGE CANCELLATION IN- CLUDES DEITY

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Possibly for the first time, the name of Deity was used on a postage cancellation in the nation's capital February 8.

A special pictorial cancellation was used in connection with the issuance of a postage stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. It featured the Scout emblem and its slogan "For God and Country."

Nearly one million of these stamps were cancelled at the Washington Post Office in commemoration of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America on Feb. 8, 1910.

Ideas are like living cells that multiply by giving origin to other ideas.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

WINTER WORKSHOP RALLY

Your new Youth Director and his wife were pleased to attend the Pennsylvania District Brethren Youth Rally at the Johnstown 3rd Brethren Church, on Saturday, February 27. Sixty-five young people braved the snowy roads to come to a Winter Workshop Rally. The attendance banner went to the Vinco Brethren Church, who had 19 registered.

During the workshop, the young people assembled Quiet Hour folders for Camp Juniata and bundled materials for the Krypton, Kentucky, Bible School. In the morning inspiration hour, Rev. Bill Anderson, the new pastor at the Johnstown 3rd Church gave a very fine message for the youth which was based on the 23rd Psalm.

During the lunch period, the ladies of the church served a lunch of homemade vegetable soup, sandwiches, and chocolate cake, which was enjoyed by all of those at the rally.

In the afternoon, Rev. Charles Huff and Lois Wertz led the group in the singing of some favorite camp songs. The Brethren Youth President of Pennsylvania, Dave Overdorf, presided at the business meeting. Mr. John Golby, a member of the District Camp Committee gave a report on the progress of that committee. After much good discussion the youth of the District voted to raise 300 dollars or as much as they could to be given towards the building of cabins at the campsite when it was purchased. In the event that the campsite already had buildings suitable for sleeping purposes, the money would be used where needed at the camp. The young people of Pennsylvania are very enthusiastic over the possibility of having their own campsite. Watch for further reports on the progress of their project on Page 18 and in the "Brethren Youth Magazine."

—Marlin McCann.



Seminary Sunday Special

SINCE MARCH 13th IS ASHLAND SEMINARY SUNDAY—a time for recruiting new workers and strengthening the old—a progress report of the LIFE WORK RECRUIT PROGRAM will assist you and your church in emphasizing this important day.

In the Brethren Evangelist dated January 9th, 1960 (on page 8) a complete report of the newly established Life Work Recruit Program was given. You would bene-

fit from reading that report again at this time. Briefly, this program is an attempt to assemble more complete data about those volunteering for this work and to keep in close contact with them at regular intervals throughout the year. Such regular mailings have already begun.

All of those young people making a "Life Work Decision" during the last five years—at either summer camp or General Conference—were encouraged to reply to our inquiries and inform us of their future plans. Presently the results are as follows:

575—Total number to whom questionnaires were sent last November.

254—Total replies received to date (3/1/60)

197—Replied "Yes, I'm still interested in being considered a Life Work Recruit"

57—Replied "No, I'm no longer interested in being considered a Life Work Recruit"

321—Have given no reply (after three reminders have been sent requesting such)

This is where we stand at present. And perhaps you pastors and parents could offer some encouragement to those who have not yet returned their "white cards" to the National Brethren Youth Office. The young people who have replied have already received letters from Rev. Phil Lersch and Dean Delbert Flora concerning the decision they have made.

Pastors are encouraged to send Brethren Youth names and addresses of any youth in their church who having made a decision for Life Work, have not yet received any communication about it from our office.

The whole program is underway and going well and should help in the years ahead to meet the shortage the Brethren Church has for ministers and other denominational workers. Pray for God's leading along these lines.

Prejudice Can Be Ridiculous

Prejudice is emotional. Emotion is frequently irrational.

Was there ever a better example than that offered in Madison (Wisconsin) recently by four labor officials from Ghana, in blackest Africa?

They found that when they wore American clothes in some parts of this country they ran in racial discrimination, were barred frequently from restaurants.

When they put on their colorful Ghana robes they encountered no discrimination or hostility anywhere.

Ridiculous, isn't it?

—Reprinted from the Milwaukee Journal and Brethren Service News.

Much of the indifference and sinfulness of professing Christians arises from their starved and weakened condition.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

ATTITUDES FOR A HOUSEWIFE

Blessed is she whose daily tasks are a labor of love; for her willing hands and happy heart translate duty into privilege, and her labor becomes a service to God and all mankind.

Blessed is she who opens the door to welcome both stranger and well-loved friend; for gracious hospitality is a test of brotherly love.

Blessed is she who mends stockings and toys and broken hearts; for her understanding is a balm to humanity.

Blessed is she who scours and scrubs; for well she knows that cleanliness is one expression of Godliness.

Blessed is she who children love; for the love of a child is more to be valued than fortune or fame.

Blessed is she who sings at her work; for music lightens the heaviest load and brightens the dullest chore.

Blessed is she who dusts away doubt and fear and sweeps the cobwebs of confusion; for her faith will triumph over all adversity.

Blessed is she who serves laughter and smiles with every meal; for her buoyancy of spirit is an aid to mental and physical digestion.

Blessed is she who preserves the sanctity of the Christian home; for hers is a sacred trust that crowns her with dignity.

Mrs. Frank Cunningham,
Milledgeville, Illinois.



MRS. IRENE RISHEL

MRS. JOHN A. RISHEL (IRENE) died Monday evening, February 29th, following serious illness and surgery. Living in Pittsburgh, she was a member of the Brethren Church of Pittsburgh, and since the death of her husband two years ago, has served on the Ashland College Board of Trustees, upon which board Mr. Rishel served for many years. Funeral services were conducted on March 4th.

THE DYING CHURCH

Someone asked an artist if he would paint a picture of a dying church. This he gladly consented to do. Much to the surprise of all, he painted a beautiful church building; a modern stately structure with expensive stained-glass windows, hand carved pulpit and magnificent pipe organ. At first glance it was a church building of rare beauty. But it was a dying church, and how was this characteristic placed upon his canvas? Just within the entrance, guarded on either side by a pillar, was a contribution plate for world missions for the offering of the fashionable worshippers. Right above the plate there hung a small sign bearing this title, "Collection for World Missions" and over the slot through which contributions should have gone was a huge cobweb!

—Sawdust Trail.



PERSEVERANCE

G. W. Ridout

The Christian Minister often has hard tasks, but he holds on till victory comes. The following incident is told of Stephen Olin, one of the shining lights of New England Methodism:

At one point in his ministry he became greatly discouraged, and attempted to leave his work. A significant dream relieved him. He thought he was working with a pickaxe on the top of a basaltic rock. His muscular arm brought down stroke after stroke for hours; but the rock was hardly indented. He said to himself, "It is useless; I will pick no more." Suddenly a stranger of dignified mien stood by his side, and thus spoke to him: "You will pick no more?"

"No."
"Were you not set to this task?"
"Yes."
"And why abandon it?"

"My work is in vain; I make no impression on the rock."

Solemnly the stranger replied: "What is that to you? Your duty is to pick, whether the rock yields or not. Your work is in your own hands; the result is not. Work on!"

He resumed his task. The first blow was given with almost superhuman force, and the rock flew into a thousand pieces. He awoke, returned to his work, and a great revival followed. From that day, he never had a temptation to give up his commission. —The Free Methodist.

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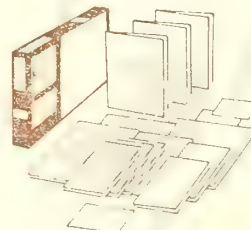



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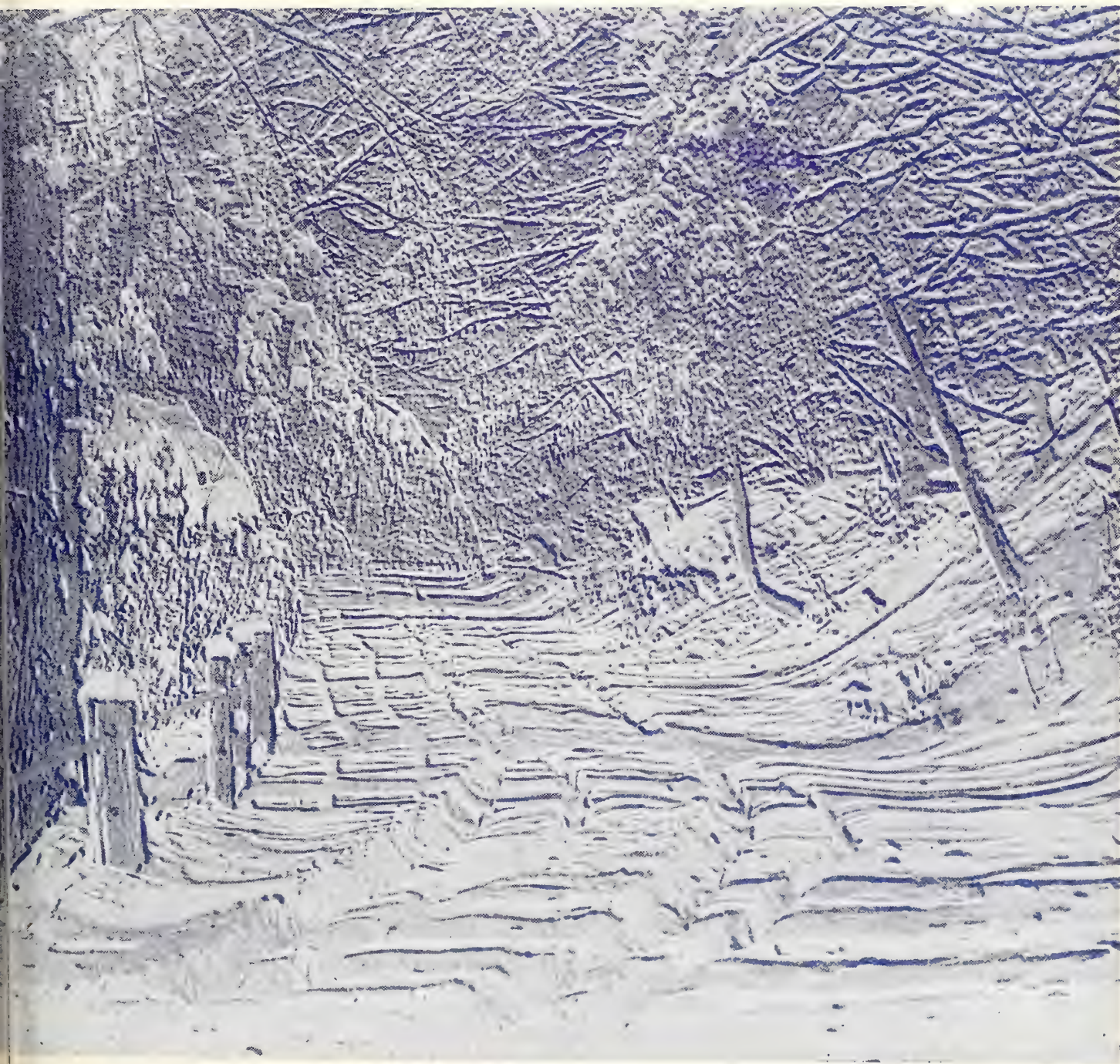
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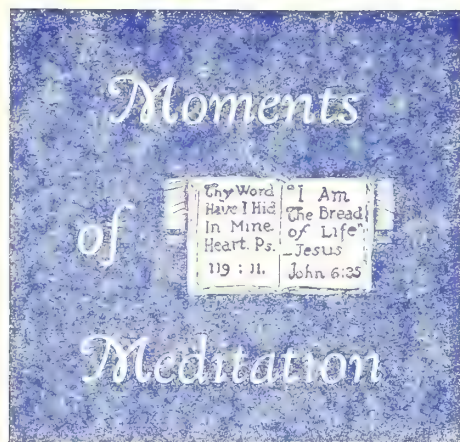


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HOW TO LEARN

Chester E. Shuler

A minister while making his afternoon calls came upon a small boy skating expertly on an ice pond. After watching the boy's unusual skill, the preacher asked him:

"Tell me, my boy, how did you learn to skate so very well?"

The boy grinned.

"I guess it was by gettin' up every time I fell down, mister," he replied.

Many of that preacher's congregation, who were finding life's way treacherously smooth and none too soft, thought that his sermon the next Sunday morning was the most helpful one they had ever heard him preach.

When they told him so, he thanked God—and the little skater.

—Christian Life.

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Forget yourself for others, and others will never forget you.



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PIONEERS NEEDED

There is a great story to the effect that a certain society in South Africa once wrote to David Livingstone: "Have you found a good road to where you are? If so, we want to know how to send other men to join you." Livingstone replied: "If you have men who will come only if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all."

What a crying need there is for such men in the work of Christ today!—Prophecy Monthly.

* * *

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

TALK UP THE MINISTER...

Years ago there was trouble in a certain church over the young pastor. Many members insisted upon his leaving; his few ardent supporters insisted with equal zest upon his remaining. Much bad feeling had been generated; the case was critical.

Finally two prominent officials called the congregation together and gave this counsel: "It is true that our pastor is not a great man. He does not preach learned or eloquent sermons. But we all know that he is a good man and that he is doing all in his power to promote our spiritual interests. Let us all agree to bear with him, and instead of talking him down, let us go out from this meeting resolved to talk him up."

The advice was accepted. The result you can guess. The pastor remained in that church nearly half a century, and remarkable success attended his ministry to the close.

A good many people talk the minister down; they discount all his doings; they misunderstand his plainest saying; they credit him with unwor-

Jesus was speechless before Herod. The day will come when Herod and all who neglect the great salvation will be speechless before Christ.

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GUIDANCE

"God guides by His Word. He also guides by circumstances, and by the Spirit. There is no royal road to guidance. God's clarifier in guidance is waiting. He guides a step at a time; it is maybe by stops as well as by steps. Beware of short cuts in guidance, and of flesh and blood guidance. Guidance is sure for those who wait and pray."

—Church of Christ Advocate.

thy motives; they predestinate his failure. An angel could not succeed under such circumstances. That is unwise; it is unfair, and it is wicked.

How much better to "talk up" the minister! The world will accept him at your estimate and respect him according to the measure of your own respect.

Talk up the minister in your home. Help him win and get the children saved. Lift up the minister among the young people. Raise not a finger to break the spell of his uplifting influence.

Talk up the minister among your fellow members. Be his solid friend. Suffer no tongue of malice to speak against him in your presence.

Talk up the minister in the social circle, on the street, in the cars, the factory, store, or office. Magnify his strong points; minimize his weaknesses. Speak kindly of him, or speak not at all.

Do you know what such loyalty to the minister will mean? In nine cases out of ten it will mean success!

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The Editor's Pulpit

Prayer Today

HOW IMPORTANT is Prayer in today's complex living?

Rita F. Snowden, in her new and delightfully refreshing booklet on The Lord's Prayer, entitled, "With Joyful Surprise," has this to say, "Lately I was shocked by an answer to a questionnaire sent out by the British Council of Churches: 'The farmer of today knows how to get good crops without praying over them.' " Miss Snowden then raises the question, "Has it come to that? In this world of tractors, this world of agricultural sciences and skill, chemical fertilizers and great harvest combines? Has this prayer become outmoded?"

Of course, she goes on to show that this prayer, and the specific portion about which she was commenting—"Give us this day, our daily bread"—can never be outmoded—that "It is a prayer for bread. No farmer can make a harvest grow or fill one tiny ear of corn with nourishment—the vital power is God's."

Yet the fact that the British survey revealed that farmers do not feel the need of praying over their crops—asking for an abundant harvest—is shocking in itself. This was a survey of farmers in England, yet it points up a question, "How many people today, in all walks of life, do not feel the need of prayer as a factor in successful daily living?" Farmers would not be any more guilty of this than anyone else who is working for a living, or making a home.

Has prayer ceased to be a factor of power in the average church home? If there is a great financial need in the family, do we call the family together, talk it over, and then pray about it in faith believing? Or do we shuffle the credit standings, and go get what we need, literally leaving the future to take care of itself? If our young people have social, moral and vocational problems, do we spend time together with them in prayer, or do we take the psychology and aptitude test results, and advise accordingly?

There is much to be said in favor of good credit ratings and aptitude tests in helping in the above mentioned problems—we would not speak against them—but, along with them, do we have that fundamental faith that "God answers prayer"?

America was built on good, pioneer ingenuity, persistence, resourcefulness, hard work; a faith in God, with a strong belief in the power of prayer. Material and temporal things were uncertain—money, possessions, health and safety. Men needed a faith in God which assured them that their fields would produce, that they would be kept in health, and would be protected from harm. Prayer was potent.

Now, just about everything is assured. When we snap a light button, we don't have to pray that the light will shine—it will! Sometimes it doesn't, but then we replace the bulb, the switch, the fuse—or wait a few moments until the power company switches to another circuit. Just one example, but don't you agree that's pretty much the present philosophy in America? The modern things which cause us to live better are wonderful as long as we do not put our complete trust in them.

Prayer can serve more fully in our lives than we have ever permitted it to do. Someone is going to say, in the case of the farmer in Briton, that all the praying on his knees is not going to run his tractor through his fields. Or that all the praying in the world isn't going to put in a new light bulb. How true! But as the farmer plows, he can be mindful that God holds the answer to rain, sunshine, wind and temperature, and can send it in proper quantities according to His providence. As we replace the light bulb, we can be mindful that were it not for the providence of God we would not even have a new bulb, or even a socket in a house in which to put it.

Christians, we must rise to combat the tide of materialistic security which is engulfing us. The vital power of our life comes from God; we prevail upon Him for abundant portions of this power through prayer. Because we fail to ask in faith believing, is perhaps the reason so much of life seems so dull and uninteresting, or is so full of all kinds of problems. Try the brand of prayer which puts complete reliance upon God. Then face life's problems in confidence and faith, believing that God knows, cares, and is mindful of our every need. W. S. B.

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THEY ALSO SERVE

The time is approaching again when many of our young people will be leaving school, going out into the work for which they have prepared themselves—as teachers, doctors, nurses, business administrators, etc. If these young people will allow their decisions regarding where they go to be influenced or determined by a recognition of areas where Christian service is needed, they may find themselves much happier in their chosen fields, and the Brethren Church will be much richer in trained leadership.

For example, if a young person should begin teaching in an area such as Levittown, Pennsylvania; Phoenix, Arizona; Sarasota, Florida; Stockton, California; Mishawaka, Indiana; Newark, Ohio; or in any of numerous other places where new Brethren churches are established or in the process of organization, he might be of tremendous help to such a group. He would, at the same time, provide himself satisfying companionship and spiritual nurture so necessary to a happy, well-adjusted life.

To mention a few who have followed this pattern there are Mr. and Mrs. Don Rinehart, who were graduated from Ashland College last June; they secured teaching contracts in Tucson, Arizona, and are now happily engaged in their chosen work. At the same time they are making a valuable contribution to the work of the Brethren Church in that city.

Similarly, Miss Carol Berkshire, who also received her degree at Ashland College in the 1959 Class, has been engaged as a teacher at Chandler, Arizona, which is near enough to our Scottsdale-Tempe Church that she is providing excellent leadership in their program. Perhaps there are others thus located.

Too frequently, in seeking employment, a young person sees only the salary involved or some advantage other than opportunities for Christian service and fellowship. In such cases, he soon longs for his own church with its spiritual enrichment and outlet for service, or else he drifts away from it altogether.

If you have never been situated so that you cannot attend your own church and enjoy the companionship of

people with like faith, you cannot understand the longing involved in such spiritual isolation. It will be impossible to find a Brethren church in every area where one may accept a position; but it may be quite possible to consider a position for its proximity to a Brethren church. Let's consider opportunities for service as well as salaries and fringe benefits. It's better to satisfy the heart than to over-indulge the pocket book.

If any young people—who are seeking employment and wondering where to cast their lots—will inquire, the Missionary Board office will be happy to direct them where they may make a real contribution to the Christian program with the sense of fulfillment which follows.

BOB BISCHOF Writes

Houses at Mbororo have been completed; school buildings are completed; the only problem still is water, and I don't know the answer for it at the moment. A government crew worked on a well, hit rock and then rains came and the well filled up with water; so they had to leave the work. We have been fortunate in that no charge has been made by the government. Our entire cost so far has been about \$560, but the government men said that as long as we don't refuse water to the people living nearby, there would be no charge. The government man is eager to continue the work when the water is gone from the well.

Although I am stationed at Gulak, which is among the Margi people, I am still supervising quite a large area of Higi work—the 10-mile area between Lassa and Miteika and what is now known as the Ekklesiya Kwaka. In this area there are seven C. R. I's and the junior primary school at Vilegwa. Here the work is moving forward. Thursday I went to the village of Kubur Jibji where 10 were baptized and 40 made a confession of faith; they are now in a baptismal class. The majority of those taking the covenant are women with babies on their backs. This is good, as they will be establishing Christian compounds and instructing their children in the Christian way, rather than the pagan ways. All were above 21 years.

Three years ago, this CRI was at the hamlet of Yabelu; however the work was very discouraging; so the evangelist asked to move to the hamlet of Kubur Jibji, which was only about 1½ miles from Yabelu and still in the same chieftianship. After approval by the church committee he moved into this new hamlet and the work has been going forward since. Thursday morning more than 125 were at the service, and the average church attendance on Sunday is 134 for the past three months. Adziba, the evangelist, is about 35 years old; he is



**TWO STANDARDS
OF VALUES**

Bob Bischof, Barbara and Bobby



incere and faithful worker for the Lord. He never had an opportunity to go to school, having finished only class 1, but he has helped support his younger brother, Jabani, who is now in Higher Elementary Teacher Training at Indri.

Last Saturday at the monthly Church Committee meeting of Ekklesiya Dwaka, the church decided to open three new village evangelistic points. They will be supported entirely by the church; this brings the number of CRI's supported by this church to 7 out of the 12. You can see that the church is making great strides forward in carrying for the evangelistic work in the area. God's word is traveling in all directions.

NEW TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS

In February

Charles Sutter	Roann, Indiana
Mrs. Arthur Carpenter	South Bend, Indiana
Eda Liskey	Harrisonburg, Virginia (Bethlehem Church)
Mrs. Sarah Workman	Rehoboth Beach, Delaware (Mt. Olivet Church)
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith	Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Lottie Johnson	Delphi, Indiana



ELDER W. T. LYTLE

FROM Brother J. Milton Bowman's Elkhart bulletin we learn of the passing of BROTHER W. T. LYTLE, Flora, Indiana. Funeral services were held on February 26th at Flora, Indiana. Our sympathies and prayers of assurance and comfort to the loved ones who survive.

Items of General Interest

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Guest speakers at the Nappanee church include: Rev. L. P. Green, on March 13th, and Rev. Jesse Hoover, on March 20th.

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS. The W. M. S. public service was held the morning of February 28th.

MORRILL, KANSAS. The Sisterhood girls were scheduled to present their public service on March 13th.

PAPAGO PARK, ARIZONA. Brother H. Francis Berkshire notes the election of deacons and deaconesses for this new mission church, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Price, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stiffler, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stuckman.

COMING EVENTS

BRYAN, OHIO Revival Services—Mar. 21 - Apr. 3—Rev. Albert T. Ronk, Evangelist; Rev. Smith F. Rose, Pastor.

AKRON, INDIANA. Co-operative Brethren. Evangelistic Meetings—Apr. 3 - 9—Rev. Horace Huse, Evangelist; Rev. Walter Blough, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO. Firestone Park Brethren. Dedication Services for new Sanctuary—Apr. 10—Rev. J. G. Dodds, Pastor.

TERRA ALTA, W. VA. White Dale Brethren. Revival Services—Mar. 28 - Apr. 6—Rev. Phil Lersch, Evangelist.

CANTON, OHIO. Trinity Brethren. Dedication Services for new church building, 455 55th St., N. W.—Mar. 27, 3:00 P. M.—Prof. J. Ray Klingensmith, Speaker; Rev. Robert Keplinger, Pastor.

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PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Sunday, March 27, 1960

JOHNSTOWN, SECOND BROTHERS CHURCH

Theme: "The Place of the Bible
In the Sunday School"

Afternoon: 3:00 o'clock

Leaders: Rev. Henry Bates
Rev. William Anderson

Evening: 7:00 o'clock

Singspiration—Rev. Charles Huff

Message—Rev. David Rambsel

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ON TOUCHING THE BORDER

--Luke 8:40-48

Here is a Story

Here is a Story for People that have given up Hope!

Here is a Story for People that have given up Hope
of ever Being Noticed at All!

OUT OF NOWHERE appears a woman who has spent her living, her savings, her life for physicians and none have been able to stop her hemorrhaging.

From the pressing crowd—she came from behind Jesus and “Touched the Border” of his garment, and immediately she was healed.

Though stealthily and timidly she approached Him, Jesus said, “Who touched me?” He didn’t know her past, from whence she came or who she was. When all denied their guilt, the disciples said, “Master, the crowd, the pressure, the commotion and you say, ‘who touched me?’”

Then Jesus answered, “But somebody touched me, for I felt that power went out from me.” Then the woman, no longer hid, came trembling and falling down before him, before all the people, and made a confession of what had happened to her—how that immediately she was healed!



Rev. Vernon D. Grisso

He said, “Daughter”, as he had often said, “Son”, or “Child of God”, “Thy Faith hath made thee whole, go in peace.”—Now Faith is the substance of the thing she had hoped for, the healing of her body, but it also embodied the faith of her soul that was the evidence of the thing that had not been seen.

WE SAY—But I’m not known, I haven’t been recognized, I have been placed on no committees, I have no offices, I have been sick, my money is gone, I am poor, I am a failure!

HOW CAN I EXPECT anything exciting, any fulfillment of hope, any satisfaction of Christian experience, I am not worthy, I am no leader. He won’t recognize me!

I HAVE FAILED to take part, I have been unnoticed in his church. I have just always been the one that sat in the third row from the back on the outside aisle, not always present in either body or soul ... I have lived on the Border ... not in the center of life. I am of no importance, no one cares about ME. What’s the use, my faith is worn thin ... BUT IF ONLY ... ONLY IF

... He might notice me, if I could only reach the hem, the border of his garment! Jesus answered, "Thy Faith—only thy faith, hath made thee Whole!"

On all the fringe of society and life of humanity stands, walks, crawls the thousands that are sick of body, heart, soul and mind—completely discouraged — IF ONLY ... ONLY IF ... IF ONLY IT MIGHT BE TRUE!

A woman once came to my church; after a few Sundays, Bible Studies and talks, she said it is so wonderful if only the whole gospel story is TRUE just as you tell it. She confessed her Lord, worked, testified and brought others for a couple of years—then she was absent. After a time upon visiting her and inquiring into her absences she declared, "I had said again and again, 'If only it MIGHT be true—It's all too good to be true', with that she dismissed the whole of her Faith. She had not come to Christ in Faith believing—but in Faith doubting and without Faith she could NOT BE MADE WHOLE.

MONEY WAS GONE—BUT FAITH REMAINED for this woman in our story. In all her timidity, from behind, out of sight she approached him as a final fulfillment of her Faith. It made her whole. Before Jesus knew who she was, her condition, her life—her Faith healed her. Her touch revealed her Faith—upon this approval and acceptance by Jesus she repented and witnessed of his marvelous mercy. She didn't know what the next step was to be when her hand went out to touch the border but it started a chain of events that certainly was to change her life.

HOW MANY HERE are dwelling TODAY on the fringe areas of your Religious beliefs?—On the Border of religious activity?—On the border of Christian experience?—On the Border of society and Christian Testimony? We are all living at times on the edge of a crisis, dwelling between life and death—heaven and hell ... putting out our hand to confess our Faith may make all the difference ... "fall down before Him, declare what has happened."

WESLEY and a preacher invited to lunch after services with a gentleman were seated at the table with the gentleman's lovely daughter. The preacher was a very plain man, the daughter was greatly impressed by Wesley's preaching. The preacher, noticing a number of expensive rings on the girl's finger, and aware of Wesley's aversion to a display of jewelry, lifted the girl's hand

toward Wesley and said, "What do you think of this, Sir, for a Methodist hand?" The girl turned crimson, and after a very brief pause, with a quiet benevolent smile, Wesley looked up into the eyes of the girl and simply said, "The hand is very beautiful!" The young lady appeared at evening service without her jewels and became a firm and decided Christian.

He encouraged the hand that reached out for the BORDER. He didn't notice the encrusted waste, the money already spent and gone. There was enough waste and sin already.

FRIEND, wherever you sit or stand today—whatever your condition, reach out to touch the border. Reach out—Jesus sees behind, beyond and beneath your "make-up", your crusty deceitful surface; your camouflage cannot conceal your concern! YOU ARE HERE ... GOD IS IN THIS PLACE ... CHRIST IS HIS AMBASSADOR ... You have come THIS CLOSE ... touch the border to be made whole.

CLOSE YOUR EYES, think of your guilt, if in your mind you sense the border of His great love ... in that Faith he will say, "Thy Faith hath made thee whole" ... that is the hope I have today for those who always feel they are dwelling on the Border, fringe areas of life and not at the heart or center. Will you try touching Him—even from where you now are? If you have felt the "wholeness"—the "Peace"—bow at His feet and declare Him before the people.

Tucson, Arizona.

COMING EVENTS

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SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. Ardmore Brethren. Evangelistic services—Mar. 29 - Apr. 10—Rev. V. Geren, Evangelist; Rev. C. William Cole, Pastor.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Evangelistic Campaign—Mar. 20 - Apr. 3—Rev. J. D. Hamel, Evangelist-Pastor.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO DISTRICT

LAYMEN'S RALLY

April 19th

Canton, Ohio.

1960 BRETHREN PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

April 26, 27, 28

Theme: "The Pastor and His Ministry"

"Let's Take the Guess-Work Out of Youth Work!"

IN THE BUREAU OF STANDARDS in Washington, D. C., they will show you some metal objects that are guarded as carefully as the gold in Ft. Knox—not because the metal itself is so valuable, but because these objects are the standards for our system of weights and measures. Imagine how confusing our lives would be if there were no standard foot, pound, or meter! Progress would come to an immediate halt, and no one would be able to be certain of anything. Obviously you cannot run a scientific laboratory or a hospital operating room on guess-work!

The same principle applies to the work of the local Sunday School and church: guess-work leads to less work and ultimately to poor results, if any at all. Having worked with young people in local churches and interdenominational programs around the world, I am convinced that it is time we took the guess-work out of youth work and start operating on basic fundamentals that will get the job done. It is time we exchanged points and challenged today's teen-agers with a program that will make a difference in their lives and in the work of our churches.

Let's Stop Guessing About the Importance of Youth Work.

Whether we like to admit it or not, this is the "Age of the Teen-Ager." The 17 million teen-agers in the United States have gained more and more importance since the end of the war, and have quite a bit of influence on today's world. Back in 1945, the average American teen-ager had a weekly income of \$2.50. Today his income (allowance plus earnings) is close to \$10 a week! Businessmen tell us that today's young people spend about 9 billion dollars annually!



Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, President, Youth for Christ, International, Wheaton, Illinois

Courtesy of Youth Commission of the National Sunday School Association.

But even apart from the size of the teen population and the amount of money it controls, young people are important because **they are the controls of the future.** The church or Sunday School that makes no provision for the youth is not looking to the future. Granted, the teen-agers might not have the wisdom today to sit on church boards, but tomorrow they will be called upon to carry on our work after we have gone. "Should we have a youth program?" is not the question. Yes—every church **must** have a youth program. The real question is, "How much of ourselves are we willing to give to make the youth program succeed?"

Let's Stop Guessing About the Kind of Youth Workers to Enlist.

Not everyone can work with teen-agers. This is a simple statement to make, yet a difficult one to practice. We are careful to get the best Bible teachers for the adults, and the finest, most patient story-tellers for the children; but too often we give the young people sponsors and directors that no other department wants. Sunday School experts tell us that we lose 80% of our pupils when they get to the teen years—and common sense would demand that we enlist the very best workers to put a stop to this spiritual kidnapping!

What are the ingredients that go to make up a successful youth worker? Let me suggest:

1. **Spirituality.** Teen-agers can detect a counterfeit in almost no time, so don't try to fool them. A sponsor who lives in the Word, depends on the Spirit, and prays daily for his young people will have a better chance for success.

2. **A love for teens.** He will never be able to put up with the problems or face the heartache if he has no love in his heart for the fellows and girls he is working with. Techniques fail, methods fail, and programs fail, but "love never fails."

3. **Alertness.** Avoid the sponsor who keeps saying, "Now, back when I was a teen-age."

... " Whether we like it or not, today's teens are different, even though their basic spiritual problems are the same. No missionary would dare to go to a field without knowing the language and culture of the people he is trying to reach; yet many youth sponsors think they can win the respect and confidence of teen-agers when they know nothing of their culture and the lives they lead! This does not mean we must approve of their vocabulary and fads, but we must know how they are living if we ever hope to win them.

4. **A sense of humor.** "We don't need any fire extinguishers in our church!" complained a teen-ager. "There are enough old grouches to throw a wet blanket on anything!" It is too bad that young people have equated sourness with spirituality, when just the opposite is true. "These things write we unto you that your joy may be full," says the Apostle John. A sanctified sense of humor will solve many problems in youth work and win teens to Christ.

5. **The ability to plan.** Youth are accustomed to planned programs. They have it in school, Scouts, civic organizations, and other activities; and when they fail to find it in their church, they feel left out. The successful youth sponsor plans ahead (with the school calendar before him, by the way) and keeps his teens active in a balanced program.

6. **Time.** A youth sponsor is more than a representative on a church board, or a designer of a church youth program. He is actually the pastor of a teen-age church! As the young people come to appreciate and trust him, they confide in him; and he discovers that his time and his home are not his own. This is actually a compliment, even though he has to pay a price to get it.

One of the keys to a successful youth program is the sponsor. God does not build a ministry on a program, but a person—and the right person can be sure of God's blessing.

Let's Stop Guessing About the Kind of Youth Program to Present:

A program is much more than activities. Many a church has invested money in recreational equipment and refreshments for exciting youth activities, only to discover the embarrassing absence of the young people! Why? Because teens have plenty of activities available to them (and most of them more exciting than what we can present) and what they want are not activities but **aims**. They do not want something to do so

much as **something to live for**; and a successful youth program must be built around basic aims. May I suggest several?

1. **Fellowship that is uplifting.** Teen-agers are group-minded because they need what the group has to offer: a sense of belonging in a world that cares little about them. Childish games dug out of a 1910 "game book" will never provide the fellowship and fun teen-agers are looking for. But teen-slanted games, training sessions, and opportunities for service will help do the job.

2. **A challenge that is demanding.** If young people today do dare-devil things and get into trouble, it is only because they respond quickly to a challenge. The Communists have proved this and the church has forgotten it. Give them goals that are bigger than themselves and they will grow in achieving them. I am convinced that more teen-agers leave our Sunday Schools and churches because they are not asked to do anything, than any other single reason.

3. **Christian education that is exciting.** Young people want excitement, and instead of trying to change this basic factor in their nature, let's capitalize on it. Is there any reason why Bible study, singing in a youth choir, or planning next month's programs cannot be exciting? If we make God's Word live and have twentieth-century meaning, then we will give them the kind of Christian education that is lasting and exciting.

4. **Devotion to Christ that is satisfying.** We make a serious mistake when we think that Christ is not sufficient to challenge and satisfy a red-blooded American teen-ager. But He is! When the Son of God becomes real to young people, and they allow Him to live out His resurrection life through them (Gal. 2:20), they testify to the fact that nothing satisfies like Jesus Christ. It is wrong to ask teen-agers to be loyal to a program or even an organization, when loyalty and devotion to Christ produces devotion to Christ's work. Our youth program must be Christ-centered!

Teen-agers are growing from the dependence of childhood into the interdependence of adulthood, and they do this through the independence of adolescence. If we keep in mind that this independence is a symptom, not a cause, of their problems, and that the right Christian fellowship, challenge, education, and devotion will help them during these difficult years, then we are well on

the way to giving them an effective youth program.

Finally, Let's Stop Guessing About the Rewards of Youth Work.

"It's not worth it all!" laments the tired, discouraged pastor or youth worker. "All this work, and no results!" But it is worth it all! Every dollar, ounce of energy, or hour of time invested in youth pays double dividends in both time and eternity. Personal standards and values today are set, not in college, say the educators, but in high school during the teen years. This means that the youth worker is helping one of the most important segments of our population at the most important time in their lives! When I think of

men like J. Hudson Taylor and Dr. Billy Graham, who found Christ during their teen years, and when I realize that there are hundreds of devoted Christian workers today who made their important spiritual decisions during their adolescent years, then I have no doubt in my mind that youth work is rewarding. It is tiring work, demanding work, and seemingly unending work, but my own years of experience working with youth have convinced me that it is rewarding work!

Teen-agers today have enough question-marks of their own without adult Christians adding more. Let's take the guess-work out of youth work and replace those question-marks with exclamation points—with the eternal certainties of the Word of God!

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Berkheiser	2.00	Mr. & Mrs. James I. Mack-			
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Fisher	5.00	all Jr.	5.00	Mrs. A. J. Bradley \$1.00	
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Elkhart	44.10	Sarasota	52.88	Mrs. Arthur W.	
Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Scott ..	5.00	College Corner	45.64	Stormer	5.00
F. M. Bixler	1.50	Fort Scott	5.25	Mrs. Julia Wertz	25.00
Mrs. Chas. L. James	5.00	Highland	17.50	Miss Lois Jean Wertz	50.00
Columbus	10.00	White Dale	50.00	Mr. & Mrs. Walter	
Annabelle Merrifield	4.00	Miscellaneous	\$102.00	C. Wertz	50.00
Pittsburgh	13.10	Lorraine B. Stahl	25.00		
Mara Lee Hahn	10.00	Rev. Chas. A. Huff	5.00	Brethren at Conemaugh ...	146.00
		Johnstown Second total	\$ 132.00	Total Receipts to March	
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Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

LORD, PUT THORNS IN OUR BEDS

"I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" Romans 1:14.

THE INSPIRATION for this study came to me from reading the story of an Armenian lad who had been deported to Mesopotamia, and was separated from all his dear ones and was compelled to live with an Arab family. After seventeen years with that family he came to be as one of the Arabs. When he was 25 years old it transpired in a wonderful way that he returned to live among his native countrymen.

For this lad the return was as a new birth. In his native land education was encouraged, but to get it this 25 year old man had to sit with small children to learn to read and write. He persisted in his endeavor to get an education, and soon learned to read and write. Some of his reading was in the Bible where he learned of Jesus. This led to his conversion, and a newfound joy.

Some time after his conversion he came to the missionary laboring in that section of the country and said: "Brother, there is a thorn in my bed; I cannot sleep at night." The missionary immediately assured the young man that he would search for the thorn. "No", said the lad, "my thorn is not that kind of a thorn. I was a lost sheep. Now that I have found Christ, I have unutterable joy in my heart. It is this joy that pricks me. It urges me to go and tell my Arab family what Christ has done for me." He went.

I wonder sometimes whether the coming of the Gospel message into our hearts affects us as it did this Armenian lad? Does it put thorns in our beds—rocks in our pillows? Does it prompt us to convey the same message to those—at home or abroad—who have never heard the Gospel story?

"Tell me the story of Jesus,
Write on my heart every word.
Tell me the story of Jesus,
Sweetest that ever was heard."

John Bunyan once said, "Old truths are always new to us if they come with the smell of Heaven upon them."

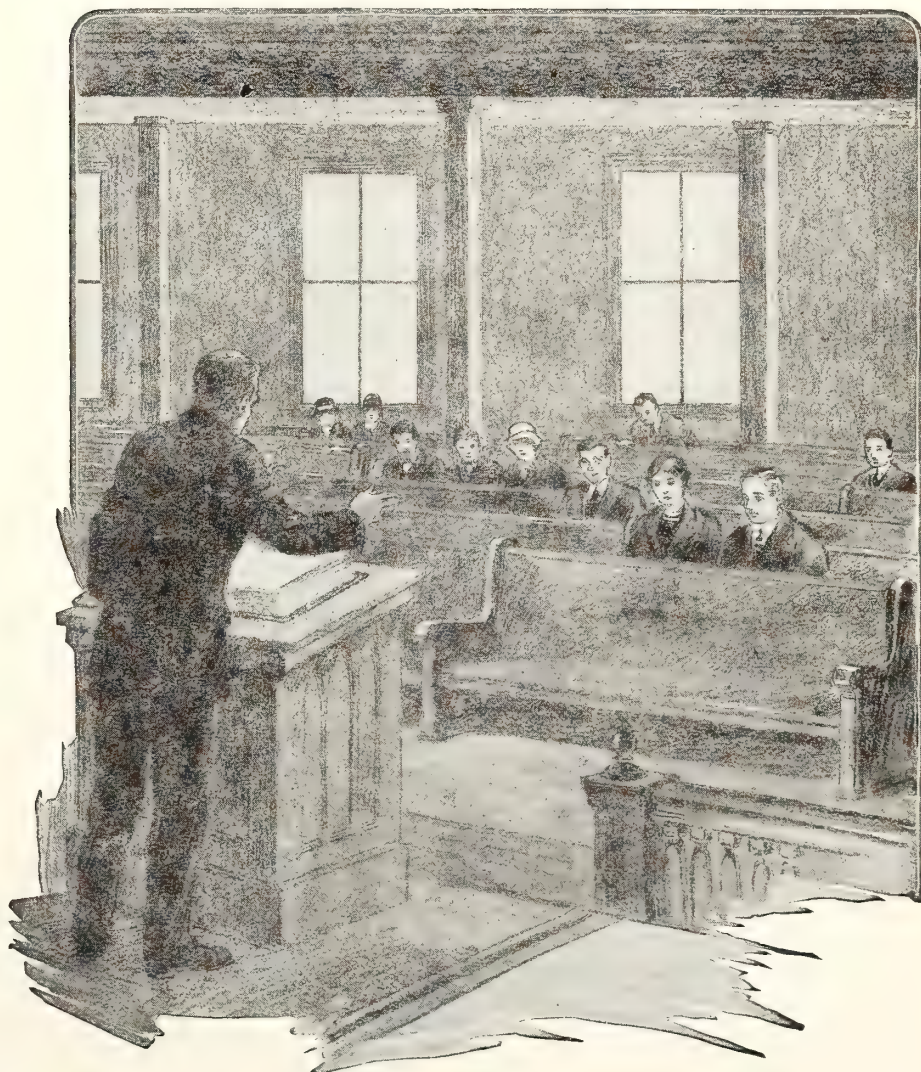
"ONCERS"

O Lord, I thank Thee for Thy love
That makes my life so bright,
For this I praise Thee Sunday morn—
But not on Sunday night.

I love to hear our Pastor speak.
His views are sound and right;
They feed my soul on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

At 10:25 A. M. I stroll to church
In Sunday garb delight,
But Lord, I crave my easy chair
And slippers Sunday night.

Lord bless our Church and help to arm
Our Preacher's soul with might,
To change the sinful ramparts of
My empty pew at night.



Young Men's and Boys' Brotherhood Program

furnished by Rev. C. Y. Gilmer

THE LORD'S PRAYER—Matthew 6:9-13

THIS IS PRESENTED as a supplement to Part III of the study book, "Meditations for Youth," by Walter L. Cook.

"OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME"

The teaching of the Fatherhood of God is for those who have been "born . . . of God" (Jn. 1:12), "the children of God" (Rom. 8:16). Only the redeemed have come to know God as "Father" (2 Cor. 6:18). Jesus was the first to teach believers to call upon God as "Father," and to do so means that they will do as Jesus would (1 Jn. 2:6), do God's will (Matt. 12:50).

"Hallowed be Thy name" means that we as worshippers revere God (Rev. 22:8, 9). It is to hold God's name in reverence (2 Sam. 7:26a),—never to take it in vain (Deut. 5:11). Prayer is asking (Matt. 5:7, 8). This is the first of six petitions in "The Lord's Prayer." The first three pertain to God, and the last three pertain to the things of men.

"THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE"

To see the Kingdom we have to be born again (Jn. 3:3). The Kingdom is now within our hearts (Lu. 17:21), and is characterized by Romans 14:17. We are to pray for Jesus to come as King of His millennial kingdom (Rev. 22:20; 11:15). Make Christ King of your heart and life now, living as a child of the Kingdom (Lu. 13:38). Choose God's will instead of your own (Matt. 26:42).

"GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"

Being God's children, we can make this petition (2 Cor. 12:14). "This day" and "daily" implies that the whole prayer is a daily petition (1 Thess. 5:17). Just as the Israelites depended on God for daily manna so we are to feed our souls on Christ as the Bread and Water of Life (Jn. 6:57, 58). We are to be content with our lot in life and not be over anxious for the future (Matt. 7:25, 26, 33, 34).

"AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS"

For "debts" Luke uses the word "sins" (Lu. 11:4). The measure of our forgiveness is the measure of God's forgiveness toward us (Mk. 11:25, 26). Christian brotherly love demands that we forgive fully (Eph. 4:32).

"AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION"

In His effort to make something out of us God permits us to be tested (Jas. 1:13, 14) so that we may come forth as pure gold (Job 23:10). A "woe" is pronounced upon all who would try to seduce us to do evil (Matt. 18:7). We are not to flirt with temptation (1 Thess. 5:22). We are to abhor, to loathe evil (Rom. 12:9). By our clinging to the good, evil can find no place in our

hearts (Rom. 12:21). Working in the direction of our prayer, we are to resist Satan (Jas. 4:7).

"DELIVER US FROM EVIL"

Deliverance from evil will come to all who truly call upon God (Psa. 50:15). We are to make our S. O. S. in faith (Psa. 3:3-5).

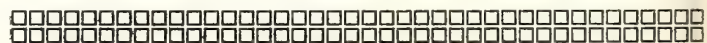
"FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER"

God is abundantly able to deliver us (Jer. 33:3). He is able to redeem us (Deut. 7:19), to preserve us as the heirs (1 Pet. 1:3-5) of His everlasting Kingdom (Heb. 12:28).

Thou canst not say the Lord's Prayer
And make one selfish plea;
Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say ME.
For it's OUR, OUR, OUR,
And it's US, US, US;
And the fourth time it is OUR,
And the fourth time it is US.

Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say I;
Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say MY.
Nor canst thou pray the Lord's Prayer
And pray not for another,
For when thou asketh DAILY BREAD
Thou must include thy brother.

—Selected.



THE DEVIL'S BEST TOOL

It was once announced that the Devil was going out of business, and would offer all his tools for sale to whoever would pay the price. On the night of the sale, they were all attractively displayed, and a bad-looking lot they were—Malice, Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Sensuality, and Deceit, and all the other implements of evil were spread out, each marked with its price. Apart from the rest lay a harmless-looking, wedge-shaped tool, much worn and priced higher than any of them.

Someone asked the Devil what it was. His reply: "That's Discouragement." "Well, why do you price it so high?"

"Because," replied the Devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that when I could not get near him with any of the others, and when once inside, I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is so much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as very few people yet know it belongs to me."

It hardly need be added that the Devil's price for Discouragement was so high that it was never sold. He still owns it, and is still using it.

—Selected.

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum

A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958



MILAN, BERGAMO, VENICE

Milano, as the Italians call it, has a population of 1,355,410. It was 10:00 when we left there headed for Venice. We were not too far out when, thump, thump, indicated that something was wrong. The Driver stopped, got out and examined the tire causing the trouble. Decided that the recap which was coming loose would hold for some time. He got in the bus and we started. Soon there was a yell back of us and a member of the party, it was learned, had gotten out to take pictures. It was Boardman running after us and yelling. However his yelling was more efficient than his running, so the bus was stopped and he was permitted aboard, puffing and panting.

We went on until we came to the old medieval city of Bergamo, where it was necessary to stop and replace a tire. We were here approximately one hour. This is a city of 107,615 and was one of the most beautifully situated cities in the Lambardian region of Italy.

Incidentally, Bergamo was the home of the one to be soon inaugurated as Pope John XXIII. We stopped at a village on the side of a beautiful lake for the noon meal, though somewhat belated. The northern section of Italy is far more beautiful and better from an agricultural standpoint than the southern part of the country. We passed through hundreds of vineyards hanging with heavy bunches of grapes. The lake where we ate our lunch was Di Garda. Finally we got to the old historic city of Venice, which the natives call Venezia. It has a population of 333,175. It is singular among the world's cities in that it is built on a broad lagoon 2½ miles from the Italian main land. It is built over a sprawling archi-

pelago comprising 118 little islands separated from each other by more than 150 canals.

There was such a crowd there, as there are no busses or cars in the city, and we had to park outside, that the Tritches got separated from the party. We took a boat on the canal, and they followed our baggage on a gondola and when we reached the hotel, they had gotten there first. We had sent a couple back to try to locate them. Tritch made good time running along the bank to keep the baggage in sight, as he did not have the name of our hotel. We stayed at the Terminus Hotel, which suited the ladies as it was very convenient to the shopping places. The canals were filled with boats and gondolas, with hundreds of people coming and going. It was noisy as the hucksters were shouting their wares, and it seemed that the church bells were continually ringing for their worshippers.

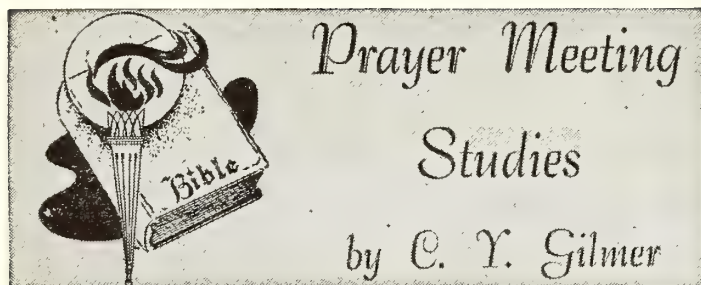
Again Mrs. Ankrum's Diary. "Thursday, July 24, 1958. Got up a little before 7:00. Had the usual continental breakfast. Went on a boat part way and then walked to St. Marks square. Went through the palace, built 16th or 17th centuries. Then went into St. Mark's cathedral, the second largest in the world, much like others we've seen. A woman had to have sleeves and not too low necked dress and not trousers in order to get in. We've now seen the largest, St. Peter's in Rome, this one and St. Paul's in London.

"Then we went in a glass factory, saw a woman making beads, a man making horses and another making figurines. About 3:00 all the party got in five gondolas and rode around the 'streets' for over an hour. It was nice and restful. The guide wanted to show us a couple churches but the party seems 'fed up' on churches."

Came back to the hotel. Ate dinner about 7:30 to 8:30 upon a covered portico against which lapped the waters of the canal. The gondoliers sang from time to time as they passed by. Water, water everywhere, except on our tables. It was hard to get, and wine served continually. Our party made a good many requests before we could get water at meals in Italy and in Switzerland. The meals were served with numerous courses, and there was no saving of dish washing. As a whole, meals were very good, and outside of slowness, well served.



Some of the party, at the Parthenon, Athens.



WATCHING THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST

Matthew 27:36

O Jesus! bless the tears I shed, While at thy cross I kneel,
Gaze on the wounded, fainting head, And all Thy sorrows
feel.

My heart dissolves to see Thee bleed, This heart so hard
before;

I hear Thee for the guilty plead, And grief o'erflows the
more.

'Twas for the sinful Thou didst die, And I a sinner stand:
What love speaks from the dying eye And from each
pierced hand.

I know this cleansing blood of Thine Was shed, dear
Lord, for me,

For me, for all—oh, grace divine!—Who look by faith
on Thee.

O Christ of God! O spotless Lamb! By love my soul is
drawn;

Henceforth forever Thine I am; Here life and peace are
born.

In patient hope the cross I'll bear, Thine arm shall be my
stay;

And Thou, enthroned, my soul shall spare On that great
judgment day.

—Ray Palmer.

THE SOLDIERS WERE EXTREMELY CRUEL to Jesus, even after He had been scourged (Matt. 27:26) and had been assigned to them for crucifixion, by mocking, spitting upon, and smoting Him (Matt. 27:27-30), crowning Him with thorns, and bowing their knees in mock worship (Mk. 15:17-19). No doubt they were unmercifully rough in their crucifixion of Him, gambling for His garments at the foot of His cross (Matt. 27:35). Their bloody work done, they sat down to watch Him (v. 36). Later, a hard-hearted soldier thrust a sword into His side (Jn. 19:34, 37). Too bad for the poor sinner that he did not know a nearer way to the great heart of God than that!

Among the vast hordes of sinners who watched Jesus die that day (Matt. 27:39), were (most shameful to be said!) the chief priests, elders and scribes (v. 41-43). Though very religious they were unregenerated (Jn. 5:40; 10:10), and they under seven woes were religiously going to Hell (Matt. 23:13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29). Like Pilate, the selfish politician, they coveted their positions even to the damnation of their souls (Jn. 19:12). They were not innocently measuring up to the iniquity of their forefathers that day (Matt. 23:30-33). They had propagandized a mob of people who had really been benefited by Christ, and certainly had nothing whatsoever against Him, even to the extent of wishing a curse upon themselves and their descendents (Matt. 27:25)!

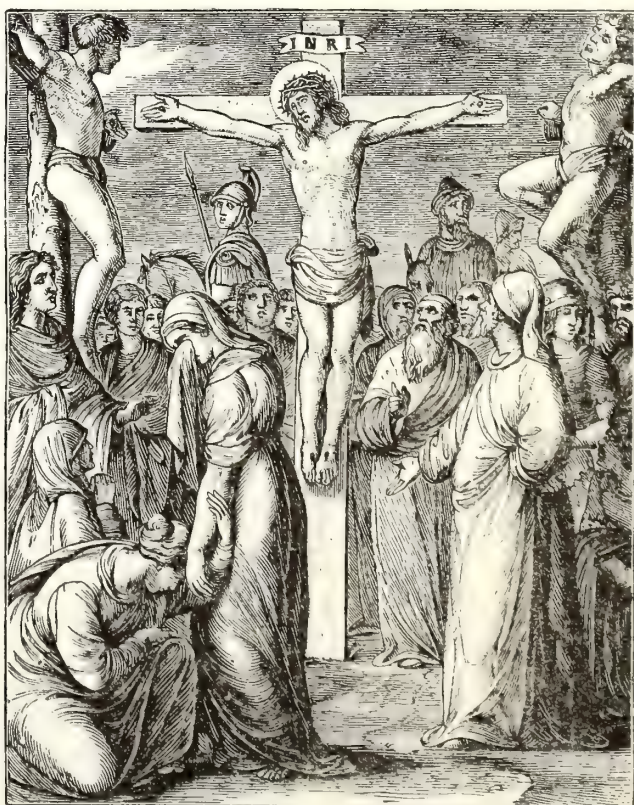
Among those who observed Jesus were two thieves who were crucified with Him (Mk. 15:27, 28). The reputed honor among thieves was not exercised in this case (Matt. 27:44). But upon further observation one of the thieves had a change of heart and was saved from perdition for Paradise (Lu. 23:39-43).

Two secret disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, members of the Sanhedrin, now openly took their stand before the mocking multitude (Jn. 19:38, 39). There were the backslidden disciples (Matt. 26:56), no doubt, peering upon upon the Crucified. Like Peter, they may have been terrified by the fiendish hysteria that had been aroused by Satan (Mk. 14:70, 71).

It is so heartening to gaze upon that inner circle of staunch friends who stood by the cross of Jesus (Jn. 19:25-27), sharing His reproach (Heb. 13:13). Love impelled them. Sincere gratitude held true (Lu. 8:2). Mary, the faithful mother of Jesus, was there facing what Simeon had predicted thirty some years before (Lu. 2:34, 35).

"Stood the afflicted mother weeping,
Near the cross her station keeping,
Whereon hung her Son and Lord;
Through whose spirit sympathizing,
Sorrowing and agonizing,
Also passed the cruel sword."

Many good and faithful women were there who had ministered unto Him (Matt. 27:55, 56). To John, "the beloved disciple", He could assign the care of His mother. Are we ready, like these of the inner circle around the cross, to suffer reproach, trouble, grief, pain, and loss because we are close enough to our Lord (Gal. 2:20)?



Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

PLAN AHEAD... FOR V. B. S.

PLAN AHEAD. This is an effective key to organization in business, the office, or the home. Planning ahead is equally vital in VBS. Haphazard, half-hearted work dishonors God. He who created the universe established the plan of salvation. He expects thoroughness on our part.

Basic Steps in Planning

At least three basic steps must be taken before the Vacation Bible School program is set up. These steps will assure better co-operation and will help to avoid dangerous pitfalls.

Secure the approval and co-operation of the official board. This may be the board of Christian education, the advisory board, the deacon board, the elders, or the Sunday School executive committee.

Select the superintendent. The general superintendent is a key figure. Upon his shoulders rests the success or the failure of VBS, its spiritual impact upon the children and the entire church, and its appeal to the people.

Sometimes the pastor serves as superintendent. Sometimes it is the Christian education director, the Sunday School superintendent, a public school teacher, the pastor's wife, a ministerial student, or anyone else who has had training or experience in Christian education.

Schedule planning sessions. During the early months of preparation, monthly planning meetings may be sufficient. As the opening date approaches, bi-weekly or weekly meetings must be held. Some sessions should be attended only by the departmental and committee leaders. Most of the meetings, however, will include the entire staff. Check the church calendar to prevent conflicting dates. Set these dates early.

Plan the Time of School

Having taken these preliminary, general steps, it is time to arrange the specific details. Many churches begin VBS immediately after public school closes. This is advocated because the children are in the habit of regular attendance and study in school, and the more comfortable weather makes study and teaching easier. Furthermore, July and August are vacation months, and this may limit the teaching staff and enrollment.

Some churches feel that children may resent being pushed into more school before the freedom of vacation. Work conditions may dictate a later date, particularly in rural or truck-farming areas.

By late summer, students crave guided activities. They feel let down after family vacation, camps, other activities. VBS can bridge the gap till school begins. A late-summer VBS may also combat the rise in juvenile delinquency which, according to educational surveys, increases in the month of August.

Plan the Place

Usually, the best location for the Vacation Bible School is the corresponding department of the educational building. This is reasonable since the equipment is scaled to size, graded supplies are at hand, and the children are familiar with these rooms.

Plan the Finances

Establishing a budget. The overall budget for a Vacation Bible School should include advertising, curriculum materials, supplies, and incidentals. Be realistic. Remember VBS is as important as any other evangelistic campaign.

Raising the finances. After the school budget is established, plans should be made to raise the finances. The following methods may be used.

(1) **Provision by the church.** Since VBS is part of the overall program of Christian education, it may well be included in the regular budget of the church.

(2) **Provision by the Sunday School.** The Sunday School may underwrite the VBS.

(3) **Individual contributions.** Insert notices in the church bulletin to the effect that cash or pledges for the expenses of VBS are being received by a designated person.

(4) **Provision by parents and pupils.** Most parents want to share the cost of VBS. Usually an offering is received at the closing demonstration program.

(5) **Provision by donations of materials.** Costs can be reduced considerably if materials and labor are donated. Make a list of items which individuals or classes can buy for the school. These donations will reduce the overhead expenses.

Administering your finances. The general superintendent is the overall administrator. Working closely with the purchasing agent, he should expend the money wisely. He should be aware of the major figures on costs.

Missionary finances. Missionary emphasis should play a prominent part in VBS. This will be reflected in the total offerings of the VBS. Special missionary offerings should be encouraged.

Reviewing finances. All accounts should be audited annually and reported to the proper church board. An abbreviated report should be published in the church bulletin.

Plan Ahead

Advance planning develops confidence. Know what you are going to do and how you are going to do it. Be prepared to do the task when the time actually arrives. Yes, planning is the oil that makes the wheels turn smoothly, so plan... PLAN AHEAD... PLAN THOROUGHLY!

—Adapted from "Link."

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(For more information concerning VBS order ETTA's textbook, "Vacation Bible School," Unit XI, for \$1.25 from the Brethren Publishing Company.)

There is a worldly streak in your religion if you praise the Lord only when you feel like it.

World Religious News in Review

LITTLE ROCK MINISTERS OPPOSE LIQUOR OUTLETS IN SHOPPING CENTER

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (EP)—The North Little Rock Ministerial Alliance has voiced its opposition to beer or liquor outlets in neighborhood shopping centers.

"Alcoholic beverages, legal and illegal, are demoralizing and victimizing the people in our city and nation," said the ministers in their statement. "We believe that beer and liquor outlets are out of place in a neighborhood shopping center and do not contribute to a wholesome atmosphere for family shopping."

THREATS DWINDLE CROWD AT GRAHAM MEETING

For the first time, persons attending a Billy Graham crusade have been threatened with violence by outsiders not in sympathy with the Evangelist's message.

Mid-way through his 10-week African campaign tour of nine countries, at Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia, Graham learned of rumors saying that persons attending his rally would be "locked in and shot." Police said the threats had political implications and believed that the United National Independence Party had organized the boycott.

In the city of Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, Evangelist Graham preached to 9,000 Africans at the largest multi-racial religious service ever held in the Central African Federation, where segregation still is the rule.

In Jos, Nigeria, home of some of Africa's most primitive tribes, Graham reportedly addressed nearly 10,000 people. Included in the African audience were many Europeans settled in the area—one of the world's greatest mining areas for tin and colomboite. At Enugu, Nigeria, a near riot occurred as some of a crowd of 24,000 Africans pressed toward the platform to get a better look at the evangelist. Graham described the

crowd as the "most enthusiastic" he had seen during his African crusade.

Following his meetings in Southern Rhodesia, Evangelist Graham and several of his teammates rested at the Victoria Falls Hotel in Livingstone at the edge of the giant cataracts first described scientifically by Missionary David Livingstone. There the evangelist sought "to absorb some of the spirit of Livingstone" whose statue overlooks the falls. Countries still ahead of him as of February 26, are Tanganyika, Kenya, Ruanda-Urundi, and Ethiopia. (EP)

SODOM AND GOMORRAH "BOMBED", SAYS RUSSIAN

MOSCOW (EP)—The infamous cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by a nuclear explosion triggered by visitors from outer space. That's the version of a Russian Master of Physico-mathematical Sciences identified as Mr. Agrest.

Agrest's remarks were publicized by the Russian news agency Tass which quoted the Soviet scientist as saying that the Dead Sea scrolls found in 1947 in an area adjoining the Lebanese mountains give a description of Sodom and Gomorrah that "cannot help but attract the attention of modern men who are familiar with nuclear physics."

Agrest believes that traces of such a probable visit to the earth by travelers from outer space may be found through joint research by archaeologists, geologists, physicists and radiochemists. He said glassy bodies called "tekkites" have been discovered in the Libyan Desert which contain radioactive isotopes of aluminum and beryllium at least a million years old along with other products of extremely high temperatures. These, Agrest said, may be traces of prehistoric spacemen's atomic missiles.

DIVERS SUSPEND SEARCH FOR SODOM AND GOMORRAH

Two American skin-divers searching for the Biblical cities of Sodom

and Gomorrah on the muddy floor of the Dead Sea have temporarily suspended operations.

Both divers complained of poor underwater visibility resulting from mud and silt on the sea floor. They plan to continue their search in the spring.

Vincent Barwood, a professor at the American University in Beirut, and Melvin Rizzie, an officer with the U. S. technical aid mission in Amman, said that their interest in the 4,000-year-old cities, which are mentioned in the Bible as having been razed by fire for the sins of their inhabitants, began last October when they were flying over the Dead Sea and saw what looked like a long wall on the ocean bottom.

So far their explorations have produced only a huge pottery jar which they discovered in a mountain cave near the Dead Sea. The Jordanian Director of Antiquities believes the jar dates back to the era of the two cities.

TEMPERANCE LEADER URGES AIR FORCE MORALS INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—President Eisenhower and Air Force Secretary Dudley C. Sharp have been urged by Methodist temperance leader to begin an immediate investigation of moral conditions prevailing at U. S. Air Force bases on Okinawa.

In letters to the White House and the Air Force secretary, Dr. Caradin R. Hooton, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, has demanded that Major Gen. Dale C. Smith, Commandant of Air Force personnel on Okinawa, be summoned to Washington "for a full explanation."

Dr. Hooton's request grew out of a *Time* report that "hostesses" are being brought to Air Force clubs on Okinawa where their services and prostitutes are available at 75 cents a date, and that slot machines and other gambling devices at the clubs are taking in \$2,500,000 a year profit.

"This is a situation which, I assure, is as appalling to you as it is to Christian parents everywhere," said Dr. Hooton in his letter to Secretary Sharp. He described the situation as "one which should be investigated and, if true, discontinued as soon as possible."

Declared Dr. Hooton: "If conditions are as *Time* magazine describes

them, there should be an all-out housecleaning of our bases in Okinawa. It is time to declare war, not on a military foe but on the insidious regimented vice to which our airman are being subjected."

YUGOSLAV COURT JAILS PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (EP)—On charges of anti-state activities, the Communist court in Osijek, Yugoslavia, has clapped six priests and two seminarians in jail with sentences ranging from two and a half to seven years. The eight religionists were connected with the Djakovo diocesan seminary.

The seminary director, Father Ciril Kos, 45, received the heaviest sentence for allegedly leading other defendants in hostile anti-state propaganda, exciting racial and religious hatred and urging that Croatia be separated from the Yugoslav federation.

Catholic leaders in the country say there have been other trials in secret during the past several months sentencing their fellow clergymen to long prison terms.

INMATE CHARGES ISLAM FAITH NOT PERMITTED IN PRISON

GREEN HAVEN, N. Y. (EP)—An action has been filed in the State Supreme Court against Correction Commissioner Paul D. McGinnis by a 35-year-old inmate of Green Haven State Prison. The prisoner charges that authorities have refused to let him worship in the Islam faith.

Baptized a Baptist, but claiming he is "of the Islamic faith by religious preference and profession," the inmate, Oscar Freeman, is a convicted dope peddler serving four to six years. In his petition, he claimed that he sought "to worship God in and according to the dictates of my conscience."

Charging that he had been "denied the right to correspond with my head minister," the inmate said, "the laws of the state declare the inmates of state-supported institutions are entitled to the right of free exercise of their respective religions."

Freeman was given a translated copy of the Koran, but returned it because it was not written in Arabic. "We'll supply the Koran and a prayer rug for him, and he can turn to Mecca, but he'll have to do it in

his cell," the commissioner said. "We can't allow him to parade around the prison yard carrying a prayer rug and kneeling on it at least seven times a day, facing Mecca, to say his prayers."

"We haven't got a muezzin in a minaret to call the faithful to prayers. Some prisons have towers, with guards in them, and calling those of Islamic faith to prayer isn't among their duties."

In discussing the situation, Commissioner McGinnis said that a new brand of American Mohammedanism, started in Chicago by an American Mohammed, had spread into prisons in New York and other states. Another leader, he said, is a "Mohammed X" in New York City. Prisoners, including Freeman, have tried to communicate with the two Mohammeds, the Commissioner said.

CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST MOVEMENT ORGANIZED IN GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON (EP)—The merger of three independent bodies has formed a national organization in Great Britain called the Christian Socialist Movement. The organizations which make up the new body are the Socialist Christian League, the Society of Socialist Clergy and Ministers, and the Society of Christian Socialists.

Dr. Donald O. Soper, a prominent London pacifist minister and former president of the Methodist Conference of Great Britain has been appointed chairman of an interim steering committee for the new group. Two labor members of Parliament, Anthony Greenwood and Tom Driberg, are also members of the interdenominational committee.

JEWISH FURRIER GIVES POPE ERMINE CAPE

VATICAN CITY (EP)—A Jewish furrier from New York has presented Pope John XXIII with an ermine cape because the pontiff has been "a great friend to all religions and a bulwark against the irreligious world of the Communists."

Arthur Schwartz, president of Fredrica Furs and a leader in American Jewish organizations, presented the cape to Pope John at an audience in the Vatican. Said Schwartz: "We had a wonderful talk. He is like a jolly friar, with a contagious smile."

NINETY PER CENT COLLEGE STUDENTS BELIEVE IN GOD BUT—

Do college students believe in God?

A recent poll of 1500 college students indicates that most of them do, but that they aren't prepared to do too much about it—where church attendance is concerned.

During a student luncheon commemorating the 11th anniversary of the College Church of the Associated Colleges of Claremont, Calif., a report was presented which showed that:

Ninety per cent of 1500 college students polled indicated a belief in God ... 65 per cent expressed belief in a God who is active in history ...

But 86 per cent of the students expressed the opinion that it is not necessary to attend church regularly to have an adequate religious life.

The research, made under auspices of the Danforth Foundation, had as its purpose to evaluate student moral values and social life in relation to religion. The research indicated that students with deeper religious attitudes were most likely to be planning to enter service professions along the line of teaching, welfare or medicine. Non-church attenders, on the other hand, expressed their ambitions for careers in the arts, business or industry. (EP)

BIBLICAL SCROLLS UNCOVERED IN ISRAELI CAVE

JERUSALEM (EP)—An expedition of Israeli archaeologists recently found two fragments of ancient Biblical scrolls in caves near the Dead Sea.

These are indicative of more scrolls close at hand, according to expedition leader Dr. Yohanan Aharoni, lecturer at Jerusalem's Hebrew University. He said the fragments are about as old as the Dead Sea scrolls found 13 years ago in land which now belongs to Jordan.

The fragments contain 16 verses from the 13th Chapter of Exodus. Each piece carries 11 rows of Hebrew script in the same style as that in the Dead Sea scrolls. Under 10 inches of dust, nearby, two other papyrus fragments were turned up. With them was a coin which was cast at the time of the Roman Emperor Trajan. Additional cave discoveries included 11 arrowheads and numerous shafts, wooden bowls, a wooden comb and remnants of linen and leather.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

SILENT WITNESS—YES OR NO?

The Miami Valley District Youth Rally was held at the Dayton Hillcrest Brethren Church on Sunday, March 6th.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RALLY

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West Alexandria won the Banner with 37 in attendance

Gretna reports 22,441 points toward the National Project Goal of \$3,000,000

Karen McPherson wins in Speech Contest

Film—"Silent Witness"

The prelude to the afternoon service was played by **Earl Miller**. Everyone was welcomed to the Dayton Church by **Linda Carmean**. **Caroline Gallagher** led in songs and **Candy Carmean** read the Scripture and led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

One Hundred and Thirty Nine youth and adults were registered to hear the speech contestants present their speeches. Two speeches were given. The runner-up was **John Gilbert** from West Alexandria. The winner, **Karen McPherson**, from the Gretna Church will advance to the Ohio State finals where she will meet the winner from

the Northeast Ohio District. Between the two speeches a trombone solo was given by one of the members of the Dayton youth.

After the presentation of the speeches, President **Don Roby** took charge of the Business meeting. Points for the National B. Y. project were given and the project money for the Ohio Camp cabin was turned over to the treasurer. The group decided to raise the registration fee from 25c to 50c. After the business meeting some favorite camp songs were sung.

The evening meal of cream chicken on biscuits was served by the ladies of the host church.

Several more highlights of the rally took place in the evening service. **Clair** and **Earl Miller** played an opening piano and organ duet. **Diane Winkler** and **June Schriml** had charge of the Scripture and Prayer.

The winner of the speech contest was announced and the awards were given. **West Alexandria** walked away with the banner by having 37 registered. (By the way **West Alexandria** has challenged **Gretna** and any other church for the banner at the next rally. Some of you had better get busy and see if you can meet and beat their challenge.)

The film "Silent Witness" was shown and challenged every youth there to not be silent in witnessing, but to really tell other young people around them about **Jesus Christ**.

This was by far one of the best rallies in the Miami Valley. They are to be commended for having such a fine rally.

The next Miami Valley Rally will be held on June 12 at the New Lebanon Church.

TO ALL PASTORS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS



1959 Brethren Youth Workers

When it comes time for your Daily Vacation Bible School to begin, will you have enough teachers to teach in your classes? Or will you have to call off your Bible School because of lack of teachers and workers, thereby missing a chance to tell your youth about Jesus Christ?

The young people in this picture had just completed a training workshop in Bible School Teaching. These young people were required to attend this workshop before they were sent out into the churches to teach last summer. Last year we sent out 17 of these dedicated young people.

This year we have 9 young people accepted for

Summer Crusading and 4 others waiting to be accepted. Up to now only 2 churches have asked for Crusaders.

It would be a shame to train these young people who are willing to serve Jesus Christ and then come down to the summer and have no place to send them where they can serve. April 20th is the last date for ordering the materials for your Bible School so the time is getting short. It is up to you and your church to ask for these young people to come and serve. For applications, send to **NATIONAL BRETHREN YOUTH OFFICE, ASHLAND COLLEGE, ASHLAND, OHIO.**

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

THE BEST LIGHT FOR OUR PATH

LONG AGO people used to carry lanterns when they went out into the dark nights. This kind of light will go out.

David says of God's word: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps. 119:105).

As we grow older and become more learned we find out that there is more and more that we cannot understand. There are mysteries all about us and we need the light of Divine truth, the light of God's word, the Bible, as a beacon to guide us through the darkness.

May God give us this light through our journey in this life, and bring us to that city of light and life on high is my constant prayer.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS.

Mrs. Harold Lynch,
Warsaw, Indiana.



What's Doing
in the
Churches



ROANN, INDIANA

The District Laymen's Rally held here February 15th, was a great success. Our Woman's Missionary Societies fed 99 men a delicious supper. Total offering for the supper was \$119.66, which amount will go to Bob Bischof, our missionary.

There were 103 men present for the evening program. The Men's Chorus sang, and Mr. Ted Harp, from Sidney, gave a fine message to the men.

On January 31st, five Youth members spoke on the subject, "What I See When I Lift Up My Eyes." The Roann Church is very proud of their youth and their Christian beliefs.

Mary Hauptert, Secretary.

Wedding Announcement

JONES-SMITH. The marriage of Miss Phyllis Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones, and Everett Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loran Smith, all of Lewisburg, Ohio, was solemnized January 9th in the sanctuary of the West Alexandria Brethren Church, by the bride's pastor.

Claude Stogsdill, Pastor.

Laid to Rest

HAVENER. Mrs. Hazel (Thomas) Havener, faithful member of the Vinco Brethren Church, died Feb. 12th, after several weeks of illness. Survived by her parents, husband, son, several brothers and sisters. Memorial services at the Vinco church. Burial, Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Henry Bates, Pastor.

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RIDENOUR. Mrs. Lee (Hazel Kurts) Ridenour, member of the College Corner Brethren Church, died Feb. 7th, at the age of 65, following a 10-day illness. Survived by her husband. Services conducted by the undersigned, a former pastor.

G. B. Hanna.

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TITTLE. Susie Tittle, 71, passed to her eternal reward, Feb. 8. Was one of the oldest charter members of the West Alexandria church. Survived by one daughter and three sons. Funeral services in charge of her pastor.

Claude Stogsdill, Pastor.

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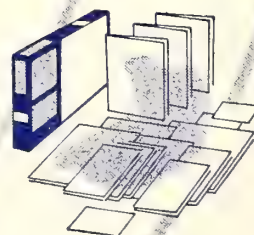
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THE TRUE MISSIONARY URGE

"Why did you go to those strange people?" asked a friend of a returned missionary. "Did they ask you to come?"

"No, they did not ask me."

"Then why did you go?"

The missionary said: "When I was a young man in college, in going to my room one night, I saw a bright light in a house as I passed. The wind had blown the curtain too close to the gas jet and it was in flames. But because this family had not invited me to warn them, and not wishing to disturb their peace, I passed on to my room."

"You did no such thing," said the other, "you wasted no time in crying to them that their house was on fire."

"Certainly," said the missionary, "and the people of the 'strange land' did not invite me, but I knew their danger without Christ, and I knew the peace and joy that comes with knowing Him. I was bound, knowing these things to tell them."—Sel.

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Not how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God's money will I keep for myself?

WHAT SATAN FEARS

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between Thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

—Gen. 3:15.

One of the happiest men I ever knew was in Dundee, Scotland, who had fallen and broken his back when he was a boy of fifteen. He had lain on his bed for about forty years, and suffered much pain; but the grace of God was so abundant upon him that I almost imagined that when the angels passed over Dundee, they would stop at this bedside to get refreshed.

When I saw him I asked if Satan ever tempted him to think of God as a hard Master, and to doubt His love.

"Oh, yes," he said, "many times, as I see others in prosperity, Satan says, 'If God is so good, you might be rich and well.'"

"What do you do when Satan tempts you?" I asked.

"Ah, I just take him to Calvary and show him Christ, and His wounds, and say, 'Does He not love me?' And

Satan got such a scare there hundreds of years ago, that he cannot stand it; he leaves me every time."

—Selected.

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He drank the cup of God's indignation that we might drink forever the river of His pleasures. He hungered that we might eat the Bread of Life. He thirsted that we might drink the Water of Life. He was numbered with the transgressors that we might stand among the justified and counted among His jewels. He made His grave with the rich that we might sleep in Jesus.

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"We are not responsible for all the things that happen to us, but we are responsible for the way we act when they do happen."



THE ABSTAINER'S PSALM

Alcohol is Not my master, I shall not want it.

It would make me to lie down in the gutter.

It would lead me into hot water.

It would wreck my soul; It would take me down avenues of sin and crime for moneys' sake.

Yea, Alcohol would drag me through the valley of the shadow of death with evil companions, with its delirium tremens and same to comfort me.

Alcohol would remove food from my table and make me hunger in the presence of my enemies; It would crown me with wrath even as it brew in my cup runneth over.

Surely, I will not touch a drop of the stuff all the days of my life and it won't hinder me from dwelling in the house of the Lord forever.

—National Voice

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The Editor's Pulpit

"We Have Toiled All The Night"

IT WAS A SAD, SAD DAY for the disciples of our Lord, when one morning, after fishing all night, one of them said to the Lord, "We have toiled all the night and have taken nothing."

As the Lord arrived upon the scene that morning, He observed the disciples upon the shore, washing their nets. Their little ships stood at the edge of the water. There were no fish, only empty nets for their labor. It was reckoning time for the fishermen, and they were empty-handed.

As we have noted on this page before, the last of this month is statistical reckoning time for The Brethren Church, March 31st. On this date, the membership and financial facts of the church become a matter of record. It takes some little time, i. e., to Conference time, to get all the facts compiled and announced, but March 31st is the magical date which marks the close of one year and the start of another.

Soon it will be net-washing time, and time to check up on the progress or loss during the year just past. What are the facts for your church? If you don't know, you have a privilege and a responsibility to find out. This year, as has been the case each year, some mighty fine gains have been reported to the Editor, and in turn, through these pages, reported to the denomination. Most churches have in this way made note of the new members received. What we have not done, except in the case of obituaries, is to note the losses. Perhaps that is why we get the illusion we are gaining in membership, when in reality, the final report shows little or no gain.

We are eagerly awaiting the first returns on gains and/or losses from local churches, because this is the first year where a general Theme has sparked denominational activity. As every wide-awake Brethren knows, our theme for this year has been: "Brethren Advance in Evangelism." Certainly, there should be a notable gain in overall membership, financial stewardship, and work accomplished in the name of the Lord.

The disciples toiled all night and gained nothing. Perhaps, as has been pointed out by another, because their plans started with "we" they ended up with "nothing." It could be that we have been guilty of too much operation on the "we" level.

As Brethren, we do this or that, we seek to operate this program or that. Clarifying our point, we note that when Peter told the Lord what they, the disciples, had done and thereby accomplished nothing, Peter said, "Nevertheless, at THY word (or at THY command), I will let down the net."

Cannot we picture, as Peter, with his companions, then reentered the boat, and let down the net as the Lord had commanded? What a great draught of fishes—so great the net began to break, and the men had to call for help. There is a big difference between "we serve as we think best" and "we serve at the Lord's command."

God has promised to honor His Word. He told the fishermen that they would no longer consume their time and energies catching fish, but would from then on, work to win people to Christ. To their credit, it is said that "they forsook all and followed Him!" They were not perfect workmen for Christ after that—as the Lord traveled to the cross, it is said that the disciples "all forsook Him and fled." But they came back, were filled with the Spirit, and served Him.

Today, success in the work of the Lord comes through the sincere, dedicated efforts of imperfect Christians filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Success comes because of, and in spite of failures, mistakes, etc.

The picture of success is perfectly clear in this account of Jesus and the great draught of fishes. The disciples toiling all night—spent, worn and discouraged. There were no better fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. Their equipment was undoubtedly in good shape, and well cared for. Yet it took their obedience to the command of Christ before they achieved success that day. Whatever may be the results, statistically, for this year, the next year, in every way will be even greater if **all** of our work for Him is done "at His command."

Knowing His will comes through Prayer, Bible Study, a deep dedication of self, substance and talent to Him—in short, "Walking with Him, we know His will, and serve Him best." W. S. B.

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"THE OLD ORDER CHANGES" ...

The accompanying picture shows the sign in front of the quarters that have been occupied by the Scottsdale Brethren Church. It will not be appearing in these pages again, because these brethren will soon be meeting in a new structure.

The sign was placed here by the Scottsdale people only a few short months ago, and already such building progress has been made that the contractor expects the new place of worship to be ready for use by April 1.

Members of this infant church are jubilant at the progress being made—in the physical building and in the spiritual body it will contain. Certainly all of the brethren elsewhere rejoice with them, too.

Attendance at Sunday school and worship services the past Sunday were 47 and 55.



Progress Report

The following events represent the development and growth of our Scottsdale Church to this time:

First service held at the Pastor's home	November 2, 1958
Election of Officers	August 9, 1959
Charter membership roll signed by 15	September 20, 1959
Consecration of Church grounds	December 27, 1959
Construction of church building begun	December 28, 1959
Present membership 23	March 1, 1960

This record indicates splendid work on the part of Pastor and people alike. Credit is due also to those who have upheld this venture in prayer and supported it financially (\$10 Club and other gifts). Principally, of course, the praise goes to Him who is the giver of every good and perfect gift and in whose work we are serving as stewards. May we continue to pray and give for this fine new home-mission church!

Following is the Church Officiary

Pastor	Francis Berkshire
Moderator	Lawrence Stuckman
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	Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stuckman

GREETINGS FROM NIGERIA

(From the 37th Annual Mission Conference)

The thirty-seventh Annual Mission Conference at Gar-kida sends greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Conference theme this year is "So Urgent the Time."

We rejoice with the people of Nigeria in the obtaining of self-government in the Northern Region this past year and are looking forward to the forth-coming independence in October. Plans are being promoted for Nigerianization as related to the whole program of the Mission.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the many souls who have been added to His kingdom in the past year. In the twenty organized churches there were 1,305 baptisms and 1,422 others have made the first step, thus being in the class of inquirers. We are aware of the

great responsibility given to us and our Nigerian Church leaders in order to encourage and strengthen these young Christian brethren. We will all need your prayers for guidance in this time so urgent.

We had the unique privilege this year of reliving with our pioneer missionaries some of their experiences of the first decade. We also have enjoyed the enthusiasm and willingness of the six Brethren Service workers.

Your letters of greeting have been enjoyed by each one of us. We appreciate your concern and your prayers for us, and we are remembering you as we work together in the same cause.

Yours in Christian Love,
Greetings Committee
(Marguerite Kraft and Grayce Brumbaugh)

Sick Bodies and Sick Souls need the
Healing Power of God.

EVIDENCE OF GROWTH AT MBORORO

Charles Kraft



One of the biggest problems the missionary faces is that of helping the Nigerians to realize that Christianity is not just "the white man's religion," but that it is meant to be the black man's as well. This truth seems to be lawning upon more and more of the church leaders here in a very real way.

One of the results is the production of a vast number of native Christian songs which are used in worship services and fellowship game times to reach the hearts of their people with the gospel message in as effective way as possible among these music-loving people.

A second result of this realization is the rising up of many with leadership ability to become village evangelists without pay for the sake of Christ. This releases them from the stigma of "preaching for money only" and wins for the gospel a far more interesting hearing, since the people can see that something more than money is responsible for the enthusiasm of these witnesses.

Indeed, for this reason, some who formerly received salaries for their efforts to advance the work of Christ are now voluntarily refusing to be paid for their work.

The implication of such dedication on the part of these leaders can be fully appreciated only in the context of the life of the Nigerians, who expect a person to be self-seeking and who understand selflessness even less than we do. But the impact of the increased dedication is beginning to show up statistically. With 157 baptized and 100 in pre-baptism classes, our total membership was more than doubled this year.

A further reason for rapid growth is the conscious attempt to divorce the church from the schools on the part of these leaders. This enables them more effectively to approach the older folks, many of whom had the impression that Christianity is only for children. Our whole village evangelistic program has been revamped in accordance with this aim to resemble more clearly what can properly be called a church, as opposed to a modified school. The evangelists now are spending a large part of their time visiting and teaching in the people's homes,

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Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Brother J. D. Hamel was radio devotional speaker over WSPT during the week of March 6th.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dean McKorkle, of the Washington Bible College was guest speaker in the Washington church on March 13th.

The W. M. S. public service was given the evening of March 13th.

At the evening service on March 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Horan, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Welch, were ordained to the offices of Deacon and Deaconess in the Washington church.

WAYNESBORO, PENNA. (WAYNE HEIGHTS). Brother N. V. Leatherman has been ill at his home. Let us remember our brother in our prayers at the throne of
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COMING EVENTS

HUNTINGTON, INDIANA. Evangelistic Meeting—Mar. 28 - Apr. 10—Rev. C. A. Stewart, Evangelist; Dr. Claud Studebaker, Pastor.

DUTCHTOWN, INDIANA. Evangelistic Services—Mar. 21 - Apr. 3—Rev. Glenn Grumbling, Evangelist; Rev. George Pontius, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO. Firestone Park Brethren. Holy Week Services—Apr. 11-17—Rev. W. St. Clair Benschhoff, Speaker; Rev. J. G. Dodds, Pastor.

FLORA, INDIANA. Pre-Easter Services—Apr. 10-17—Pastor Arthur H. Tinkel, speaking.

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GETTING INTO

"In Him we Live, and Move,
and have our Being" Acts 17:28.

RECENT YEARS have seen the greatest interest of the world's leading nations focused upon cluttering up the universe with a varied assortment of baby moons, satellites, and now—baby planets.

For every victory, there seems to be many failures. It seems that many of the efforts to launch earth materials into outer space end up on the launching pads, or fail shortly after launching. But, then, some are successful, and whether or not it is good to be engaged in such an enterprise is not our point here—yet it does show that with proper planning and effort, success is assured.

This orbiting of matter around the earth, and now, of matter in orbit around the sun, gives us an example of human lives and the paths they travel in life.

People used to come and go, live their lives, do their work, grow up, live out their years, and die. They went places and did things, they saw other people and worked with them, or made war with them. All this was called living.

Now, it is different. People still do the same things, BUT, no longer can we use the old terms to describe what is taking place. As of now, people are in "orbit." We can easily see how quickly the normal pattern of life can take on new meanings and terms. We no longer say we go about doing things, we are now in "orbit." A favorite pastime is now to study each other's orbits. F. B. I. men, detectives, and an assortment of "private eyes," have been doing that for years and years. It has usually been called, "sleuthing," "tailoring," and by other such endearing terms. The Federal Government, through a series of items known as income tax reports, census taking

forms, and social security, is engaged in the same business. The tracking of the orbits of people is big business.

It is no less significant to some residents of many neighborhoods who seek to keep track of the orbits of their neighbors by peering from behind drawn blinds to check up on their comings and goings. Nor are we unaware of the orbit checking by state highway patrols of automobiles traveling our highways. Primarily, for our safety, they are interested in how, and how swiftly we are traveling in our orbit, even to the use of such modern devices as radar and low-flying airplanes out of sight of the driver's vision.

When you sit down and think about it, a mighty lot of people are interested in what you are doing, where you are going, and why!

Sometimes we may feel we aren't very important. We may feel we are just a small bit of human flesh, here upon the earth through no choice of our own—a victim of heredity and environment—in a miry mess, with little hope for the future. To the government, we are just a number on a card—or a whole series of numbers, dependent upon our activities, occupation, etc. In fact, this business of numbers is bigger than we think. Take time, as did one newspaper writer a few months ago, to make note of all the numbers by which you are known. Social Security number, gasoline credit cards, department store account numbers, book clubs, record clubs, driver's license numbers, auto tags, car serial numbers. Almost every appliance in your home has a serial number. Your home has a street number or rural box number. We just can't escape this maze of identification numbers.

PROPER ORBIT

A Message
by the Editor

Perhaps such a maze of numbers does not help us to feel very important in this life. To know that you are licensed driver No. S-647-443 in the state of Ohio, probably doesn't do much for you to make you feel more than a cog in a wheel, but let some occasion arise in which it is necessary to produce that license, and immediately you become full name, full address, age, weight and height, etc., to somebody who wants to know about you as an individual rather than just a number on a card. At that moment, somebody is checking on your orbit.

Thus far, we have been "orbiting" in this article in the area of things which are of the natural life around us. This is the area in which many find to be limits of their orbiting. From here on, though, we must keep in mind that there are two planes of operation—intertwined as they relate to the natural, everyday activities of the lives of people. There is the earthly and spiritual-darkness orbit, and the earthly and spiritually-lightened orbit. Orbiters in each plane revolve about their central power or attraction—the spiritual-darkness (Satan)—the spiritually-lightened (Christ). At once, we see there is a separation and a division between people of the two orbital planes.

The purely earthly orbiters are those whose sole interests are the concerns of earning daily bread, amassing this world's goods, and indulging in this world's pleasures.

Let's examine a typical earth-bound, spiritual-darkness orbit for a moment. After what is for many, the usual, dreary rounds of work, house-keeping, worrying about paying the bills, and doctoring, there comes the usual rounds of seeking pleasure and "happiness." What this entails,

can vary a lot, but it does many times include in the pleasure part of the orbit, the round of movies, dance halls, card playing, visits to taverns, and drinking in the home. More widely earthly pleasure orbiting can include gambling, adultery, drunkenness, etc., ending in all manner of vice, including prostitution, broken homes, infidelity, shootings, murder, and other crimes of fiendish nature.

We grant that many who orbit solely in the earthly-interest realm do not become orbiters in the baser and more violent areas, yet the tendency is there and often needs but the gravitational pull of another, more widely orbiting person, to drag them into the way of more sinful pleasures.

One example of this is the persistent program of American distillers to convince the American public that the drinking of alcoholic beverages should be just as natural in the home as the drinking of water, milk or coffee. Many people today who a few years ago would have never thought of defiling their homes with beer or liquor, now seem to find it to be the perfectly natural thing to do. Often this has come about because of what they call "social pressure." Their friends and business associates drink, so they must do it, too—so they say. The gravitational pull of orbiters who have no regard for the purity of the home and of human life, seeks thus to pull all other orbiters into greater orbits of worldly pleasures, often with the results mentioned above.

But what about the "spiritually-lightened" orbiters? From the Word of God we read: "In Him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). Spiritually-lightened orbiters move in

the realm of God's grace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. The nature of this orbit should be considered by us. Earlier we mentioned the earthly orbiters who moved in the realm of daily living—work, housekeeping, problems, etc. There is no getting away from these by any of us. We are people living upon the earth—everyone has daily duties and problems. The spiritual orbiter, though, as he moves each day in the midst of these duties and problems, also moves with Christ as the center and attraction of his life, with the result that there is peace, confidence, assurance and help.

Unfortunately there are some "spiritual orbiters" who feel that because they are in Christ Jesus, i. e., have believed in Him as the Son of God, and have accepted Him as their Lord and Savior, they can orbit wholly apart from earthly things. We pass over them quickly, as they are more to be pitied and prayed for than anything else. Although we are told that "In Him we live, and move, and have our being," yet we are told that we are in the world (but not of it!) The proper orbit for the one in Christ—the born-again Christian, as he bears a strong witness for Christ, is among men!

Orbiting as a Christian means that our orbit will pass through the orbits of many earthly-orbiting (spiritual-darkness) people. Buying our groceries, driving on the highways, walking the streets of our cities, our orbits intertwine. Living in our neighborhoods, we pass through our neighbors' orbits all the time.

No matter how we look at it, our orbits are being influenced by the orbits of all other human beings, as by the same token, others are being influenced by us.

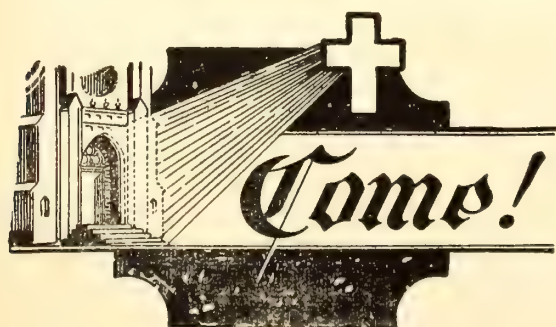
It is said that as man advanced in astronomy and mathematics, more and more planets in our own solar system were discovered. When Neptune was discovered, and its orbit plotted, it was

thought that it was the last and most distant of the planets in the far reaches of our solar system. That is, until one day man discovered another one—considerably further away, yet surely a part of our sun's system of planets. And how was this newest planet discovered? How did man assure himself such a planet did exist? Man discovered that far-distant Neptune was wobbling somewhat in its orbit—an action which could result only from one thing—gravitational pull of a far more distant object of the same planetary system.

Knowing that every object exerts a gravitational pull upon every other object, and knowing that "In Him we live, and move, and have our being," we ask, "How great is your gravitational pull upon other orbiters?" Bear in mind that the same Satanic force which keeps earthly spiritual-darkness orbiters going around in their worldly pleasure orbits, is seeking to draw Christians from the Christian orbit into the sin-filled orbit. This we must guard against by knowing from whence cometh our help and power as a Christian.

As Christians, let us not be led astray, but rather in the power of Christ, our Lord, through the Holy Spirit, let us orbit as a true example of the love of God, and the saving grace of our Lord, emitting not only the Word of the Lord but the light of His Son. Let us influence and "draw" men by the pull of a good strong Christian life, so that by the miracle of the conviction of the Holy Spirit, through the redeeming work of Christ, many shall be torn from their old orbit of sin into the new birth of a new orbit of eternal light in Christ Jesus.

As a Christian, let us not fail on the launching pad. The arm of flesh will fail us, but if we truly learn the meaning of the words, "In Him we live, and move, and have our being," we shall orbit successfully and fruitfully to the glory of God and of His Son.



Attend Church
regularly
every Sunday of
the year

INTERESTING ITEMS

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Grace, praying for his recovery according to the mercy and will of the Lord.

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA (THIRD). The Father and Son banquet was scheduled to be held on February 29th.

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO. Brother Claude Stogsdill notes that he was the radio devotional speaker, February 27th, on the Sunshine Hour, a program sponsored by the Preble County Ministerial Association.

The Gospel Mariner's Quartet of Dayton was in charge of the evening service in the West Alexandria church on February 28th. Their appearance was sponsored by the Brethren Youth Crusaders.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (ARDMORE). Brother C. William Cole was radio WJVA evening devotions speaker the week of March 7th.

The Laymen's public service was given on February 28th.

BURLINGTON, INDIANA. Guest speaker on February 28th was Orville Lee, of Indianapolis.

FLORA, INDIANA. One new member was received by baptism recently.

Brother Arthur H. Tinkel was the devotional speaker on radio WSAL the week of February 29th.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. The Sisterhood public service was given on March 20th, with Mrs. J. Milton Bowman as the scheduled speaker.

WABASH, INDIANA (COLLEGE CORNER). Brother Glenn Grumbling writes: "A baptismal service was held Sunday evening, January 17th, using the baptistry in the Peru church. Four youth and one adult were baptized. The following Sunday, these five, and three others by letter, were received into the church."

The Sisterhood is scheduled to present its public service on April 3rd.

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS. Sunday, March 20th, the Sisterhood was scheduled to give their public program, with Brother Ray Aspinall of Lanark, as speaker.

The Laymen's public service is scheduled for April 3rd, with Rev. Merle Hawbecker as speaker.

COMING EVENTS

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SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. Ardmore Brethren. Evangelistic services—Mar. 29 - Apr. 10—Rev. V. Geren, Evangelist; Rev. C. William Cole, Pastor.

AKRON, INDIANA. Co-operative Brethren. Evangelistic Meetings—Apr. 3 - 9—Rev. Horace Huse, Evangelist; Rev. Walter Blough, Pastor.

CANTON, OHIO. Trinity Brethren. Dedication Services for new church building, 455 55th St., N. W.—Mar. 27, 3:00 P. M.—Prof. J. Ray Klingensmith, Speaker; Rev. Robert Keplinger, Pastor.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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especially in the evenings, rather than in teaching children only.

With the growth in numbers has come an increase in giving. The total giving for the year was about \$354. Considering that many of these people have no more than \$1.00 in a full year, this figure looks pretty good. Of course, most of it comes from salaried people (who are certainly a small minority of the total), but many of these are tithing regularly and giving more besides.

Division Needed

Along with growth in an area such as this must come division. The division in this case is to be desired, however. We hope to receive permission soon for the three major villages which make up this church to split into three separate churches. The church here was originally established with the intention that this would happen. If the church council agrees with us that the time is ripe, this will be the year.

This would mean that instead of a single "area church" supervised from Mbororo and including villages with good-sized congregations as far as six to eight miles away, separate churches would be established at Mwada and Brishishiwa, in addition to the one at Mbororo. Each of these churches would include about 100 members, and each has excellent prospects for the continued rapid growth which characterizes the whole area.

(Taken from the Gospel Messenger)

BYLERS ARRIVE IN THE STATES

On Tuesday, March 15, the Byler family arrived in Miami, Florida, after six years—the extra year was their own choice—in Argentina. They will doubtless take at least a month for rest and relaxation before beginning any program of speaking engagements or deputation work. They are visiting friends and relatives enroute and expect to be back in Louisville, Ohio, by April 11.

OUR COVER PICTURE: Skiers on The Big Mountain, Whitefish, Montana. In the distance is Flathead Valley, and in the far distance, the towering peaks of Glacier National Park. Picture courtesy the Great Northern Railway.

Wedding Announcement

DAVENPORT-AZBELL. Miss Janice Davenport and Mr. Basil D. Azbell were united in marriage in the College Corner Brethren Church, Wabash, Indiana, Rt. 3, on January 9th. Rev. W. W. Shields performed the double ring ceremony. A reception followed in the lower auditorium of the church.

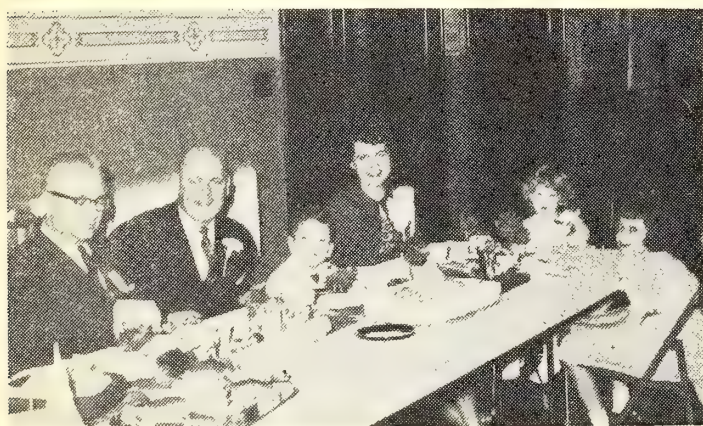
Glenn Grumbling, Pastor.



What's Doing in the Churches



FAREWELL FOR THE HAMELS SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, BRETHREN CHURCH



Left to right: Mr. Reid Thompson, Rev. J. D. Hamel, Johnny Hamel, Mrs. J. D. Hamel, Janet and Joan.

ON SUNDAY EVENING, January 24th, almost 300 people honored their departing pastor, Rev. J. D. Hamel and family, at a farewell supper. Rev. J. D. Hamel had resigned to accept the pastorate of the Sarasota, Florida, Brethren Church on Feb. 1st. Beautiful and unique decorations appropriately depicted the Florida motif.

After a delicious supper in the lower auditorium, Mr. Reid Thompson, toastmaster, spoke briefly, followed by remarks by Mr. H. H. Firestone, Moderator, and Mr. Vernon Carothers, Chairman of the Board of Deacons. At the close of this service the church presented Rev. and Mrs. Hamel with a "money tree" of \$327 which later "grew" to a total of \$392! Gifts were also presented to Joan, Johnny, and Janet.

After Rev. Hamel's response the congregation convened in the sanctuary for a service of recognition for new members coming into the church during the past year (a total of 231 members were added to the church during the entire 6½ years) and for a concert by the well-known Menno-Singers of Northern Indiana. The reception was in charge of the Special Services Committee, Mrs. Donald Kollar, Chairman, assisted by various other committees.



THE ST. JAMES, MARYLAND, MEETING

Our Winter Revival meeting was held with very little time for advanced publicity. Neighbor Rev. George Solomon, Pastor of the First Brethren Church, Hagerstown,

on the spur of the moment agreed to do the preaching. There were a number of handicaps to combat, one of which was such a downpour of snow that two meetings were canceled, and one held when just a handful ventured out. Owing to prior commitments, Rev. Solomon could not be present on Tuesday nights. So the meeting started on Wednesday night, February 24 and closed on Sunday night March 6.

This was our first time to work in a meeting with Rev. Solomon. The work together was pleasant, and his fellowship and messages were enjoyed. In this meeting as seems too frequently happens, some who were expected to attend failed to do so. There were those faithful members who traveled quite a distance to lend the inspiration of their presence to the meeting. The last half of the time some were snowbound and could not get away from their homes.

There were no visible results to the meeting. It is hoped that there was good accomplished which will manifest itself in the future. We realize that there were handicaps to the meeting that had their influence on the outcome. A number of meals were taken in some of the homes. There was a fine fellowship.

Freeman Ankrum.



LOUISVILLE SUNDAY SCHOOL HONORS TEACHER FOR 63 YEARS OF SERVICE

MRS. CALVIN TEETERS was honored during Sunday School at the Louisville church on February 21. Recently she tendered her resignation as a teacher which then brought about the recognition of her many years of service in this capacity. She has taught classes for about 63 years, beginning with children when she was a young girl.

The audience sang, "I Would Be True." "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" was sung by Paul M. Clapper. General Superintendent Bill Williams (shown here with Mrs. Teeters) related several interesting anecdotes from her years of experience and presented her with a bouquet of red roses and a certificate of appreciation.

—Louisville Herald.





Ashland Theological Seminary News

SEMINARY ANNOUNCES PURCHASE OF SAUR BIBLE

A 1776 edition of Christopher Saur's Bible was recently purchased by the Ashland Theological Seminary, through friends of the school. This rare edition will be added to the growing number of historical pieces at the school. More information and pictures of the Bible will follow in a later issue.

PROFESSOR EDWIN BOARDMAN TO WRITE FOR ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA

Edwin Boardman, professor of Church History at Ashland Theological Seminary has been invited to revise and expand two articles for the forthcoming issue of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. In a letter received recently Professor Boardman was asked to write on the subjects of "Brethren in Christ" and "Church of the Brethren." These articles are currently under the heading "German Baptist Brethren." Professor Boardman has been associated with Ashland Seminary since 1949.

ASHLAND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO SET UP HISTORICAL LIBRARY

Plans are underway to set up a display center for rare Brethren books and other materials of denominational interest. It is hoped that the Seminary can become more of a depository for such materials in the future. No better place can be found for such materials than at the training center for Brethren ministers. Readers are invited to inform the Seminary of books and papers of historical value which could be added to this growing collection.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE SEMINARY

Dr. Norman S. Townsend, Eastern Director of Christian Education for the Scripture Press Foundation will conduct a Christian Education Conference at the Seminary during April 6-8. Dr. Townsend will be remembered by many Brethren people as one of the Sunday School experts whom our Sunday School Board has presented in General Conferences. One year he directed workshops and then spoke to a capacity audience in a Wednesday evening Sunday School Board program.

He will be speaking from Wednesday evening through Friday afternoon on the following subjects:

- "A Workable Visitation Program."
- "The Secret of Jesus' Teaching."
- "Do's and Don'ts of Teaching Methods."
- "The Secret of a Good Sunday School."
- "Developing Leadership in the Local Church."
- "Reaching and Holding Teen-Agers."

There will be liberal use of films and other illustrative materials. The Wednesday evening program will be presented to the public in the Park Street Church.

DR. GORDON CLARK TO ADDRESS THE SEMINARY

Dr. Gordon H. Clark, a renowned evangelical Christian philosopher and theologian, is to be the Christian Emphasis Week speaker on the college campus for the period of April 11-14. During that time the Seminary will have an opportunity to get acquainted with him for he will live in the Seminary House and speak to seminary and pre-seminary students on two occasions.

A highly trained man, Dr. Clark has written ten books, more than twenty scholarly articles for journals and more than thirty entries for symposiums and encyclopedias. He is recognized in the conservative theological world both in America and in England. At present he is head of the department of Philosophy at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana. His general theme while at the College and Seminary will be, "A Christian Student in a Secular World."

Laid to Rest

MARTIN. Mrs. Cora B. Martin, 76, Wabash, Ind., passed away, Jan. 27. Member of the College Corner Brethren Church. Survived by a daughter, a son, a sister, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services by her pastor and Rev. William Peterson. Interment, Vernon Cemetery.

RIDENOUR. Mrs. Hazel Kurts Ridenour, 65, Wabash, Ind., passed away, Feb. 7. Faithful member of the College Corner Brethren Church. Survived by her husband. Funeral services by Rev. G. Bright Hanna, assisted by the pastor. Interment, Converse Cemetery.

Glenn Grumbling, Pastor.

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CROWE. Mrs. Ida B. Crowe was born Aug. 14, 1866 and died Feb. 24, 1960. Was the oldest, and a life-long member, of the Mt. Olive Brethren Church. Funeral at the church in charge of her pastor, and the Rev. Wilbur Garber. Burial, Mt. Olive Cemetery.

John F. Locke, Pastor.

1960 BRETHREN PASTOR'S CONFERENCE April 26, 27, 28

Theme: "The Pastor and His Ministry"

OHIO CAMP CALLS FOR HELP

MEN AND BOYS WITH SHOVELS AND SPADES — WE NEED YOU!

- Reason:** We are under contract to the government to plant 10,000 small evergreen trees.
- Purpose:** To beautify our campgrounds.
- When:** Week-end of April 9, 1960. Trees are being delivered on April 6, and they must go into the ground that week-end.
- Where:** The hills of the Ohio Brethren Camp.
- Who:** We need at least 50 men and 50 boys to form 50 teams for planting. The trees are small seedlings and can be planted by the man making a slit with a spade and having the boy drop in the seedling.
- What:** Bring tiling or ditching spades or garden spades. If these are not available, then bring anything that will make a small slit in the ground with a minimum of effort.
- Details:** We must plant, rain or shine, so bring raincoats and boots. Of course, a cloudburst would stop us, but not much else. You may plan to come Friday night and stay overnight if you so desire. If you do wish to stay overnight, either Friday or Saturday, write to: Elmer Frank, Rt. 1, Lakeville, Ohio. Women are invited also, the hardy ones could help plant. The others could work around the house and get the meals ready for the husbands and boys.
- Urgency:** We absolutely must plant the trees. We have been paid for them, government inspectors will check to see if the trees are planted. **YOU MUST HELP US IN THIS PROJECT.** The loss in last year's planting has brought this need about. Please plan to help us.

OHIO DISTRICT CAMP BOARD.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

HOW ABOUT YOUR TRANSFORMER?

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" Jeremiah 33:3.

A WRITER FROM BRAZIL tells of going into the country to conduct a service in the home of one of his members. The husband in this home was employed by a power company as a line inspector. His home was in sight of the power lines which conveyed electricity to neighboring towns where it served to power their industries and light the homes and streets.

As is the custom in that country, services were to be held in the evening, and quite naturally the minister

expected the home to be served with electricity. But instead he found the room where the service was to be held, poorly lighted; the only source of illumination being a smoky little kerosene lamp.

Naturally, with power so close, and so much superior to the old-fashioned type of lighting, the guest enquired of the host why he did not avail himself of the opportunity to provide himself with better light? The reply was simple and reasonable. There was no transformer in their house and so the electricity could not be used.

Here, then, is a parable of prayer. We long for, and need God's great power, and that power is near, but so many live without it for lack of the transformer—prayer. We have no excuse for living weak, powerless defeated lives, when prayer will accord to us the power to live happy, useful lives, that will mean joy and peace and satisfaction to us and bring glory to our God.

When an optimist gets the worst of it, he makes the best of it.

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

Saturday, July 26, we were to leave Venice for Florence, Italy. Went over much of the same road over which we had come to Venice, by Pravoda and then went to Bologna, where we had lunch. Stopped there until 2:30 so the bus driver would not be working overtime.

Now the Diary, "We got to Florence about 6:30. Staying in the Boston Hotel. We have a real nice room with twin beds and private bath. Had a double bed at Venice and the first hotel at Athens, all the rest have been single. Some didn't get a private bath here. (We passed by Marconi's tomb just outside of Bologna, Author). Had a good meal at 7:30. Had ice cream as well as fruit for dessert. We came over the Apennines between Bologna and here. The road was curved and not so wide. Saw a lot of pretty country, lots of grapes, apples, corn, vegetables and some grain today.

A number of pictures were taken of Marconi's tomb by the party. Firenz, is the way the Italians spell the name of Florence. This is one of Italy's famous cities in the matter of its art treasures. It is located on the banks of the Arno river. In the middle ages Florence was the city where art and culture flourished. Michelangelo, Leonardo de Vinci, Boccaccio, Petrarch and others gave it fame and their works may be seen there today. It has a population of 403,890.

There are many interesting places, such as old museums, containing the works of old masters, the Ponte Vecchio (old bridge) lined with interesting shops. The straw market was famous and was visited by our party. Shops specializing in leather goods were to be found. An early commission to Michelangelo was the statue of David. It was carved from a thin block of marble eighteen feet high which had been discarded by a former sculptor. This is no longer in the public square where it was originally placed but carefully guarded in a museum. How one could show rippling muscles and tendons in stone as did this old Master, is indeed marvelous.

We were shown the bronze doors of the Baptistry. Seven sculptors submitted models, but the successful bidder was Lorenzo Ghiberti (1378-1455), a youth in his early twenties. Ghiberti spent twenty-two years on the execution of these doors which were divided into twenty panels illustrating episodes in the life of Christ. They were so beautiful that they were known as the "Gates of Paradise." Michelangelo deemed them worthy to grace Heaven itself. We were shown all these and of course many other works of art, both in stone and in oil.

Again Mrs. Ankrum's Diary. "Sunday, July 27, 1958. Charles Munson conducted devotions at 9:00 o'clock and at 9:30 we all started on a tour. Went to art galleries and museums; then to a cathedral; then to another museum where we saw Michelangelo's David. Came home

and ate lunch. At 2:30 we left on another tour. Went to an art gallery, a church, mosaic factory and silversmiths. Saw a table in the mosaic factory that took 20 men three years to make. It could be bought for \$33,000.00. It was beautiful and there were many other things as well as that at the silversmiths. Got back to the hotel at 5:30.

"After we ate we went out in front of the hotel. Mr. Sodowsky came; he had been to the Nazarene church. The pastor and wife brought him back. We talked with them for awhile. He had been brought up as a Catholic at Rome." There are over 300 churches in Rome and one Protestant, we were told. Monday was spent in shopping as all were on their own. Supposed to leave Florence Tuesday morning for Switzerland, so packing was on the docket at night. There were always plenty of things to be done. Florence was seriously damaged during the last war. They had then nothing but candles, and few of them, we were told.

The Diary for Tuesday, July 29, states, "Florence, Italy, to Lausanne, Switzerland. Left by train for Bologna at 9:10. No one there to meet us, and we missed our train to Lausanne. So got a train to Milan. Again we missed the train to Lausanne, so had to wait until 5:15. Missed part of the Alps as it was dark. Got there about 11:00 o'clock. Have a fine hotel room—about the nicest that we have had. There was a bus and a girl from the travel agency to meet us here. What we saw of the Alps was beautiful. Had two sack meals today, one before we got to Milan and one after we left. It was our first experience on European trains. We traveled second class. One from Bologna to Milan had no cushions, just wooden benches. Got pretty tired. I was about half sick most of the day. The first meal had a bottle of wine. There was an Italian in our compartment and we gave him about ten bottles. The next meal we had orange drink and coca cola. Have good water here at the hotel.

"From Florence to Bologna we went through 29 tunnels, and from Milan to Lausanne, 28 tunnels before dark, maybe more after dark. We were on the road more than 14 hours. The weather was hot and we were tired. We are at the Carlton Hotel. Lausanne has a population of 120,000."

The trains were all alike in that they were composed of compartments. The roads were electrified. Baggage had to be put in through the windows, and there were people jamming the narrow corridor by the side of the compartments. Trains were difficult to enter or leave because of the press of the maddening passengers. They just acted as though this was a train to Heaven, and the last one at that. One time the train made such a sudden stop that the suitcases in racks above us came down and Mrs. Miley was unfortunate enough to be under them. Her sun glasses were ruined and she was slightly injured.

There was no drinking water on the train. Boys were running along the train at stops selling water. Looked as though they were pouring it from an old sprinkling can. How we wished for a good drink. Munson said, "I have to have a drink if it kills me." He got a bottle filled by the boys. It did not kill him but did not do him any good. The view of the Alps, with the moon and the clouds over them was one of indescribable beauty. Tunnels shut out the view from time to time. One tunnel required 20 minutes to traverse. It was through the Alps.



Prayer Meeting Studies by C. Y. Gilmer

THE FIRST WORD FROM THE CROSS

"Have you read how they placed the crown of thorns
Upon His brow for you,
When He prayed, 'Forgive them, oh, forgive;
They know not what they do'?"

"They knew not their deeds of that one mighty hour,
'O Father, forgive them', He cried;
They knew not the cross, long the emblem of shame,
Was there by the Christ glorified."

HE PRAYED ON THE CROSS (Lu. 23:33, 34), Who had continued whole nights in prayer (Lu. 6:12), and had taught that "men ought always to pray" (Lu. 18:1). Being crucified for sin (Heb. 9:26b, 28a), by wicked sinners (Acts 2:23), He prayed for His enemies (Matt. 5:44). And His prayer was answered in the conversion of the 5,000 on the Day of Pentecost and the day following of those who knew not what they did (Acts 3:17). And in so doing He taught Stephen, the first Christian martyr, and others persecuted for the faith, to pray for the conversion of their persecutors (Acts 7:60). Despite their persecutors' spiritual darkness and deliberate blindness to the truth (Jn. 3:19), Christ and Stephen wanted their persecutors to come to know God's forgiveness. And one who was converted in answer to Stephen's prayer was Saul (Acts 7:58; I Cor. 15:9; I Tim. 1:15).

Who were they for whom Jesus prayed forgiveness from the Father? According to Isaiah 53:3-6 it was not only the gamblers at the foot of the cross, the self-righteous Pharisees, the fickle rabble, a few friends, but all mankind—all sinners. The sacrifice of Christ was universal in its benefit (Rev. 13:8). The ruling class put Christ to death (Acts 4:24-28). His death was plotted first by the Jewish religionists (Matt. 26:3, 4). The common people of the Jews insisted that He be crucified (Matt. 27:25). All Christ rejectors are classed as "murderers" of the Son of God in the parable of the great supper (Matt. 22:2-7). The Christ rejectors of today are guilty of crucifying "to themselves the Son of God afresh" (Heb. 6:6). We are taught by Scripture that Christ tasted "death for every man" (Heb. 2:9). He died for the sins of the whole world (I Jn. 2:2). Forgiveness of sin from God through Christ is available to all who will believe (I Tim. 4:10).

Are your sins forgiven? They are not forgiven if you are unforgiving (Matt. 6:14, 15). Have you forgiven all (Mk. 11:25, 26)? "Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye" (Col. 3:12, 13). Since "God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you"—in answer to Christ's prayer for our forgiveness—we are to be "kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another" (Eph. 4:32). There should not be one moment's delay in this all-important matter (Matt. 5:23, 24). To become unforgiving is to forfeit God's forgiveness (Matt. 18:32-35). If your sins are forgiven, rejoice (Lu. 10:20).

"They know not what they do" because of the deceitfulness of sin (II Cor. 4:3, 4). Jesus had faithfully warned the Pharisees that they were in the mesh of Satan's deceptive web (Jn. 8:44). Frail human beings do not seem to realize the terrible reality of sin (II Tim. 3:13). It is hard for man to believe the evil of sin and its punishment (Titus 3:3) because of the deceitfulness of the human heart (Jer. 17:9). Sin is not only deceitful but hardening (Heb. 3:13). John 3:16 is for every sinner. "Oh, be ye reconciled to God" (II Cor. 5:19, 20).

"Behold the Man of Galilee,
Thorn-crown'd He hangs upon the tree;
Knowing the depths of agony
To save me from my sins.
"O, Saviour, when I view Thy cross,
All earthly gain I count but loss;
Take Thou my heart, purge out the dross,
And save me from my sins."

Lesson

Comments

by

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Lesson for March 27, 1960

CHAINED BUT NOT SILENT

Lesson: Acts 28:16-24, 30-31

"MORE THAN CONQUERORS" (Rom. 8:37) was the theme of the Apostle Paul's life! His enemies could **CHAIN** him, but not **SILENCE** him; they could **BEAT** him, but not **BREAK** him; they could **DISCOURAGE** him, but not **DEFEAT** him!

PAUL IN ROME

"And when we came to Rome . . ." (28:16).

"Paul has come now to the end of the long road. Chained to a Roman soldier, he is awaiting a trial which was never held; the Jewish 'witnesses' who were to appear against him never came. But Paul waits—and preaches—two years in the capital of the Empire" (Frank S. Mead).

PAUL PREACHES TO THE JEWS

Paul's restless spirit would not allow him to remain idle. "And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together" (vs. 17). He wanted to state his case before these men.

The Jewish leaders reported they had received neither letters nor witnesses against the Apostle. "But," they said, "we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest" (vs. 22).

Thus Paul had his chance to again proclaim the truth concerning Jesus Christ. "They . . . appointed him a day" in which he could speak to them. He told them it was "for the hope of Israel I came bound with this chain" (vs. 20).

"The hope for which he suffered was two-fold: (1) the expectation of the Messiah as bringing in a kingdom of heaven, which was cherished by every Israelite; (2) the hope of a resurrection from the dead, which he proclaimed as attested by the resurrection which proved that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God" (E. H. Plumptre).

For his first message in Rome, Paul had "many" hearers. His message was two-fold:

1. "From morning till night he continued to explain to them the kingdom of God" (Williams).
2. "At the same time giving them his own testimony and trying from the law of Moses and the prophets to convince them about Jesus" (Williams).

What were the results of Paul's message? "And some believed, . . . and some believed not" (vs. 24). A. T. Robertson says: "More exactly, 'some began to be persuaded . . . while some continued to disbelieve.'"

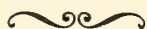
"Because they could not agree among themselves, they started to leave . . ." (Williams). Then Paul spoke to them the prophecy of Isaiah which foretold Israel's unbelief (Isa. 6:9-10).

To this day, because of her unbelief, Israel is living in spiritual ignorance and blindness! "Be it known therefore unto you," said Paul to those who rejected his message about Christ, "that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it" (vs. 28).

PAUL IN HIS OWN HOUSE

"And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house . . ." (vs. 30).

"He was a prisoner, and therefore was not allowed to go out to preach in the synagogues, or the 'churches' in the houses of this or that disciple, or the open places of the city, but his friends were allowed free access to him, and in this way there was probably a wider and more effectual opening for his personal influence than if he had spoken publicly, and so exposed himself to the risk of an organized antagonism. What seemed at first a hindrance to his work was so ordered, as he afterwards acknowledged, that it fell out 'rather unto the furtherance of the gospel' (Phil. 1:12)" (Plumptre).



Lesson for April 3, 1960

TEACHING THROUGH PRECEPT AND EXAMPLE

Lesson: Matthew 5:1-2, 17-20; 9:14-17

AS THE MASTER TEACHER, Jesus Christ was concerned with conveying heavenly truth to earthly people. One of His most successful means was the use of parables. The deep things of the Spirit were taught by means of an earthly story.

For the next 13 weeks we shall be studying the Sermon on the Mount as interpreted by the parables of Jesus.

PRECEPT

"And He opened His mouth, and taught them saying . . . (Mt. 5:2).

"The grand fundamental idea of the Sermon on the Mount is to present the righteousness of the kingdom of heaven in its relation to that of the Old Testament theocracy . . .

"The Sermon on the Mount may be regarded as the central-point of Christ's ministry in Galilee. It was delivered during the first year of His public career, some time between the winter of 781 and the spring of 782" (J. P. Lange).

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill" (5:17). Christ's doctrine sounded so different to the Jews! Some began to say He was trying to destroy that which was taught by Moses and the prophets.

Not so! "Till heaven and earth pass," said Jesus, "one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (5:18). Thus Christ wanted to emphasize the unchangeableness of the divine word!

But how did Christ fulfill the law?

"Christ fulfilled the law and the prophets by obedience, by accomplishment of types, ceremonies, rites, and prophecies, and by explaining, spiritualizing, elevating, enlarging, and perfecting the moral law, by writing it on the heart, and by giving grace to obey it, as well as an example of obedience, by taking away its curse; and by the doctrine of free justification by faith in Himself, which the law prefigured and anticipated, but could not give" (Dr. Wordsworth as quoted by J. P. Lange).

"Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven" (5:19). Did Jesus mean by this that men of all ages are bound by the ceremonial law of Moses? No!

"The usage of the term . . . confined the word (commandment) to the moral laws of God, . . . and throughout the New Testament it is never used in any other sense, with the possible exception of Heb. 7:5, 16" (E. H. Plumptre).

"For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (5:20). How shall we exceed their righteousness? They tithed; fasted; prayed; meticulously observed every jot and tittle of the law. Their righteousness was based on lip observance to the outward, ceremonial law. Our righteousness is to have its basis in heart observance of God's moral law.

EXAMPLE

"Then came to Him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but Thy disciples fast not?" (Mt. 9:14).

Christ began to question them, "Why do men fast?" They fast as an expression of grief, sorrow, remorse for sin, etc. There was no reason for the disciples to fast at this time. They had no reason to be sorrowful, for their Master was still with them.

Jesus taught that it is proper to perform outward acts, such as fasting, so long as these acts are a genuine expression of the heart. But if these things are done

merely as a matter of rule, habit, or religious requirement, they are valueless!

“No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse” (9:16).

“He (Christ) had not come to make a few additions to the Jewish ritual, as a man might put a patch on an old garment. Nor yet could the old forms of Judaism contain the spirit of the Gospel He proclaimed . . . The religion of Christ could not be confined to any set of ceremonies and should not be confused with any ritual. It was a new life imparted by faith in Him. It controlled men, not by rules, but by motives. Its symbol was not a fast but a feast” (Charles R. Erdman.)

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—A MUST!

A CHILD’S FREE-TIME ACTIVITIES should be meaningful. Educational surveys have shown how the average child spends the sixty-five hours of free time which he normally has each week during the school year. A breakdown of those sixty-five hours of free time follows.

Watching Television	28	hours
Comic books and movies	10	hours
Playing	15	hours
Helping at Home	10½	hours
Church or Sunday School	1½	hours

During the summer, leisure time is even greater and VBS offers a way for the church to make that time meaningful. Vacation Bible School offers from twenty to thirty hours of concentrated teaching per week, or thirty hours in a two-weeks school. A child attending Va-

cation Bible School might receive eighty-two hours of religious instruction per year, assuming that child also attends Sunday school. This also presupposes regular attendance, adequate teaching, and enriching experiences—any of which may be lacking. VBS is a golden opportunity to teach the youth of the community.

There is a threefold objective of every successful VBS. That is, to win, teach, and train children so that they will experience newness of life in Christ Jesus, understand the Word of God, and know the Holy Spirit’s working in their lives.

Winning each child to Christ should be the foremost objective. It is imperative in fulfilling Christ’s commission to His co-workers “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”

In every true teaching experience, knowledge is imparted. In VBS, knowledge of the Lord and of His Word is the keynote. This teaching-learning role in VBS does not supplant the Sunday school. It supplements and expands it. The Word of God is taught regularly, daily, and with progressive emphasis.

We must train each child in Christian living. To be effective, Bible teaching must result in pupil reaction that is more than a mechanical acceptance of the Word of God. A pupil may recite verse after verse. He may know Bible stories by heart. He may locate Bible references on a moment’s notice. But unless he translates his knowledge of the Bible into Christian living, he has not learned the Word of God.

VBS must win, teach, and train the pupil for Christ. Such a combination should lead to a well-rounded spiritual experience, based on the Word of God, and expressed in newness of life.

—adapted from VBS.

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I would encourage all who are or will be connected with VBS this summer to send to the Brethren Publishing Company and purchase a copy of VBS, a training book published by Evangelical Teacher Training Association. The cost of the book is only \$1.25. The above article was taken, in part, from this book. It will be well worth your money.

World Religious News

in Review

CANADIANS ARE PRO AND CON ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

From Canadian religious leaders have come two opposite views on Capital punishment. The United Church has urged government officials to substitute life imprisonment for capital punishment, while a Cana-

dian Catholic group insists that the state has not only the right but also “the duty and moral obligation from God” to inflict capital punishment.

The backers of the first statement are members of the United Church’s Board of Evangelism. They reached their decision after 16 members made

a three-year study of the subject. The research report stated that a statutory life sentence for murder should be subject to all prevailing powers of remission and parole, with review every three years.

The Catholic viewpoint was expressed by the Canadian Catholic Conference. It stated: “Catholic teaching has always maintained that three types of killing which are not forbidden by the Fifth Commandment are capital punishment for serious crime, waging a just war, and legitimate self defense. When a criminal gravely endangers the common good by evil-doing, the state has the

right to put him to death, if necessary," the Conference asserted.

The Vatican City newspaper *Osservatore Romano*, disturbed by California's on-again-off-again decision to execute convict-author Caryl Chessman, took up the battle to commute the death sentence. In an editorial said to be endorsed by Pope John XXIII, the paper said, "It is no longer a juridical question, because it is solely a human one. It is no longer a matter of the code of procedure, but of the law that provides mercy." The paper also decried "the terrible, slow agony of long years (11) of waiting" to be executed. (EP)

NAE LEADER ASKS CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—A leader of the National Association of Evangelicals has called for a full-scale congressional investigation including "theological perspective" into the relation between national security and American churches.

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of public affairs for NAE, in a letter to Rep. Carl Vinson (D.-Ga.), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, called for an objective investigation "without any deliberation to embarrass the branches of government and church organizations which have become involved" in the public controversy over the contents of an Air Force manual.

At the same time, he declared that "We wish to make it clear that we have been greatly concerned about certain reactionary evangelicals who have sought to remedy the situation by name-calling and innuendo. We believe that such tactics, implying guilt by association, are unbecoming to those who have taken unto themselves the name, Christian. Such techniques smack of Phariseism in its worse sense. We believe, therefore, that the only sensible course of action is to lay all the facts on the table in such a way that they may be understood in their theological, political and social perspective. Only such a course can clarify the issues in the current situation which has been so confusing to the public."

The controversial training manual charged among other things that communists have infiltrated the churches and that many of the 95

persons who prepared the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for the National Council of Churches "have been affiliated with Communist fronts, projects and publications." The NCC had also called for a congressional investigation.

Taylor said that the public "deserves to know the specific relations between liberal-socialist theology and politics." He said that "it is only within this theological context that the relationship between communism and the churches can be rightly understood."

"The current controversy over the Air Force manual on the subject of national security and American churches has been the source of such widespread public confusion that there is only one course of sensible action left, namely, a full-scale investigation into the roots of the situation," Taylor said. "Statements have been lifted out of context and directed against personalities rather than real issues. It is high time that the facts be dealt with in their true perspective."

"The issues involved run much deeper than personalities and church organizations," he stated. "The matters dealt with by the Air Force in an inadequate, irresponsible manner are partly theological at their roots. The points in question are largely the result of the impact of theological liberalism upon Protestant churches and upon American society in general." Calling attention to the seven-point "Statement of Faith" of the National Association of Evangelicals to which forty denominations belong, Taylor said, "Implicit within the doctrinal position taken by evangelicals is a rejection of the claims of Marxist-Leninist socialism. Evangelicals in the tradition of early Christianity maintain a view that the social order of this world is essentially imperfectible because of the inherent sinfulness of human nature. Liberal Protestantism, on the other hand, assuming 'the worth and dignity of man' and implying the perfectibility of this world order, throws its entire weight behind the 'social gospel.' It is only within this theological context that the relationship between communism and the churches can be rightly understood."

"Evangelicals are generally inclined to accept a just capitalism as the most workable *modus vivendi* in the

social order of this world, whereas many liberal churchmen are committed to the principles of socialism. Evangelicals believe that the redemptive claims of Jesus Christ can only find relevance to the human situation within the individual context, whereas liberal Christianity makes its attempt to 'redeem the social order' apart from individual regeneration."

"Within this context it can be seen why certain liberal churchmen have frequently called for social revolution. While it is perhaps true that they have not adopted Marxist-Leninist thinking in its entirety, there has been a tendency to promote a 'social gospel' which has been related at points to the objectives of international communism."

"HANDS-OFF" POLICY ON CHURCH BINGO

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (EP)—Despite Pennsylvania's anti-gambling laws, the district attorney's office here has ruled that a "hands-off" policy will be maintained on bingo games operated strictly for church or charitable purposes.

Victor H. Blanc, the district attorney, has announced that his office "leaves enforcement of laws up to the police, and is charged only with prosecuting those arrested by the police."

The ruling followed the closing, at least temporarily, by the police of bingo games at two Roman Catholic parish halls. Complaints had been issued by the Rev. William Drury, a Baptist, who is assistant director of Youtharama, an evangelical and entertainment youth program.

Mr. Drury also had appealed to the office of the state attorney general, which referred him to the county prosecuting attorney for a ruling.

DANES START "NATIONAL HUMANISM"

COPENHAGEN (EP) — The rites of marriage, burial and confirmation have been too long the domain of religion, say a group of Danish citizens. A report on the Danish Radio says that these disgruntled citizens have formed a movement called "Rational Humanism" campaign for civil counterparts to the religious rites named.

Another objective of the "Rational Humanists," according to the radio announcement, is the banning of religious instruction in Danish schools.

"ANYBODY STAYING HOME TONIGHT?"

SEVERAL RECENT assignments and committee meetings have led me to examine more closely the subject of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. This extra thinking, in turn, has developed an awareness that much of our customary procedure of educating in Christian faith has not been appropriately accomplished at all.

We of National Brethren Youth have been as guilty of negligence as any other phase of the church's program, and are willing to admit it. Is it possible that we have all spoken and read so much about programs, rallies, conferences, B. Y. C. meetings, projects and contests that we have overlooked comment on the central institution of learning — the family?

Centuries before the birth of Christ, the family was the central religious institution for the Jewish people; and this custom continued many centuries after His birth. Their discussions centered around their religious convictions, attitudes and customs — causing them to be easily passed from one generation to the next. Even today the primary reason the Jewish leaders give for the low rate of divorce and juvenile delinquency among their people is the strength and unity of the Jewish home.

Then society's emphasis upon a group effort for everything that was to be done led nearly every member of the family out-

side the home. This is especially true of the activities of our youth. It is now expected that they learn all of their subjects at the public school, learn all of their music from the choir director or piano teacher, and develop their physical bodies only as the gym teacher or coach suggests—and the family home is only a place to eat and sleep; and we don't do these simultaneously any longer.

More seriously this attitude reaches deep into our ranks of "religious education." We have been fooled into believing that worship takes place only in the church, that singing hymns is only for choir practice, that learning Bible stories is the work of the Sunday School, and that developing the ability to pray and read scripture is the special function of the B. Y. Crusaders. And again, the home and family are offering excuses for not facing their share of the responsibility for such training. It is too easily forgotten that before a child ever attends the church nursery class, the chances are he will already have spent more hours at home than he will ever spend in the church building during his entire life.

Two startling cultural trends place even more importance upon the family: Population Explosion and Population Mobility.

Population Explosion: In addition to the many predictions you have already read about our

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

great increase of population in the near future, remember these: By 1975, the U. S. population figure will be within the range of 216,000,000 to 244,000,000, nearly half being under 24 years of age. By 1984 this figure may rise to 250 million. Then further, by 1970 there will be 4 million 12 year olds; last year there were 3.8 million. With this great influx, the church with its present facilities and trained teachers, cannot possibly meet the demands for Christian instruction. If such training is going to be received by the child at all, the family must provide it.

Population Mobility: Not only will we be having more young people but they will continue to move often from one community to another.

"Already more than one fifth of the United States population moves each year. A teacher in Nebraska recently reported the experience of a group of third-graders, mostly children of air force personnel. Of 26 children, 11 have lived in foreign countries, one having been in nine other countries. One child aged nine, has lived in 3 states and another in 3. All 26 have lived in at least two states. The mobility, then, is not merely within the nation but between nations. . . . If any sense of stability were left, it would be shattered by the recent report

that in 1975 missiles may carry us from London to Los Angeles in forty minutes.” (International Journal of Religious Education.

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The emphasis here is that since the family moves so often that the members would find it difficult to get well established in any church, the strongest element of supplying religious training must lie within the

“moving institution” itself — that is, the family.

Such a discussion as this is not in any way intended to discredit the valuable work that still rightly belongs to the church; rather, the purpose is to emphasize the place of the family in “training our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” A part of the religious education program of every church should be to train the parents of your youth to ac-

complish such objectives in their own home.

The next time someone asks the question at your house, “Anybody staying home tonight?” I hope that the answer is “Yes.” And for goodness sakes, keep the “idiot box” (T. V.) off long enough to notice who is in the room with you. You may even want to speak to each other — about something important!

—Phil Lersch

The Women's Corner
by Helen Jordan

“KEEP THY HEART WITH ALL DILIGENCE”
(Proverbs 4:23)

SUDDENLY MARCH is here, and even now it passes away before our surprised eyes. April comes rushing upon us and we must admit the old year is truly spent, and the new one is demanding our attention. As we go out to face the new problems, the new challenges, the adjustments of the new year what is the state of thy heart?

It is important that you know, for the heart, according to the Scriptures, is the very center of our life; the secret of our personality. Where a woman's heart is, there is she. Where your heart is centered there is found the “real you” and out of this secret, personal place will come all the issues and answers of life.

The heart has been compared to a wheel with many spokes revolving around one hub. At the hub of the Christian heart Christ must reign supreme if we are ever to be completely happy. However, the Christ-centered life is not to be a dull, narrow, joyless existence. For God has made man to be “universal”, to have all things, to love all things and to serve all things. We are to be as wide in our outreach, in our sympathies, in our interests and in our activities as was our Saviour. As Christ-centered Christians we are then to have a “disciplined” appreciation of all things and the “disciplined” use of all things. For are we not joint-heirs with Christ, the Heir of all things?

Furthermore, does the Father wish to stop our growth, limit our proper activities and cripple our personality? Does He continually take away our blessings, deprive us of love and joy and speak to us in a negative way or voice? It is always a positive appeal. It is always an encouraging word. “Come up higher, my child.” For the Christian it has never been, “Thou shalt not do this or

that thing in order to have my blessing.” For through Christ we already have His unlimited grace and mercy, and the Holy Spirit constantly seeks to fill us with the fullness of God. Our part in this plan is simply to keep Christ alone in the center of our heart.

Now allow me to take you yet one step further along this path. What of those precious things we once possessed but now have lost within the cycle of the years gone by? Where is that beloved child or that one lovely moment long since dim in our memory? What of that bright talent that once was ours, that seeking, inquiring mind, those busy demanding days and hours? Are they too gone forever? Shall we ever truly regain what is now lost? Really, my friends, we have never at any moment been in real danger of losing these dear things we once knew. They are all waiting, lovely and radiant for us to reclaim them one day from the hand of God Himself.

“All which I took from thee, I did but take, not for thy harms, but just that thou might seek it in My Arms. All that which the child's mistake fancies is lost, I have stored for thee at home. So rise, clasp My hand and come.”

What is the state of thy heart as the new year hastens on? Keep it centered in Him, that possessing God we might possess all things.

Mrs. Frank Morrison,
Ashland, Ohio.

Thy thoughts are good, and Thou art kind,
E'en when we think it not;
How many an anxious, faithless mind
Sits grieving o'er its lot,
And frets, and pines by day and night,
As if God had lost it out of sight,
And all its wants forgot.

—P. Gerhardt.



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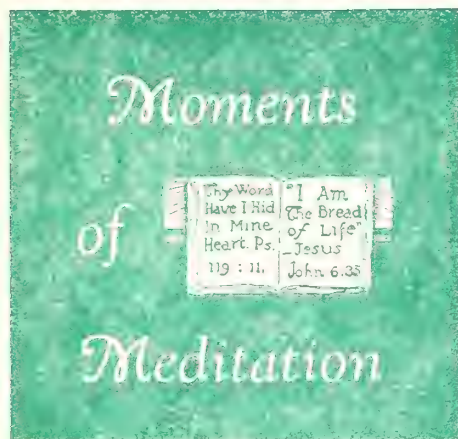
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SWEEP, BUT DON'T PRAY

CAPETOWN, South Africa (EP)—South African ministers declare as true a story which carries its own editorial about racial segregation in churches there. According to the story, an official of one of the churches in Capetown accosted a Negro entering the building and sternly asked, "Don't you know this church is for whites only?" The Negro replied, "I'm going in only to sweep the church, sir." "That's all right then," the official said, "but Heaven help you if I catch you praying."

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A STRONG CONGREGATION

"Is it a strong congregation?"
 "Yes," was the reply.
 "How many members are there?"
 "Thirty."
 "Thirty! Are they so wealthy?"
 "No, many of them are poor."
 "How, then, can you say it is a strong church?"
 "Because they are earnest, devoted, at peace, loving each other, following the Word of God in all things, instant in prayer, and striving together to do the Lord's work. Such a congregation is strong, whether composed of thirty or three hundred members."—Lutheran Annual.

GENEROUS

Teofilo ("Friend of God") said to Christobel ("Christbearer"), the new convert in the little mission chapel in Cuba:

"Christobel, if you had a hundred sheep, would you give fifty of them for the Lord's work?"

"Yes, I would."

"Would you do the same if you had a hundred cows?"

"Yes, Teofilo, I would."

"Would you do the same if you had a hundred horses?"

"Yes, of course."

"If you had two pigs, would you give one of them to Him?"

"No, I wouldn't; and you have no right to ask me, Teofilo, for you know I have two pigs."

"If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." II Cor. 8:12.

—From Prairie Overcomer.

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Thoughtful people cannot escape feeling that they were created for an everlasting purpose. They have wants and needs this present world cannot satisfy. They are familiar with thirsts for the unseen, infinite, and Eternal. They know aspirations, ambitions, and dreams that can never be realized in this mundane sphere. Time is too short for the accomplishments of the soul.—W. H. Rogers.

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God will never give a man license to sin.



THE WANT OF THIS AGE IS MEN

The great want of this age is men
 Men who are not for sale.

Men who are honest, sound, true to the heart's core.

Men who will condemn wrong friend or foe, in themselves as well as others.

Men whose consciences are steady as the needle to the pole.

Men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels.

Men who can tell the truth and look the truth.

Men that neither brag nor run.

Men who can have courage without whistling for it, and joy without shouting to bring it.

Men in whom the current of everlasting life runs still and deep and strong.

Men who know their message and tell it.

Men who know their duty and do it.

Men who know their place and fill it.

Men who mind their own business.

Men who are not too lazy to work nor too proud to be poor.

Men who are willing to eat what they have earned, and wear what they have paid for.

—Publisher Unknown.

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You have powers that you never dreamed of. You can do things you never thought you could do. There are no limitations in what you can do except the limitations in your own mind as to what you cannot do. Don't think you cannot. Think you can.

—Darwin P. Kingsley.

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The rich are saved in spite of the riches and not by means of them.—Perry C. Ainsworth.

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The Editor's Pulpit

In Church On Sunday

IN AMERICA, last Sunday, thousands and thousands of people went to church. Some attended just one service, either the Sunday School hour, or the worship service. Others attended both. A still smaller percentage attended evening services. Included by some were the various services for youth, or a special practice, or two.

In some respects, Americans are known as a "church-going people". While it may seem, as we look at empty pews and note the number of people who never go to church, that we don't have too high a percentage of people attending church in America, yet it is true that the number is higher than we might think.

It is interesting to analyze the reasons why people go to church. Certainly, we are not compelled to go to church. The Government does not stand at our back with a gun against our neck forcing us to go to church. Sometimes boys and girls feel they are being forced to go to the services; if they do, proper education in the purpose of church attendance needs to be taught to these children.

Some church attendants have ulterior motives in going to church. A business man may feel it is good for his business to be seen among church people—people somehow seem to trust a man who attends church. Still others attend church to relieve a guilty conscience, somehow feeling that being in church will be a cure-all for a wayward life. It is not uncommon for people to admit that they came to church for something to do. All these are mis-guided motives.

It would be interesting if we could have a listing of the motives which cause the thousands of Americans to attend church on a given Sunday. Better still, is to analyze our own motives in attending the services of our own church. Why did we go to church last Sunday? Our answer will explain why we may feel we got very little out of it, or were many times blessed for going.

Church attendance is a privilege, ordained of God, and guaranteed under law by our Government. Some who claim church membership take

this freedom to mean they have the privilege of attending church or not, whereas the law says we have the right of public assembly. No law can compel people to attend church. Law can forbid people from attending church, as many in other countries can affirm.

Thus, there must be some other reason which causes people to arise from beds of ease to travel to their church on Sunday. The Psalmist said, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." We see first of all, the Object of our worship—or church attendance. God, the central Person, the One to whom we give adoration and praise. The Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, becomes the real reason for attending church. We praise His Name, we worship Him, we seek His help and promise to live for Him and serve Him each day.

There can be no other reason for which the true Christian goes to church. However, there are many side-benefits. Fellowship with other Christians, the joy of giving out of that which God has given to us, the opportunity to speak of Christ, the Savior, to those who have not yet given their hearts to Him. (What church does not have some of all ages who have never actually given their hearts to the Lord?)

So, our approach to going to church on Sunday should be one of joyful anticipation! This should prompt us to prepare our hearts ahead of time, to let nothing avoidable to interfere with our attendance at the services, and to do what we can to encourage others to attend with us. The following words of the poet sum it up well:

"I'm glad I went to church today;
I'm glad I took the time away
From life's concerns and clamoring stress,
To WORSHIP there in quietness,
To let material thoughts take wings,
And set my mind on spiritual things,
To worship, meditate and pray;
I'm glad I went to church today."

W. S. B.

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Brother J. D. Hamel was guest speaker at the K and K Trailer Park the evening of March 6th.

NEW PARIS, INDIANA. From the New Paris bulletin for March 13th, we quote: "Work is progressing nicely on the upper Sunday School classrooms. A fine group of men was here Friday night preparing the floor and laying tile down the hall."

WABASH, INDIANA. (COLLEGE CORNER). Speaker for March 27th was a member of the Gideons Organization.

HOWE, INDIANA. (BRIGHTON CHAPEL). The W. M. S. public service was scheduled for March 31st, with Missionary Richard Burger as the speaker.

COMING EVENTS

ROANOKE, INDIANA. Pre-Easter Services—Apr. 3-10—Dr. E. M. Riddle, Speaker-Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO. Firestone Park Brethren—Dedication Services for new sanctuary—April 10th, 2:30 P. M.—Professor Charles R. Munson, Speaker; Rev. J. G. Dodds, Pastor.

AKRON, OHIO. Firestone Park Brethren. Holy Week Services—Apr. 11-17—Rev. W. St. Clair Benshoff, Speaker; Rev. J. G. Dodds, Pastor.

FLORA, INDIANA. Pre-Easter Services—Apr. 10-17—Pastor Arthur H. Tinkel, speaking.

TIOSA, INDIANA. Evangelistic Services—Apr. 18-24—Rev. H. William Fells, Evangelist; Rev. J. Edgar Berkshire, Pastor.

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS. Revival Services—Apr. 18-24—Rev. Clarence A. Stogsdill, Speaker-Pastor.

CAMERON, W. VA. Homecoming and Roll Call Day—Apr. 24—Rev. Cecil Bolton, Jr., Pastor.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. Pre-Easter Services—Apr. 11-14—Rev. William Curtis, Speaker; Rev. John T. Byler, Pastor.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO DISTRICT LAYMEN'S RALLY April 19th Canton, Ohio.

1960 BRETHREN PASTOR'S CONFERENCE April 26, 27, 28

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OHIO MEN AND BOYS—ATTENTION

Remember the week-end of April 9th is the time for planting seedlings at the Ohio Camp. We need the help of all the men and boys. Please plan to help, either Friday, April 8th, or Saturday, April 9th. Bring tiling spades or shovels. Please don't disappoint these little trees!

Ohio District Camp Board.

OUR COVER PICTURE: Photograph by Harold M. Lambert.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

SAINTS HIDING IN THE CHURCH

"Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." (Mark 8:35.)

IN A NOVEL, entitled *Waterfront*, by Budd Schulberg a longshoreman is murdered by a gang in New York City. The priest of the bereft family goes to offer consolation. As he is leaving, he says, "I'll be in the church whenever you need me." Sounds sympathetic, doesn't it? But the sister of the dead man replied to the priest's parting offer, "Was there ever a saint who hid in the church?"

The priest was stung by these words of his parishioner and at the risk of his life, he organized the longshoremen into a decent union to fight the racketeers, and he wins.

There is a real truth hidden in this little incident. No saint ever hides in the church. And the church, when she is at her best, never hides behind saintliness, or runs for cover.

Those who make up the membership of the church do their best work outside the confines of the church's walls. When the message of salvation is taken into all the world and brought to bear upon all of man's problems, it then begins to live. And it lives best, and to greatest good when it lives in the hearts of men.



ELDER W. T. LYTLE

ELDER WILLIAM T. LYTLE, 78, retired Brethren Minister, a member of the Flora, Indiana, First Brethren Church, died February 24, 1960, after an illness since last October.

Rev. Lytle was born in Illinois. On October 10, 1904, he was married to Maude Brumbaugh, Goshen, Indiana, who survives. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Donovan (Pauline) Beck, Madison, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Hoyte (Arlene) Mann, Flora; three

grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; one brother, G. H. Lytle, Goshen. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois.

Pastorates served by Rev. Lytle were: Dutchtown, Burlington, Loree, College Corner, Roann and Flora. At Flora, he was pastor when the present church was built and dedicated. His many friends testify as to his great ability and remember him as one who carried a burden for the Lord's work. On January 14th, Brother Russell Kuns, Superintendent of the Brethren's Home, and the undersigned, were called by Rev. Lytle to anoint him according to the scriptures. This was a blessed experience. His interest in the well-being of the Flora church never lessened.

Final rites were conducted in the Flora First Brethren Church by his pastor. Besides several local ministers, the following Brethren Elders were in attendance at the service: J. Milton Bowman, C. Y. Gilmer, and Herbert Gilmer. Burial was made in the Maple Lawn Cemetery, just east of Flora.

Arthur H. Tinkel, Pastor.

World Religious News in Review

POST OFFICE TO USE SLOGAN CANCELLATION IN OBSCENITY FIGHT

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—For the first time, the Post Office Department is placing slogan cancellations in use in 13 major post offices in a drive to encourage the public to co-operate with its enforcement campaign against obscene literature in the mail.

Special dies bearing the cancellation slogan: "Report Obscene Mail to Your Postmaster" have been sent to postmasters in the nation's ten largest post offices: New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit and Cleveland. The slogan will also be used at Miami, Fla., Atlanta, Ga., and New Orleans, La., and will be available for other post offices, if postmasters or postal inspectors request it.

Postal inspectors are forbidden to open first-class mail, so their only means of obtaining evidence against mail order smut dealers is if members of the public bring in letters or circulars which are addressed to them.

Postal inspectors admit that they are especially anxious to secure copies of mailings to teen-agers. Many church and civic groups have protested the smut peddlers' use of mailing lists of high school or prep school students, but too often, postal officials say, indignant parents who discover such mail burn it and are too embarrassed to report it to their postmaster.

GRAHAM MEETINGS BARRED IN SUDAN

BULAWOYO, S. Rhodesia (EP)—Except for the mild antagonism of Moslems, Billy Graham has experienced gratifying response to his preaching during his 10-week, nine-country "Safari for Souls" in Africa begun January 20.

At the start of the second half, however, he was barred by the Sudanese government from holding a meeting in Khartoum, scheduled for March. No reason was given, but members of the Graham team point out that martial law is still in force in Sudan and the meeting would have

conflicted with observance of the Moslem holy month of Ramadan.

At rallies here, Graham addressed approximately 9,000 Rhodesians in a non-segregated audience—reportedly the largest multi-racial meeting ever held in the Central African Federation. Some 400 whites and Africans responded at the close of the service when Evangelist Graham invited his listeners to make "decisions for Christ."

GERMAN AGENCY TRACES MISSING PERSONS

MUNICH, Germany (EP)—Sponsored jointly by Catholics and Protestants, a German inter-creedal agency is attempting to learn the fates of German refugees and other missing persons. Called the German Churches' Tracing Service, the agency last year uncovered the whereabouts of 338,000 missing persons. About 900,000 more cases in the files of the service are still waiting to be clarified.

The service, a combined effort of the Roman Catholic Caritas organization and Hilfswerk, welfare arm of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID), has in its files the names and addresses of more than 15,500,000 living, dead or missing German refugees, expellees and soldiers. Since its establishment after World War II, the agency has reunited more than 5,000,000 persons with their families.

OUR

MISSIONARY

ADVANCE

Dr. E. M. Riddle

"FOR GOD SO LOVED the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jesus, here, laid the foundation of missions in His own heart's blood. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself before the world was. On that basic theology which shines forth in both the Old and New Testaments, Jesus Christ took His stand. He said, "I know whence I come, and I know whither I am going." Therefore, He knew the will of God regarding the great plan of evangelization.

The Power of Sacrifice

This element stands alone, because it is fundamental and supreme. It is a force which has been wielded in the world in past generations; it is also that which must be felt by the world in the future. This beautiful word **sacrifice** is derived from the old Latin **sacerficio**, meaning "to make sacred, by putting to death." It is a word connoting blood. In the Old Testament we see it in its fullest significance only on the altar; in the New Testament, on the Cross. Just as surely as the heart of the New Testament teaching is the cross, so surely the term "missionary enterprise" spells sacrifice. The supreme sacrifice

of Jesus was the Incarnation; His death on the cross was the culmination of that great sacrifice for men. **As we share in the World Mission offering of the Brethren Church, will ours be a sacrificial gift or a mere offering?**

Volunteers

If we expect the evangelization of the unbelieving and indifferent world, we must send volunteers. These heralds of the Gospel must be willing. It must be their personal decision so to serve the Lord. We might as well expect a big crop of corn or wheat on an Indiana farm without turning a furrow or sowing grain as to anticipate the salvation of souls without sending somebody to tell the story and to live it. In the Bible there is no authority for expecting God ever to save the ungodly in any way other than in the divine way which He outlined from the beginning—through His son.

"Ye shall be my witnesses unto the uttermost part of the earth." He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world. Never will there be a real harvest until there has been a real conscientious seed sowing. Your business and mine is to see that the seed is sown over the world and to believe that our God will

look after the sunshine, the dew and the rain of His grace, and will give the harvest. Our Lord, in using another figure, said, "The harvest truly is great and the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into His harvest." This is the divine process. **If you and I cannot GO, it is ours to help others who can. Thus we shall have a share in the greatest work that is going on today or ever shall go on.**

Intercessory Prayer

"The greatest need of missionary endeavor is prayer," said Billy Graham recently. Christians recognize PRAYER as the missionary force. An English preacher has said, "Prayer has twelve parts: meditation, aspiration, adoration, recollection, thanksgiving, praise, contrition, confession, faith, supplication, petition, and intercession." Said this servant of God also, "Intercession is the hardest as it is the highest." In it, we become comrades with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Possibly this power of intercession is easier for us to accept and understand than it was for people of earlier generations.

Some years ago, science itself suggested the possibility and validity of prayer. We need not rest in the realm of theory; there are facts, experiments by the hundreds that no sane man can deny the positive effect of intercession. I have yet to meet a missionary who has not been a person of prayer. The history and records of the church are replete with accounts of people who knew how to pray. Soul winners must be people who depend upon prayer.

BRETHREN! how many of us are praying for missionaries by name, at home or abroad? Have we definitely prayed for souls to be born again? Why should we not do what many other Christians do? Here is a challenge; it is the challenge of world need. Be reminded also that our Lord said, "Render an account of thy stewardship." Have we been faithful in the stewardship of prayer?

Evangelization

To evangelize the world in this generation is our goal. We want a share in the task. We should realize that the world we are trying to evangelize is not one of thousand-year-old trees or of century-old brutes, but it is a world of living men who will last one generation and no more; that the world for which we are partly responsible is our own generation. All life is of God, and all duty, even the humblest is divine; so **our Church needs to feel the challenge with a commensurate**

faith. This call is not for a mere few in each church, but for every one in **the Church.**

In three short years, our Lord went about in Judea, Samaria and Galilee. I suspect He would have said that He evangelized those villages. St. Paul tells us that from Jerusalem round about to Illyricum he fully evangelized the Roman world. Our Lord has commissioned us to do the thing that we can do. We may have difficulty in telling when a nation has been evangelized, but to present the living Christ and His message to men and women, **this is our task.** To accomplish this, missionaries need the power of God. They must get beyond trust in buildings, appropriations, equipment—some of which is always necessary, but it is only finite. To go with Christ and to have a knowledge of Him is a first requisite. Real men will then rise in new strength; timid men will find themselves facing the world with new courage and inspiration. Our missionaries always need to possess the power which places men, women, and children in a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.

Unnecessary Losses

The greatest loss to the human race and to its progress in the past half century—greater than all other losses combined—has been the **buried talents of God's people.** There is such a vast multitude of nominal Christians in disuse who are registering zero in the vital services they might effectively be doing. This includes the thousands of negatively good, respectable citizens who are not forces in the Kingdom of God.

My Conviction

I believe in the mission of my church. I believe in her missionary program. I believe the message which our missionaries carry; I believe also that our missionaries are some of the very finest in such work today. In my years as a Gospel minister, I have never seen a more inviting moment in which to advance our program than just now. It seems that **every organization** of our church is moved by the call of missions. I believe also that the **Brethren Church** will present her largest missionary offering, **in this time when it is drastically needed,** if we are to carry on the program which is in progress.

Let us PRAY, then GIVE financial support, then offer a son or a daughter—or both—that we may continue to preach this glorious Gospel of God's grace and love. May we be richly blessed because of our concern for the saving of souls.

Roanoke, Indiana.

A DREAM FULFILLED by help FROM MANY HANDS

AT LAST, the moment for which so many of us have been waiting has come and gone. Some have waited longer than others of us, but to one and all it was a joyous moment when we dedicated the new gospel-recording studio here on O'Higgins Street. We had two dedication services: On Friday, more than 100 invited guests came for an official dedication; on Saturday evening, we had an open house for everybody who wanted to come in and visit.

After the opening hymn and prayer on Friday, we listened to greetings from Reverend Clayton Berkshire, recorded while he was here in Argentina. We read portions of a number of letters, as well as telegrams and cables from the United States, giving congratulations on the completion of the studio and asking the Lord's blessing on the studio. Congratulations were brought personally by representatives of the Confederation of Churches, Bible Society, evangelical magazines, and a daily women's program here in Buenos Aires.

We had two messages on "The History of Gospel Broadcasting in Argentina" and "Audio-Visual Methods and their Importance."

After the closing hymn and prayer, ice cream was served to all present—compliments of Mr. Kennedy, a member of the executive committee of "Adelante Juventud." For those who wished to stay, an Argentine film was shown on the life of William Morris, an early missionary educator in Argentina.

During the meeting, recognition was given to a number of people, including our senior missionary, Robert Byler, for his work in the past to make this new studio a reality.

The studio is equipped to record the music and messages for our radio programs and to dub Spanish sound tracks on gospel films and film strips. Plans are fast coming to a head for gospel programs in other languages and expansion of our over-all program for the outreach of the good news of salvation.

Your missionaries in Argentina and the staff of the studio wish to express their deepest gratitude to you in the United States who have made the new studio possible. Mr. H. E. Stacey, director of the radio work, has told us over and over that the studio still doesn't seem quite real, because he has been dreaming of it for so long; and you can see the thankfulness in the eyes of Rob Byler every time he enters the studio.

May the Lord bless each one of you who have contributed through your offerings and prayers to this project.

John Rowsey

DEDICATION GREETINGS RECORDED DURING BERKSHIRE'S ARGENTINE VISIT

THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST must continue to reach out across the world, proclaiming the truth of God's love to men wherever they may be. God has ordained that those who believe in His Son and receive Him into their hearts have the privilege and the responsibility of propagating the glorious message of salvation and hope. Through the centuries, God has

The dedication day crowd assembled in the recording studio is listening to Osvaldo Perreto, who is in charge of the literature department of the radio work.



directed His Church, the body of Christ, in the continuous outreach of the Gospel. He has filled men and women with courage to go into most difficult places; He has inspired many to attempt the impossible; and He has given vision to some to explore hitherto unused means, that the Gospel might be communicated more rapidly by surmounting the many barriers of material circumstances.

Today, here on this location at O'Higgins, we see what God can do and what He has done through His people who have been obedient to the Heavenly vision. We see again how God illumines the minds of dedicated men so that they can carry the vision to others and ultimately accomplish the will of God.

The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church is grateful to God for raising up men of vision in Argentina. Furthermore the Missionary Board has deeply appreciated the development of higher quality evangelical radio programs, during these recent years. As an indication of interest and concern for the expansion of evangelical radio work, the Board allocated funds to construct the radio studio which is being dedicated today. This is a magnificent studio equipped with instruments of quality capable of producing the best possible programs for the glory of God. From this place out across the world will go the truth that sets men free. This truth will carry with it the invitation to come to Jesus Christ who awaits the opportunity to free men from their sins.

Our Lord Jesus placed upon His disciples the responsibility of carrying forth the truth about His life, His death, His resurrection and the meaning of these to the world. This responsibility has been passed down through succeeding generations of believers. We, the believers of today, hold the truth of the light of life in our hands. To what extent this light shines out across the world depends upon us.

We are charged with the responsibility of using every legitimate means to bring truth and light to those who sit in darkness. Radio is one of the modern means of this present era which we can dedicate to God for effective evangelization. Because it can penetrate all barriers and because of its excellent coverage, those both near and far have an opportunity to hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through this medium, thousands who otherwise might never know of Christ the Saviour, will both hear of Him and receive Him as Lord of their lives. We praise God for showing us this ministry through the radio.

Today, as this building is dedicated to the glory of the Lord, let us be mindful of the need for spiritual dedication. Our lives must be completely dedicated to God if we hope to have the power of His Spirit; if we expect to accomplish His will. This must be a personal dedication in which we "present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." (Romans 12:1) Such a dedication must be continuous and it can be through prayer, the study of God's Word and implicit trust in Him.

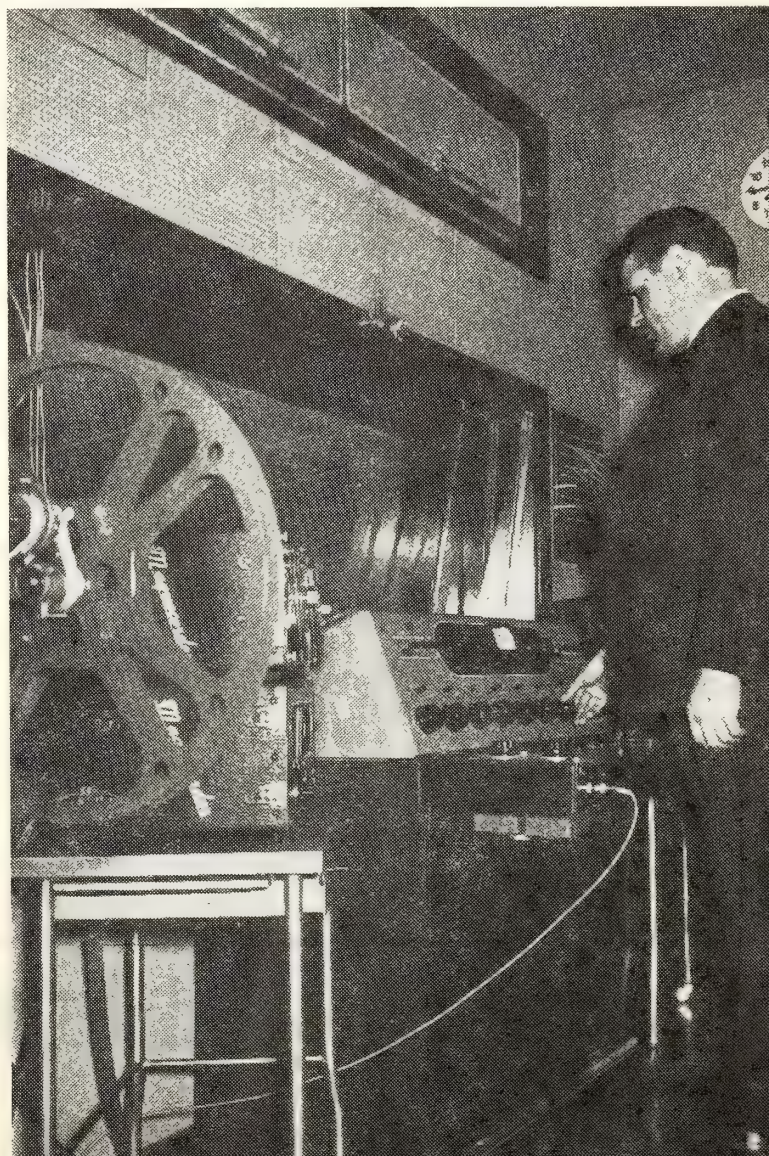
This is a day of joy in the Lord. It is also a day of hope, for from this place will go forth the glorious message of salvation which is the hope of all mankind everywhere.

New Stations Added

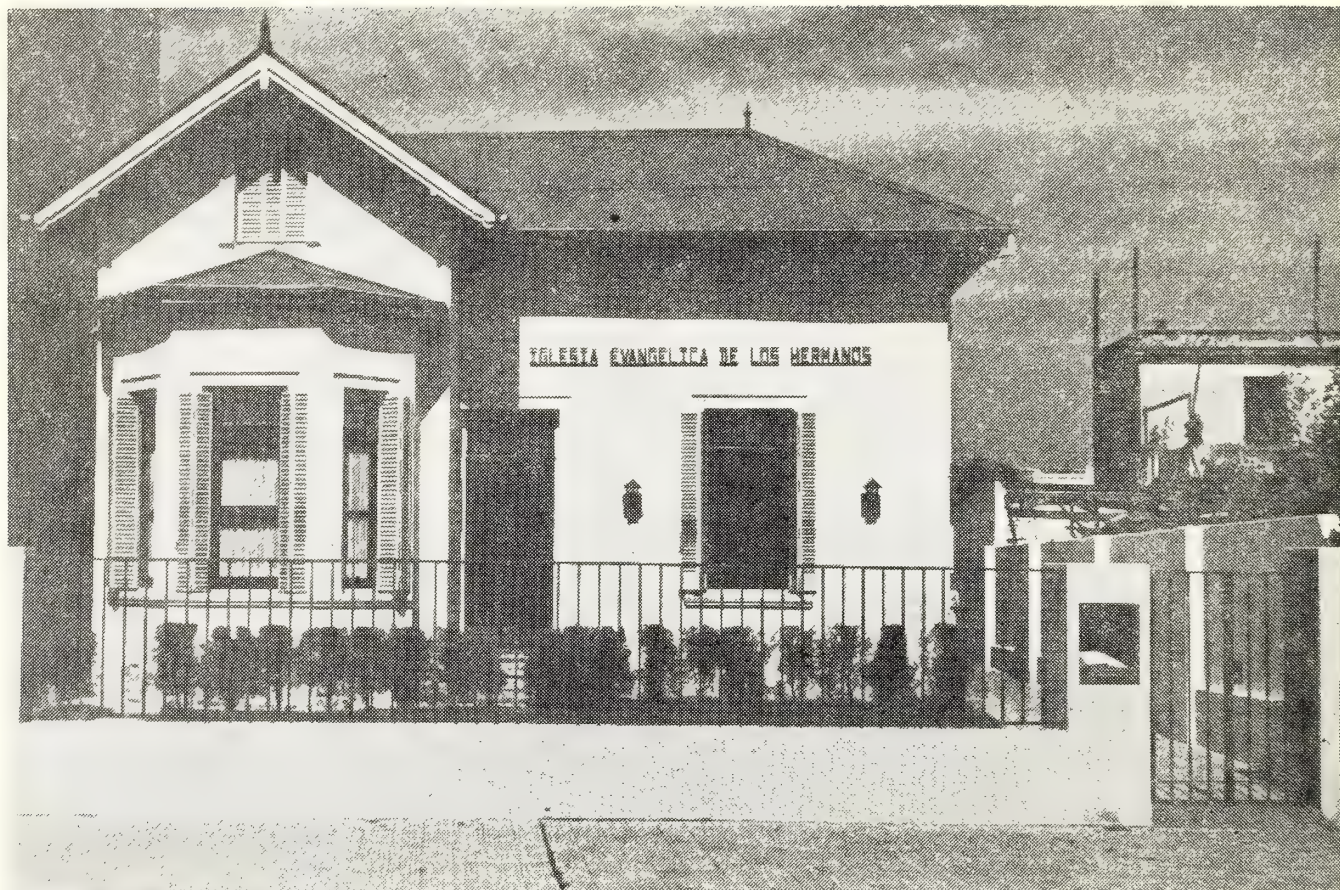
I AM VERY HAPPY to report to Evangelist readers who are keeping a record of the radio stations carrying our programs that we have added two new stations. One is "Radio Colonia," a short wave in Montevideo, Uruguay; the other is "Comodore Rivadavia," in the South of Argentina. As yet, I don't have accurate information regarding coverage and power, but both add to our coverage of Argentina in an excellent fashion. As we receive more information on these stations and on a number of others that are pending, we will share it with those in the States who support the work.

We praise God that He has permitted our radio programs to be used now on ten stations. The story of Salvation is being told to more of those who have not heard; many closed doors and hearts that have been barred to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ are being opened to Him who can change lives and redeem souls.—John D. Rowsey, Radio Technician, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(The programs referred to by John Rowsey are those which are prepared at the new recording studio, located in the headquarters building in Buenos Aires. John Rowsey and Rob Byler help in preparing these programs and assist in sending them to the ten different stations for broadcast each week, according to a definitely-arranged schedule. The estimated audience is now well over 250,000. These are hearing the program each week.—W.C.B.)



Jose Romanuk, one of the radio technicians, operates the control panels.



Brethren Headquarters building, 3162 O'Higgins Street, Buenos Aires, Argentina. The new landscaping adds beauty to this attractive building.

ARGENTINE BRETHREN CAMP SCORES AGAIN

SITUATED IN A BEAUTIFUL LOCATION in the Sierras of Cordoba, overlooking what is called "The First River", is the property of the evangelical camp called, "Campamento Evangelico Diquecito" (our Brethren Camp site), where so many young people of many denominations have passed their vacation season.

It is really nice to arrive and immediately to find an atmosphere of Christian love and fellowship that characterizes this camp. Within a short time all the campers are speaking like acquaintances of many years, in spite of the fact that they come from churches that are geographically separated by quite some distance.

Soon after entering into the camp program, we sensed that much time was spent by the camp commission in praying, planning, and studying, for the camp had borne its desired fruit and the Lord had really guided them.

The camp program was as follows: Each morning there were two important Bible studies of 40 minutes in length. One of these was of a very practical nature in that it dealt with personal witnessing and evangelism, which is a great responsibility for every believer, old or young. Another study was based on the prophecies of the Book of Daniel that revealed to us the fulfillment of God's prophetic Word and the urgency of proclaiming

to all people that we are living in the last times. We also studied in another class Paul's exhortations to Timothy, as they are found in the second letter, and we were led to apply them to our hearts. Finally, in the last week, there was a debate on themes suggested by the youth, in which we considered, with Biblical basis, the positions that we should take on certain phases of our daily experiences in life.

We believe that it is best to have all studies in the morning, because with our clearest minds and well-rested bodies we can assimilate more then, without difficulty.

In the sports activities we received maximum benefits because of the very capable direction of Jorge Powell. There were all kinds of recreational activities, and we especially enjoyed the swims in the river.

The hike that we took, with the very capable leadership of Dr. Norman Romanenghi, deserves a whole paragraph. As an untiring hiker, he knows perfectly the mountains of Cordoba; and very skillfully guided by him, the 36 campers went on an excursion of two days. We walked among hills covered by green vegetation, admiring the wonderful landscape and inhaling the perfume of fragrant herbs of these mountains. At night we slept in the open air in a beautiful place called "Que-

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brada de Guevara" where a murmuring stream lulled us to sleep. As a roof we had the star-covered sky; a full moon illuminated all with its white light. Thus, surrounded by the beauties of nature, the sounds of the many night insects, the murmuring of the stream and the breeze in the trees, we sensed anew the Lord's presence and thus learned more of His great love, since it was He who had given us the opportunity to enjoy these wonders of His creation.

The next morning found us on our way again, continuing our hike upward toward the summit of what is called the "Little Sierras of Cordoba." (From the top we had a magnificent view out over a large valley which separates the "Little Sierras" from the "Sierras Grandes.") Finally we arrived safely back at camp, very tired, but joyful for having had this new experience. Really, the excursion was of such a nature that I believe no camper who went along will ever forget it.

Other activities in camp were the meetings that we had each night. The meetings around the camp fires were

especially nice, because the young people took part at times and related the way in which the Lord had saved them. Every night there were inspired messages that spoke directly to our hearts about the great decision that we should make for Christ. Each Sunday we visited the homes in the neighborhood to give out tracts and invitations to our meetings. Along the river we found many people who had come out from the hot city to spend the day along the banks picnicking and swimming. The distribution of tracts among them is very good, for it gives them something to read in their spare time and also speaks forth the message of Christ.

So, alternating studies, sports, meetings, games, excursions, etc., we completed the program planned by the commission, and the days passed rapidly. When camp was over, all hearts were elevated in a song of gratitude to the Lord for all His blessings.

(This is a free translation of a report by Marta Sawczuk, the office secretary in Nunez, in which she gives her impressions of her first camping experience.)

1960 ANNUAL CONFERENCE—Nigeria

IF GENERAL CONFERENCE is the high-light of the Brethren Church year in the States, our conference is no less the high point in our work out here in Africa. Especially is this true for the missionaries in Jos. For they are, as it were, on an island over 400 miles from the main land of the C.B.M. area of service. So, it is with anticipated joy that they plan and prepare for their jaunt to what is commonly called the trip to the "bush."

All missionaries with their pre-school children, with the exception of one, from all our stations in Nigeria found their way by truck or car, over dirt roads, to Garkida for a wonderful week of fellowship, business, inspiration, prayer, and worship—and even a bit of fun. We are a large family—70 of us—but a family nevertheless, and the whole spirit of the week, even during the business sessions, was that of a family working, planning, suggesting, and cooperating.

The planning of the program was excellent. Brother H. Stover Kulp gave the opening address on Wednesday evening, January 20. Brother Bob Hess, who was an excellent moderator, gave the moderator's address; his theme was "Such a Time." Brother Howard Michael, the father of Herbert Michael, who, with his wife, is in Garkida on an extended visit, shared with the group some of his observations and reflections on the subject, "The Missionary's Relationship to the Home Church." A thought-provoking discussion on the theme, "Fellowship and Identification with our Nigerian Brethren," was led by Brother Mark Keeny, with the whole group participating.

On the second day, this discussion was continued by a panel consisting of Monroe Good, Charles Kraft, John

Grimley, and Marianne Michael; this was led by Ralph Royer. The subject, though handled well, could be touched only briefly in the short time allotted to it. Each morning the early devotional period was led by Herbert Michael. The way he combined music, stories, poetry, and the Bible was unique. Our special musical numbers took away the sense of the ordinary that can easily slip into a missionary conference on the field. Elsie Hall, Mary Anna Petersime, the Ladies' trio from Lassa, Ruth Halladay and Larry Diehl's duet, Irvin Stern, the choir group, and others helped to make this possible. The African field is especially favored with capable and accomplished musicians; their music provided spiritual spice to our worship.

In this 1960 conference, the wonderful periods of prayer time, held as the special closing part of our evening services, were the outstanding feature of our whole get-together. This is a phase of our conference that will last and will be an outstanding pivotal point in the outworking of our conference activities.

The closing session of conference was a consecration service led by Brother Ivan Eikenberry, around an open camp fire under the stars. It was what our Anglican Brethren might call a dry communion—dry in that we did not actually have the sacraments, since we did not want to observe it exclusive of African brethren. Brother Eikenberry led us through the major Christian doctrines, through the Love Feast and Communion Service, and through the areas wherein we on the field need to reaffirm and to re-consecrate ourselves. The service was both fitting and well conducted.

The favorable, constructive, spiritual impression of the 1960 conference of Nigerian will remain long in our memories.—W. Martin.

Advance In Evangelism

LOST SHEEP—GOOD SHEPHERD

Glenn Shank

WHILE SITTING IN CHURCH one Sunday, I was attracted to some commotion on the outside. The disturbance came from a flock of sheep wandering aimlessly about bleating as they searched for food. Their bodies showed signs of too little food, which always characterizes life during the dry season. They looked lost and forlorn. Eventually they disappeared, and my attention returned to the inside where several hundred people were heartily singing "Saviour, like a shepherd lead us . . ."

As I sat and listened to the singing, then to the sermon, the scene which I had first witnessed would not go away. The sheep had disappeared, but their pleading cry, their forlorn appearance and their thin bodies were still before me. My eyes continued seeing and my ears kept hearing them. Here is pictured symbolically the thousands and thousands of Nigerians in our mission area—people who wander aimlessly without hope, because they are "sheep without a shepherd."

On another Sunday a group of us went to an out-village to assist in the very first communion in that area. As the time came for the service, we gathered around the table. Songs were sung; the scripture was read; then the three-fold communion was observed. All the while, more than a hundred people had gathered outside the windows and doors to watch and to listen. There was an occasional whisper, "What strange things these Christians do!"

This time, those outside were not sheep, but people—people who have no meaning or purpose in life. As they watched us, we watched them. The pastor was quoting Jesus' words, "... this is my blood, shed for you . . . my body broken for you—I gave my life as a ransom. I came to seek and to save; I am the Way, the Truth and the Life!"

Many times lately we have thought about these two experiences. Letters come from home asking what people can do to help recall them. Thinking of the Easter Season recalls them. For, you see, it is the Christ of Easter whom these people need. It is the risen Saviour who can redeem and change their lives—change them from darkness to light; from superstition to faith; from hate to love. He can bring hope to the hopeless and rest to the weary. Yes, let us thank God for Easter—the hope of men throughout the ages. Let us thank God too for the Brethren in America, for yours is the responsibility of supporting missions.

Friends, there is something that each of you can do. While we were home on furlough and through many of your letters, many of you have expressed a desire to help. The best way in which you can help is by responding to the World Mission appeal this Easter with prayer and generous gifts.

The extent of your response will in a large measure set the pace of bringing the risen Christ to these "sheep without a shepherd."

GIRLS' CAMP IN NIGERIA

Marguerite Kraft

WOULD YOU CONSIDER WALKING 48 miles to camp? Four of our campers from Gashala—walked 48 miles to the Girls' Camp this year. There were 33 other girls there from Lassa, Chibuk, and Kaurawatakari. These girls represented three different language groups; and since there was no one language they could all understand, everything was translated three ways. One of the primary values of camp was bringing together girls from different tribes, in an atmosphere of Christian fellowship. Tribalism here is still very strong.

Three missionary women, two Nigerian women, two Nigerian schoolteachers, and the camp manager, Mr. Neher, were present for all the camp time. Other missionary women came out for a day or so to help with the program.

Highlights of camp included 1) morning watch, vespers, and campfire each day; 2) Craft period, in which the girls all made small leather coin purses; 3) a class in hygiene and a class on character study of Mary and Elizabeth; 4) Fun at play, including various relays, dodge ball, dual contests, and a big treasure hunt.

Grass mat lean-tos had been erected for Boys' Camp and we lived in them. Beds were made of sticks and

grass. The tribal groups were mixed in each cabin. Since evenings and mornings were cold, everyone huddled around the fire in the center of our cabin for warmth.

Out under a tree, our Nigerian camp cook prepared the meals which we ate at 10:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M. with tea and peanut sticks served at 2:30 P. M. each day. The meals always consisted of guinea-corn mush and gravy made from greens, tomatoes, beans, and sometimes meat. The girls would have their dishes filled; then they would sit in small groups on the ground near the cabins to eat.

An unexpected treat in camp was enjoyed when we gathered after the evening camp fire to share folk games we knew with them; they in turn taught us some of the native folk games.

Since camping for girls is still so new here, camp was quite short—from Friday until Monday. However, these days were full of activity. The cooperation and enthusiasm shown in camp made us all eager to plan for a longer camp next year. We all made many friends and in this time away from routine activities, we were drawn closer to our Maker.

MISSIONARY SPECTRUM—In Nigeria

Robert Bischof

THAT THE WORD OF GOD is going forth could be seen again during the past year, with 1,305 baptisms and 1,422 confessions of faith. There are many places where the work is growing far beyond our expectations. Yet, even as the Word goes forth and new villages are hearing of the Saviour of the World, many villages haven't been reached; much work remains to be done, for many are still living without hope. Such a place is the Gulak Station. The work here is discouraging; yet it is also challenging.

Discouragements

The adults are not being drawn to Christ as they should be. Every Sunday morning, M. Margima, the headmaster of the school; M. Bulama, teacher in the school; and M. Dzugwah, the church evangelist; and I go to the section of the village called Kirngu, where the largest portion of the population is concentrated. First, we walk through the village, stopping at one compound after another, greeting the people and inviting them to the services. Then a service is held under one of the large trees.

As we continue greeting the people, one finds them making excuses for not attending the service. Women usually say, "We must go and cut firewood"; men will say, "We must go and make a grass mat for the compound wall or a grass bundle for the house roof," or "We must go to the market at Hymbula." But they say to their children, "You go to the church." Occasionally someone says, "Is the service also for women or for adult men?" The evangelist then asks, "Do you eat food? Do you eat meat? or is it only the children who eat food and meat?"

Of course, they answer, "All of us eat or else we should die." Then the evangelist declares, "We are bringing you food—for the spirit—which, if you eat, you shall make sure that you never hunger and die, but that you have eternal life." Even then, most of them are interested only in the food for the physical body; they do not attend the services. Thus, the attendance has been mostly children.

But now, for two months, four young married men have been attending the services and have become con-

cerned about Christianity. Hence, even in the midst of apathy in the village, the Holy Spirit is working. With the help of your prayers, we are sure that eventually souls will be saved. The discouragements of the mission field are the same as those at home; but many times, because of the number here who are continually accepting Christ, the discouragements are not pointed out.

Challenges

The challenge here is that the Gulak Station is on the frontier, that all around us is village after village where the Word of God hasn't yet been preached. During the past several weeks, the members of the Gulak Church Committee have been studying the map of the station area, trying thus to determine where it would be best for another evangelist to be sent. This is hard to decide, since there are so many villages in all directions. To the north, about twelve miles, there is the Wagga Tribe, where no Christian work has been done; to the north and to the east are the villages of Wula, Visik, Sukur, and Midlu. These are known as the villages where many of the Margi clans began, but as yet they have not been reached.

At Midlu we have had an evangelist for about 8 months, and the response has been gratifying. The people were eager for him to come to their village; they sent people to carry his loads, built him a compound, and gave him some grain and land in which to plant it.

To the north and west there is the village of Innagu; a distance of about 30 miles away is Mulgwe; and even farther north, Urga. There are likewise important Margi historical villages where the Word has not been preached and where there are souls to be saved. These are the challenges of the work at Gulak, and they far surpass the discouragements which we feel right here at the village of Gulak.

Furthering the Kingdom

Much is needed for us to meet the challenge. It can be met through us—you, me, and our African Christians—sending out evangelists. Even as our churches at home need pastors, here at Gulak we need more evangelists—men who are consecrated to the Lord and willing to go into these far villages. The African Church will have to

The Field Committee of the Nigerian Mission gives direction to the administration and the development of the work.

Members (left to right) are—Ivan Eikenberry, Jim Bowman, Bob Hess, Bob Bischof, Irven Stern, Mary Dadisman and Stover Kulp.



supply them, but we can help by praying that young men shall be willing to go and serve their Lord.

The Mission will have to train them. This again can be done by our prayers for the success of the Bible school, that through it many evangelists will be trained; by your prayers that your missionaries will be used of God

to train evangelists and to challenge young men for evangelistic work.

The African Church, the Mission, and the Home Church can unitedly provide the funds for training these evangelists in the Bible school and on the mission stations as well as for sending them forth.

WE ARE PROMOTING WORLD MISSIONS IN OUR CHURCH

Herbert Gilmer

JESUS SAID, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4) The ministry of Jesus lasted only three and one-half years, but look at the many things accomplished in such a short time! Throngs of people were healed spiritually and physically. What a challenge Christ is to us! The great commission is ours to fulfill. There is no greater calling!

In recent years I have been greatly concerned about our nation; it is such a needy mission field! That's why I quit farming! God reasoned with me that souls are more precious than chickens, hogs and cattle which one may raise. I loved farming, but I saw souls headed for a Christless eternity, and God called me to direct them to Heaven through His precious Son. I want to urge other men from 30 to 40 years of age to consider seriously going into the ministry. The Brethren Denomination will lose churches if we can't supply ministers for the pulpits.

New churches must be built to keep up with the increase in population. Who will be their pastors? I am happy to know that our Seminary is prepared to give a two-year course to any man receiving the call in later life. At our Laymen's State Rally in Warsaw, Indiana, recently, we were reminded that "We cannot have a strong world mission program until our home front becomes strong with zeal and deep concern for lost souls. From our churches in America must come missionaries for the foreign field. Some must come from our small churches."

Our church in Roann is trying to do more toward home missions. In October, 1959, the sponsors of our young people took twenty of them on a camping trip to Lost Creek and Krypton, Kentucky, to see our missionaries at work. (See full report in December 12 issue of *The Brethren Evangelist*, page 18) Our youth were challenged when they saw the need for more workers. We are also helping our Life Work Recruits by cooperating with our National B. Y. C. Two of our girls will be crusaders for Christ this summer. On January 31, five of our young people gave messages on the subject, "What I See When I Lift Up My Eyes." These messages challenged the listeners. It was easier to give these messages after seeing Kentucky.

Our young married couples have been taking part in a local visitation program. They met to make brochures which contain all of our denominational magazines, tracts on salvation, and booklets to encourage family altars. Our callers are happy to present these neat-looking brochures to prospects. We are seeing favorable results

from their efforts. They are receiving much joy from their visitation too.

On March 13, three of our men spoke on the same subject our youth used in January. These messages raised the spiritual sights of those who prepare them and help the congregation as they hear someone other than the pastor give the challenge.

The brethren at Roann have helped in paying Robert Bischof's salary for quite a few years. All organizations and classes of the church work toward meeting this financial goal by Easter. Giving to world missions—especially to the personal support of a missionary or a missionary child—benefits the Christian greatly. Our people are quite faithful also in writing letters and praying for our missionaries.

Each year we have one month of mission study—usually in the spring. Recently we purchased the filmstrip "Nigeria Moves Ahead," from our Missionary Board. This film can be used for a study for several Sunday evenings. One of our best nights of study last year featured several people reporting on agriculture, customs, population, outstanding religions, etc., of South America. Each night, after we studied a country in which our missionaries serve, we focused our attention on a large map on the wall of the church. All lights were turned out except a spot light shining on the map. A string was fastened to the place on the map where we live; the other was attached to the very spot where our missionaries are working. Several prayers were given for our missionaries and a closing song, "Send the Light," was sung.

We have had two different missionary couples to visit our church this past year. The Shanks were with us two nights at the beginning of our revival in March. They gave us a good start in the meetings. Doc and Donna were with us again during our daily vacation Bible school in June. We also had a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Benalcázar, and their family, from Quota Ecuador, with us for an evening program. We enjoyed having them in our church. We intend to have the Byler and the Krafts with us this year, if possible.

In October, 1959, our people accepted the challenge to give of their labor toward Lost Creek and to our newly-organized Mishawaka Church. We pray this will become a reality this summer and fall. Fourteen adults responded to this call. Our young people are willing to help also. We are grateful for the missionary spirit of our people. Our missionary committee is very cooperative and eager to have a good missionary program in our church.

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



**A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958**

Perhaps it should be stated that the Guide in Florence took us by a park where was displayed a beautiful statue of George Washington. Perhaps this was in part to make up for the uncomplimentary inscriptions of the Communists which they had written on the Arno river walls, blaming America for all of Italy's troubles.

For Wednesday, July 30, the Diary speaks, "Started to Geneva at 10:00. We passed and looked at Coste of Nyon. The guide showed us a park in Geneva with 26,000 rose bushes. From this park we could see the United Nations Building and took pictures of it. Geneva has a population of 175,000. It is on Lake Lemman, sometimes called Lake Geneva.

"We went to see St. Peter's cathedral, which is a Protestant church. John Calvin used to preach there. Then we saw the United Nations Building and the International Red Cross building close up but did not go into either. Got back to the hotel about 6:15. Ate soon after 7:00; all of our party ate at one long table. Some pictures were taken at the table and in the lobby after we were through eating. Understand that we were to leave about 3:00 tomorrow."

In Geneva we visited the park of the Reformers and saw statues of those who sparked the Reformation. Geneva is a very pretty city. The restaurant keeper took Mrs. Ankrum and myself to an Omega watch store, introducing us to the Manager. On the way he said, "All of your people are wealthy." I tried to discourage him in that idea, which I informed him was far from the truth. Our party bought some nine watches and one clock in Geneva. Watches were on display everywhere as this was the watch manufacturing city of the world. Watches here could be bought at approximately 40% less than they could be bought when brought into the states.

Our guide and bus driver sat at a table near where the writer ate. They downed two big pitchers of wine. It did not help either one of them on their jobs.

The drive back to Lausanne was beautiful, with the Alps on one side of the lake and the Jura mountains on the other. We reversed the morning drive, during which we went to Paderewski's home, and saw the monument erected to his memory. The Lausanne hotel was the first to have splendid drinking water in the taps. How we enjoyed it!

Thursday, July 31, we left Lausanne in the afternoon, by train for Berne, and Lucerne, Switzerland. At Berne we had only 6 or 7 minutes to change trains and as a result the baggage did not all get on the train. The man from the Agency said that it would come on the next train which came in about an hour, to Lucerne. When we came to our room about 9:00 after finishing the evening meal, the suitcases were in the room. Good service. The train trip was through some of Switzerland's most beautiful country, with snowcapped mountains in the

background, and beautiful valleys in the foreground. The trip by train was perhaps about the best of any of the train trips. Europe depends upon trains inasmuch as they have fewer means of travel by private conveyance than we have in the states.

Lucerne, the capital of the canton is one of the most beautifully located cities in Switzerland and extremely popular as a lake resort. It is situated at the foot of Lake Lucerne on the River Reuss, which issues from it. It has ancient churches, and quaint covered bridges and delightful houses. The architecture is peculiar. Our hotel was The Balances, and in a very congested section of the old town. There were original frescoes covering the entire front. The streets were so narrow that some of the modern buses could not even enter. Lucerne has a population of 60,000. Some visited the famous monument, "The Lion of Lucerne." This was a historical monument erected in memory of gallant soldiers of other days. There were many places of interest. Perhaps the nearest to our hotel was the Chapel Bridge, which spanned the Reuss diagonally. From its roof hung 109 paintings that trace the history of Switzerland and Lucerne.

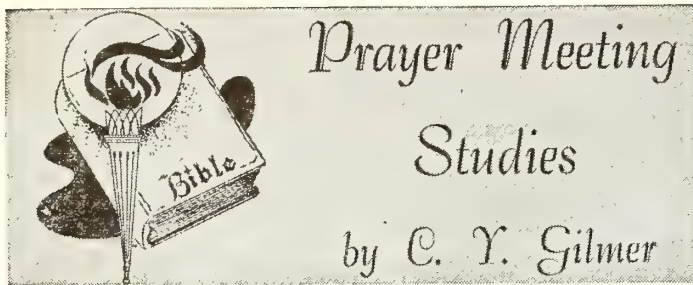
Friday, August 1st. Again the Diary. "After lunch we started on a tour of the William Tell country. Went as far as the town of Altdorf, which means 'little village.' Saw a large statue of William Tell and his son. Also saw where Switzerland started August 1, 1291. This day to the Swiss is like our Fourth of July. They call the place it began the Cradle of Switzerland.

"Saw many beautiful lakes and mountains, and countryside. Passed through many tunnels. The day was hot. They say here that they are having a heat wave. Many places had flags and part of the stores were closed all day, others this afternoon. At dinner they had flags on our napkins and also on the dessert which was a Swiss Chalet made of cookies with ice cream inside. Had a fancy and a good meal. At 8:00 o'clock the bells rang for about 15 minutes celebrating their National Day. Fireworks then started and were still going off when I went to sleep.

"Our hotel was just by the side of a beautiful river. We ate on a covered porch by the riverside. It was difficult here also to get water. The occupants of one of our tables asked one night, 14 times before getting it. They could not believe that here was a party which did not drink wine or smoke cigarettes. We were continually bummed for them in Cairo. Some of us threatened to bring a bucket and dip water from the river, unless it was served us. Likely their profit was made on the wine and not on the water."

Saturday, August 2, 1958. Lucerne, Switzerland. The money in use is the Swiss Franc and the language French, German and Italian. Again Mrs. Ankrum's Diary. "Went the same route on our tour today that we had gone yesterday afternoon. Then we went to the glacier which is the source of the Rhone River. Passed through rugged country with many, many hairpin curves. Where the glacier is, it is 7,972 feet elevation. Then we went down to 1,200 feet to another pass, and up to 3,000.

"Some went under part of the Glacier. They said it was cold, wet and beautiful. We were above the timber line. Saw lots of snow and many beautiful waterfalls, lots of farms, mostly hay on the hillsides and vegetables on the valley floors. A very wonderful tour."



THAT WAS MY LORD

"I am thy Redeemer, for thee I must die,
This cup is most bitter, but cannot pass by:
Thy sins like a mountain, are laid upon me,
And all this deep anguish I suffer for thee."
That was my Lord, that was my Lord,
That was my Lord Who has suffered for me.

JESUS WAS NOT A HELPLESS VICTIM of men and circumstances as His jeering enemies thought (Lu. 23:35-37), but a voluntary sacrifice to pay for man's redemption (Jn. 10:15b; 18a). In their short-sighted wickedness the murderous enemies of Christ sought to mock, revile, and taunt Him as if they had scored a fiendish victory over Him (Matt. 27:35, 39-44). "Christ crucified" was unto the Jews a stumbling block (1 Cor. 1:23), and to all "that perish, foolishness" (1 Cor. 1:18). Christ, "our Passover . . . sacrificed for us" (1 Cor. 5:7), died on the day of the preparation of the passover (Jn. 19:14, 31, 42). His "hour" had come (Jn. 13:1) for which He had come into this world (Matt. 20:18, 19). Peter had sought repeatedly to prevent this "hour" (Matt. 16:21-23; 26:51-54). Christ could not be satisfied until his "hour" was accomplished (Lu. 12:50).

"The agonies of Calvary, could not His love dismay;
He would not yield, tho' God revealed The price that He must pay.
He stood condemned in Pilate's hall, He heard the rabbles' cry;
The King with none to own His cause, My cause would not deny."

It is the mystery of iniquity that those whose sacred office dealt with the sacrifices and things symbolical of the coming Christ and His supreme sacrifice, refused to recognize and accept Him when He became the exact fulfillment of these very things (Heb. 10:10). They had a zealous religion (Rom. 10:2). But they missed the Christ (Jn. 1:11), and lost the great salvation (Rom. 10:1) in the maze of their own man-made traditions and self-glorying (Rom. 10:3). Let their sad example be a serious warning to those who would willfully depart from the true faith since that day (Gal. 1:6-9). The upper crust had even asked John the Baptist if he was "that prophet" (Jn. 1:21, referring to Deut. 18:15). The common people marvelled that the mighty were so dull and slow to perceive (Jn. 7:25, 26; 47-49).

"They that passed by," the chief priests, the scribes, the elders, the soldiers (Lu. 23:36, 37), and even the thieves crucified with Christ (Lu. 23:39), all challenged Christ to come down from the cross to prove His deity. It was love for the redeemed that led Him to the cross

and held Him on that cross (Heb. 12:2). It meant salvation and victory rather than a tragedy (Isa. 53:11). By His death the power of Satan was broken (Gen. 3:15) and sin's mortgage upon the human race was lifted (Rev. 5:9).

"Look at my side, see my hands and feet,
My blood from these wounds has flow'd;"
'Twas love paid the price, paid the price complete,
'Tis love brings you back to God."

Satan had sought to prevent the cross in the life of Jesus by such schemes as the slaughter of the innocent of Bethlehem (Matt. 2:16), the mob at Nazareth (Lu. 4:28-30), incited the furious Pharisees to stone Him (Jn. 8:59; 10:31), sought to bribe Him from His purpose (Lu. 4:6, 7), sought to cause Him to expire in Gethsemane (Matt. 26:38), and then tempted Him to come down from the cross before He had completed His work in fulfillment of many prophecies (Deut. 21:23; Gal. 3:13; Zech. 12:10; 13:6, etc.). But Satan was defeated at Calvary in that the Scriptures were fulfilled (Jn. 19:36, 37). Christ knew that Satan was using Peter to prevent the crucifixion (Matt. 16:22). He knew that Satan sought in Gethsemane to block Him from the cross (Heb. 5:7). But His holy determination to do His Father's will won the day (Heb. 10:5-7) for He died at the exact hour and in the exact place "according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3, 4). He could have come down from the cross (Matt. 26:53, 54), but He would not fail to bear the curse of our sin (Gal. 3:13). Think how He loved us (Jn. 3:16)! That was my Lord (Jn. 20:27, 28)

Lesson

Comments

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Lesson for April 10, 1960

THE STRENGTH OF HUMILITY

Lesson: Matthew 5:3-5; Luke 14:7-14

WILLIAM LAW, the 18th century mystic, was the author of countless works, his most famous being *A Serious Call*, published in 1728. John Wesley spoke of this book as "a treatise which will hardly be excelled, if it be equalled, in the English tongue, either for beauty of expression, or for justness and depth of thought."

As we study this lesson concerning **humility**, let us think of the words of Law as he wrote in the above book: "You can have no greater sign of a confirmed pride, than when you think you are humble enough."

THE HUMBLE ARE BLESSED

Our Lord promises a blessing upon three classes of individuals:

1. "The poor in spirit." The kingdom of heaven is theirs, said Jesus. Such people "are conscious of their spiritual poverty" (Frank S. Mead). They are sinful and unworthy—and they know it!

"To be poor in spirit is to have a humble opinion of ourselves; to be sensible that we are sinners, and have no righteousness of our own; to be willing to be saved only by the rich grace and mercy of God . . . It is opposed to pride, and vanity, and ambition" (Albert Barnes).

2. "They that mourn." Was Jesus referring to those who mourn over affliction and loss, or those who mourn over their sin? Probably both. Henry Alford says Christ meant not only those who mourn "on account of sin, but all such as happens to a man in the spiritual life. All such mourners are blessed: for the Father of mercies and God of all consolation being their covenant God, His comfort shall overbear all their mourning, and taste the sweeter for it."

3. "The meek." The lowly in mind "shall inherit the earth." This is contrary to the laws of man. Man says: "Those who take, are those who get." God says: "Those who give, are those who receive."

"Meekness is patience in the reception of injuries . . . Meekness is the reception of injuries with a belief that God will vindicate us . . . It is proof of true greatness of soul. It comes from a heart too great to be moved by little insults" (Barnes).

Whenever we are tempted to become **PROUD**, may we remember it is the **HUMBLE** who are promised a blessing.

THE PROUD ARE INSTRUCTED

Jesus had been invited to dine in the home of one of the chief Pharisees. Evidently there were a number of guests, for we read that Jesus "put forth a parable to those who were bidden" (Lk. 14:7).

To whom the parable was spoken—The chief Pharisee and his guests.

The reason it was given—"He marked how they chose out the chief rooms."

The heart of the parable—When you are invited to dinner, take the lowest seat present, NOT the highest. If you are the most worthy guest present, the host will soon recognize you to be such and will give you the place of honor.

The lesson of the parable—"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased (humbled); and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (14:11).

The appendage to the parable (spoken to the host)—When planning a dinner, invite those who cannot possibly repay you. In this way you will be repaid—by God—in the day of judgment.

Let us remember: Christ denounced the Pharisees and all who shared their pride. If we too are guilty of this great sin, we are included in that denunciation!

The busy man has time for everything; the man who thinks he is busy hasn't time for anything.

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

IDEAS FOR YOU!

ONE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER has members present sign their names throughout a Sunday school paper which is then mailed to the absentee. The child receiving the paper enjoys searching the paper for the names of those who were present.

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How about having a "Gold Rush" sometime during the year? Each pupil who brings a new member gets a gold nugget (small rock covered with gold paint). When a pupil has ten gold nuggets he is awarded a gold pin. The member with the most gold nuggets at the end of the year receives a gilt-edged Bible with his or her name embossed in gold.

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One effective teacher in the middle of each week sends a personal card to each pupil who has been in the class the previous Sunday. She opens the card with a "Thank you" for something the pupil did that Sunday or during the week. She then suggests something personal to be done by the pupil before the next Sunday. Next she mentions a Bible reference to be looked up for next Sunday's lesson. At the next class social special honor is given the pupil who received the most "thank you" cards the previous quarter. Try it!

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A surprise cookie jar in the primary-junior department is given to the class with the highest attendance for the month. Each month it has cookies, pencils, or other surprises for the class that wins. It works!

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Why not a Rhythm Band in your Beginners' Department? This will spark interest and attendance and will aid the children in learning to sing Sunday school songs. Even the children can take turns being the leader or conductor.

NOTICE TO SUPERINTENDENTS AND PASTORS

Many churches have not as yet returned their completed Annual Statistical Report. This report is now due. Please, make an effort to complete the report and send it to: The Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio. Get it in the mail today. Thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

National Library Week	April 3-10
Palm Sunday	April 10
Easter Sunday	April 17
National Family Week	May 1-8
Mother's Day	May 8
Children's Day	June 12
Father's Day	June 19
Vacation Bible School time	June ????
Summer Camps	June to August

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

ATTENTION PASTORS!

Information Concerning YOUTH SUNDAY Publicity Materials

The National Brethren Youth Board will not be supplying the local churches with Sunday Bulletins for use on Youth Sunday, May 15th—as has been customarily done in past years. This notice may determine the number some of you will be ordering for May.

This year, however, you will again be receiving special Youth Offering Envelopes; and also a printed insert to be used on Youth Sunday or the Sunday preceding. These supplies will be ready for distribution at the Pastor's Conference in Ashland, April 26-28. Those pastors unable to attend the conference will receive their supply by mail the first week in May.

In addition, every subscriber to **The Brethren Evangelist** will be mailed a copy of the printed insert and an offering envelope for his individual giving.

YOUR EMPHASIS AND USE OF THESE MATERIALS WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED!

CENTRAL DISTRICT "SPRING CAMP"

Correction in Date

Word has just been received in the National Youth Office from Rev. Duane Sholly that the date for the Central District Spring Camp has been changed to **May 6-8**.

The location is still to be Cerro Gordo, Illinois. Further information will be mailed to the churches of the Central District.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS—ADVANCE NOTICE

Begin NOW making your plans to attend the 1960 Pastor's Conference to be held in Ashland, Ohio on Tuesday, April 26th through Thursday, April 28th. These meetings concern ALL pastors.

On Wednesday morning of the Pastor's Conference, the Youth Directors will have charge of the morning session. This time will be devoted to: **THE PASTOR AND HIS YOUTH**.

The Life Work Recruit Program which has recently been put into operation will be more fully explained to all those present. You will want to know all the details of it and how it actually works and is being received throughout the Denomination. Helpful hints on Youth Work and its program will also be given. Ideas will be shared by all. Think of any questions to be asked between now and then concerning your BYC. Come and see if you can't receive renewed inspiration for your BYC.

This session is designed with YOU in mind.

There will be coffee and donuts served during a break.

"CAMP DATE" SPECIAL

One of the special features contained within the pages of the March-April issue of "The Brethren Youth Magazine" is a full listing of the Summer Camping Program, sponsored by the National and District Sunday School Boards. You can easily learn of the camp dates in your district at this early date, and then plan more definitely to attend.

Subscriptions for "The Brethren Youth Magazine" are received at any time. Simply send your name, address, and one dollar to the National B. Y. Office, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio.

PIC of the WEEK



"Miami Valley Youth Rally"

The registration table is crowded with young people signing their names to the registration sheets. June Schriml, one of the advisors of the Dayton church, is shown here helping the Brethren Youth find the right sheet. Over 139 youth and adults registered to hear the Speech Contest contestants give their presentation of "What I See When I Lift Up My Eyes". This was by far one of the biggest rallies in the Miami Valley District.

CRIME COSTS ARE RISING RAPIDLY

The annual cost of crime in America, according to FBI leaders, has risen now to over \$22 billion annually or \$506 for every family in the United States.

More money is spent combatting crime in America than is spent in operating all of our churches and synagogues.

Last year there were over 1,553,922 serious crimes committed in our country.

Even more shocking is the fact that during 1958, persons under 18 years of age accounted for 50 percent of the burglary arrests, 48 percent of the larceny arrests and over 18 percent of arrests for forcible rape.

Serious crime grows even faster than the population in our country. What does the Christian church, what does our Brethren Church have to say on how we can effectively combat this insidious growth?

—Adapted from "Contact"

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

"ONLY LOVELY THINGS"

"Let me think of only lovely things—
Happiness that loyal friendship brings,
Peace that hovers 'round a night's repose,
Early morning dew upon the rose.

"Let me watch sweet children while at play,
And follow up their needs throughout the day,
List'ning as the birds at eventime.
Blend their twittering with the vesper chime.

"Let my heart know only lovely things—
Tender silences that loving brings,
Little words of cheer dropped by the way,
Kindliness that glorifies the day.

"Let me cast out worry, doubt, and strife,
Living day by day a simple life—
Ready for new tasks, new hopes, new springs,
Let me think of only lovely things!"

Mrs. Clyde A. Smith,
Los Angeles, California.

Laid to Rest

FRIEND. Mrs. Harry Friend, aged 79, died in her sleep, Feb. 19th. Survived by her husband, two sons, one daughter. Member, St. James Brethren Church. Services by the writer. Burial, Rose Hill Cemetery, Hagerstown. Freeman Ankrum.

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BLOOM. Myron Lee Bloom, Jr., aged 35, died in his sleep while vacationing in Florida, Mar. 10th. Survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, his parents, and one sister. Member, St. James Brethren Church and was active in all its programs. Funeral services before an immense gathering of friends and relatives in the St. James church, in charge of the writer, assisted by Rev. Rowland Reichard. Burial, Green Lawn Cemetery, Williamsport, Md.

Freeman Ankrum.

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OVERHOLSER. Mrs. Inez Overholser, aged 84, passed away in the Brethren's Home, Flora, Ind., Jan. 15, 1960. Member, Burlington Brethren Church. Funeral services by the undersigned.

Arthur H. Tinkel.

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RINKER. Ollie E. Rinker died Dec. 6, 1959, aged 85. Member, Oakville Brethren Church. Funeral services by the pastor.

Arthur H. Tinkel, Pastor.

Brethren Annual Changes 1959-60

FREEMAN ANKRUM. Completed pastorate at St. James, April 1st. New address (p. 84), Rt. 1, Smithsburg, Maryland.

DALE J. LONG: Associate Secretary of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church. Correction on change of address published last month. Home address is now: 637 Buena Vista Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

W. T. LYTLE (p. 88), deceased.

Wedding Announcement

WAHL-FRESH. Mr. George Wahl and Mrs. Grace Elizabeth Fresh were united in marriage at a very lovely wedding in the home of the groom, Meyerdale, Penna., on March 6th. The double ring ceremony was read by the pastor. A number of friends and relatives were present for the occasion.

Guy F. Ludwig, Pastor.

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CAIN-GRIFFITH. Richard Cain, of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Miss Joan Griffith, of Martinsburg, W. Va., were married in the St. James Brethren Church, December 23, 1959. The bride is a member of the Young People's Class, and a member of the St. James church. Ceremony by the pastor.

BOWERS-CANFIELD. Walter Bowers and Mrs. Mary Canfield, both of Fairplay, Maryland, were married in the St. James Brethren parsonage, February 1, 1960. The bride is a member of the St. James Brethren Church. Ceremony by the writer.

ADKINS-LEIGHT. Edward Adkins, of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and Miss Louise Leight, of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, were married February 20th in the parsonage of the St. James Brethren Church. Ceremony by the writer.

NULL-BENDER. Robert Bender, of Hagerstown, R. D., and Miss Patricia Bender, of Sharpsburg, Maryland, were married on March 12th in the St. James Brethren Church. Ceremony by the writer. Robert is a member of the "Robert Cloppers Young People's Class."

Freeman Ankrum.

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BOUGHLER-JONES. Miss Margaret Elizabeth Boughler and Mr. Fred Jones were united in marriage in an impressive Church Ceremony in the First Brethren Church, Flora, Ind., on January 27, 1960. The double ring ceremony was read before the immediate families, by the undersigned. The groom is a member of the Flora church.

Arthur H. Tinkel, Pastor.

FROM OBSERVATION and ANALYSIS

- There is a disturbing lack of conviction in the church today concerning the relevance of missions or its central place in the church's purpose.
- Every Christian is a missionary or else he is missing the point of his high calling in Christ Jesus.
- The circumstances into which missionaries are thrust today demand that they be higher-quality, spirit filled, well-trained individuals.
- In World Missions today every effort must be directed toward the development of the indigenous church; that is to say, a self-supporting, self-governing, and self-propagating church.
- Missionaries and administrative boards must plan with the national churches and not simply for them.
- The effective missionary today is one who approaches his work as a co-worker with the national Christians and their leaders. The missionary's task is no longer "extensive" so much as it is "intensive." He may still preach upon occasion, but his greatest work is to teach those who have been converted to do the work of evangelism.
- Strong national leadership is a necessary factor in the development of a strong national church. There is a need for stronger leadership.
- Cooperative efforts on mission fields, where possible, bring about worthy accomplishments and give evidence of a united spirit among believers.
- Missionary work must be mobile in order to meet the constantly changing circumstances. The church in the homeland must understand this; it must also possess a mobility commensurate with its missionary responsibility.
- The young men studying for the ministry need a broader conception and a deeper understanding of the work of missions.
- Christian Literature, Both General and Specific in nature and in the Language of The people, is A Most Important Factor in the Missionary Program Today.

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To Him — To others —



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THE GLORY OF EASTER

The glory of the Eastertide,
When spring begins a soothing glow,
Reminds us of the Lord who died
And rose in triumph long ago,
And brought to men eternal hope
That reaches to the great above,
Where death can never, never cope
With God who saves us through His love.

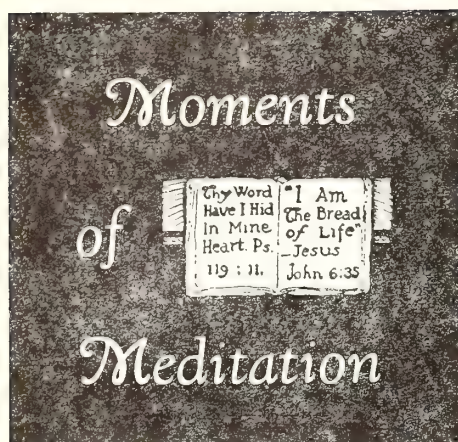
How wonderful that Jesus broke
The mighty prison bars of death,
And gave the sepulchre a stroke
That means to all eternal breath,
Who live to do His will on earth
And go the way His wisdom leads,
And live a life of wondrous worth
That measures to the highest creeds.

All glory to the King of Life
Who sits upon His throne today,
Who helps us in a world of strife
To travel in the narrow way
That leads beyond this vale of tears,
This land of sorrow, death and pain,
Where there will be no griefs and fears,
But all is blessed, holy gain.

Let men and nations voice the praise
Of heaven's resurrected King,
With hearts of joy throughout our days
By worship and the songs we sing:
And by the honors we bestow
Upon His matchless, sacred name,
And for His graces as they flow,
To keep our faith and love aflame.

—Rev. Walter E. Isenhour.





BEST INSURANCE

Of all the forms of insurance which add security to our lives, there is one, not often thought of as insurance at all, which is of surpassingly great importance. So important is this form of insurance that it far outshadows the others. This insurance does more for peace of mind, heart, and soul than any other could possibly do. Yet, where other insurance calls for the investment of a few pennies a day, this calls for only a few minutes each day. But the returns in spiritual security are incalculable.

The name of this wonderful insurance is "family worship."

—Vera L. Praast.

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CHRISTIAN ATHLETICS

Self-indulgence is the besetting sin of the times; but if you long to be a strong athletic Christian you must count the cost and renounce the things of the flesh. It will cost you the pulling up of some old favorite sins by the roots and cutting loose from some entangling alliances, and some sharp conflicts with the tempter; it will cost you the submitting of your will to the will of Christ; but you will gain more than you ever gave up.

—Theodore L. Cuyler.

CROSSES FOR THREE

"Crosses for three stand on Calvary's brow,

A King and two robbers of old;
One is a Saviour, one scoffs at the Face,

One turns in faith and is saved by His grace,

Sees the rich wonders of glory unfold;

Sinless, and sinful, and sin-pardoned now.

"Crosses for three face Jerusalem-town;

To each hastens death's doleful toll;

One is a Conqu'ror at the close of His strife,

One spurns his chance of a heavenly life,

One wins at last the peace of his soul,

Gains through the Christ the reward of a crown.

"Crosses for three rise again into view,

On Calvary's mountain of love;

One died for sin—with His heart toward His God—

One died in sin—with his face toward the clod—

One died to sin—with his hope from above:

Crosses for three have their message for you."

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I exceedingly longed that God would get to Himself a name among the heathen, and I appealed to Him with the greatest freedom that He knew I preferred Him above my chief joy. Indeed I had no notion of joy from this world! I cared not where or how I lived, or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls for Christ.—David Brainerd.

HOW TO GO TO CHURCH

Four things seem to be very desirable.

The first is to have the habit. The person who goes rarely or spasmodically seldom likes it as much as one who goes regularly. Therefore, when Sunday morning comes, it is better not to regard it as an open question but to think, "Of course I'm going to church." The habit of regular church-going is an enormous factor of strength and happiness in one's life.

The second thing is to devote a little time to getting oneself in the proper frame of mind. A man usually takes some pains about putting on his Sunday suit. Why should he not give some attention to the preparation if his spirit as well as his body? This can be done by thinking of his purpose in going to church. He is going to give something and to get something. So he makes sure he has his weekly envelope or other offering in his pocket, and more important still, that he has himself ready to offer. He goes in a receptive mood for, after all, it is the seekers who are generally the finders...

Thirdly, he goes buoyantly, because he is going to lift up his heart above the dead level of the week, and walk with God on His holy, sun-lit hill.

Fourthly, he goes joyously, because he is going to bear witness to God and to give some expression of his belief and love and gratitude... He goes with a sense of goodness, because he is going to his Father's House.—United Evangelical.



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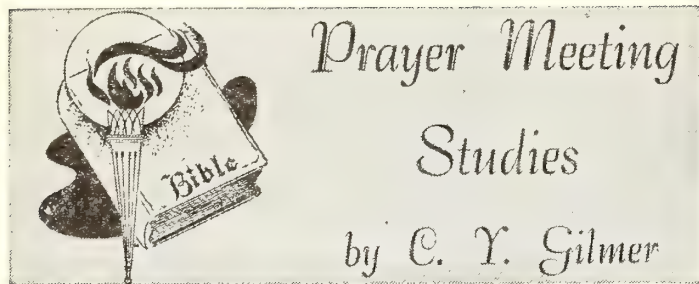
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NO ONE BUT GOD

One helped Him bear His cross up Calvary,
And there were those who placed him in the tomb,
But when he burst death's bonds and came forth free
No human hands were in that narrow room.
No one but God could reach beyond the rim
Of death's confines and touch the dark unknown;
Though there were those who longed to do for Him,
When Jesus rose He did it all alone.

No one but God? Then truly He was God!
And is and will be evermore. And those
Who trust His grace sleep not beneath the sod:
They are not dead. Because the Saviour rose,
These too shall rise. The tomb is open wide—
The stone was rolled away by one inside.

—Helen Frazee-Bower.

"IN THREE DAYS I WILL RAISE IT", said Jesus referring to "the temple of His body," by and for sinners slain (Jn. 2:18-21). His disciples did well to remember this and to believe the Scripture (v. 22). Men had not the power to slay "the Prince of Life" (Lu. 4:28-30), until "His hour" had come (Jn. 13:1). Christ had the power to lay down His life and to take it again (Jn. 10:18). So Christ laid down His life willingly that He might take it again (vs. 11, 17).

Satan had sought to tempt Christ through the needs of the flesh (Matt. 4:3). Because Christ was obedient unto the Father's will even unto death, the resurrection declares His complete victory over the human self (Phil. 2:8-11). All have sinned and are therefore subject to death (Rom. 5:12). But the resurrection of Jesus Christ proves that He was sinless and that death therefore had no hold over Him (Acts 2:24). Nine persons in Scripture were brought back temporarily from death to life but Christ rose to live "in the power of an endless life" (Heb. 7:16). "Death hath no more dominion over Him" (Rom. 6:10, 9). The resurrected Lord has an immortal human body (Lu. 24:37-39).

Christ's resurrection declares that Christ's surrender to God at Calvary broke the hitherto unbroken power of Satan over human nature (Eph. 1:20; 3:10). As the second Adam, Christ became our representative to undo what the first Adam had done (1 Cor. 15:45-49; Rom. 5:17). In God's time Christ will share with us His victory (Isa. 53:12). Let us now "know Him, and the power of His resurrection" (Phil. 3:10).

The human soul is made alive unto God through conversion (Eph. 2:4, 5). We have been made alive through the new birth (Eph. 2:1). He Who has raised our souls will inevitably raise our bodies also (Rom. 8:11). Our justification is assured (Rom. 4:25). The resurrection power gives victory over sin (Rom. 6:11-13). His resurrection

assures us of His abiding presence (Matt. 28:18, 20). The fear of death is destroyed (Heb. 2:14, 15). Reunion with the saints is assured (1 Thess. 4:13-18).

"What did that Easter morning mean to Him?
I think of it—oh, often—and am glad.
His earthly lifetime past, its grief and pain,
With all the sure temptations that He had.

"How beautiful it must have been to Him
After the dusty roadways He had known;
How strangely sweet the garden flowers were,
How cool and colorful the dawn light shone!

"No morning of the earth means more to men
Than Easter morning—but it takes my breath
To think what that first Easter must have been
To One, new-risen, after days of death."

After the greatest conflict ever fought and won, He walked out in the effulgent glory of that first Easter morn, Conqueror over death and the grave. He Who within Himself had the power to rise from His rock-sealed tomb shall give glorious immortality to His own.

Lesson

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for April 17, 1960

THE RISEN LIFE

Lesson: Colossians 3:1-15

EASTER IS MORE than an historical event. It is a present reality! It means more than that Christ WAS RAISED from the dead. It means He is ALIVE TODAY! And His promise to us is: "Because I am to live on, you too will live on" (Williams—Jn. 14:19).

WITH CHRIST WE HAVE BEEN RAISED

"If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God" (3:1—A. S. V.).

The Apostle Paul established in 2:12 that "through faith in the working of God," Christians were "raised with Him (Christ)." That is, by identification with Christ, we are able to share in His death and resurrection. When Christ died, we died! When Christ was raised in newness of life, we shared in that resurrection!

Now Paul is saying, "in view of the fact that we have been raised with Christ, our outward activities are to be devoted to the pursuit of heavenly rather than earthly things" (E. Schuyler English). The Christian is a new, spiritual creation because Christ arose from the grave!

WITH CHRIST OUR LIFE IS HIDDEN IN GOD

"Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. For ye died, and our life is hid with Christ in God" (3:2-3—A. S. V.).

When Paul exhorts us to "seek the things that are above" (vs. 1), he is referring to our **outward activity**. When he says in vs. 2, "set your mind on the things that are above," he is referring to our **inward occupation**.

How we need to make CHRIST the center of our affections and thinking! Our minds and hearts too often are "set" on everything else.

The reason for this exhortation? "For ye died, and our life is hid with Christ in God." **Do we act like individuals who have "died" to all outside interests but God?**

"Notice that our new life is not said to be hid 'in Christ,' but 'with Christ in God.' God Himself hides us, or treasures us, with His Son, Jesus Christ. There in heaven, at the right hand of the Father, because of our union with Christ in burial and resurrection, our lives are treasured with His life in God... Christ's life is our life; His triumph, our triumph; and His glory, our glory" (English).

"Your life is hid with Christ in God—
Then why take anxious thought?
Shall not your soul's Redeemer keep
And care for what He bought?"

WITH CHRIST WE SHALL APPEAR IN GLORY

"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory" (3:4).

"Obviously, the verse as a whole is an allusion to Christ's second coming. This statement has to do with His revelation of Himself with His own. The Church will have been caught up into His presence in what is known as the **rapture**;... and then He will bring His saints with Him when He is manifested... When He comes with His saints, every eye shall see Him" (English).

This is the Christian's Hope! We should always remember that the resurrection makes this possible. After Christ rose, He ascended. And He ascended in order that He might come again. "And if I go (the **ascension**)... I will come again (**second coming**)" (Jn. 14:3).

WITHOUT CHRIST WE LIVED IN SIN

"Wherein ye also once walked, when ye lived in these things" (3:7—A. S. V.). What "things"? The sins of the flesh which are a part of the sinner's life. Paul mentions some of them in vs. 5: "Fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desires, and covetousness, which is idolatry" (A.S.V.). When we were without Christ we naturally engaged in such sins. The Bible says these things are the works of the flesh," and "they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19, 21).

But now that we have been raised from spiritual death by the power of God we must obey the challenge of the word: "Put to death therefore what is earthly in you" (Col. 3:5-R. S. V.). **Only by walking in newness of life we demonstrate that we have fully appropriated the resurrection power of Christ as our very own.**

CAN YOU SAY IT?

I cannot say, "our," if I live in a watertight spiritual compartment—if I think a special place in heaven is reserved for my denomination.

I cannot say, "Father," if I do not demonstrate the relationship in my daily life.

I cannot say, "which art in heaven," if I am so occupied with the earth that I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say, "hallowed be Thy name," if I, who am called by His name, am not holy.

I cannot say, "Thy Kingdom come," if I am not doing all in my power to hasten its coming.

I cannot say, "Thy will be done," if I am questioning, resentful of or disobedient to His will for me.

I cannot say, "on earth as it is in heaven," if I am not prepared to devote my life here to His service.

I cannot say, "Give us this day our daily bread," if I am living on past experience, or if I am an under-the-counter shopper.

I cannot say, "Forgive us our trespasses," if I harbor a single grudge against anyone.

I cannot say, "Lead us not into temptation," if I deliberately place myself in a position where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say, "Deliver us from evil," if I am not prepared to fight it in the spiritual realm with the weapons of prayer.

I cannot say, "Thine is the Kingdom," if I do not accord the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say, "Thine is the power," if I fear what men may think or do.

I cannot say, "Thine is the glory," if I am seeking glory for myself.

I cannot say, "forever and ever" if my horizon is bounded by the things of time.

I cannot say, "Amen," if I do not also add, "Cost what it may." For to say this prayer honestly will cost everything.

—Inter-Varsity Magazine.

1960 BRETHREN PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

April 26, 27, 28

Theme: "The Pastor and His Ministry"

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

PIC of the WEEK



Brethren College Students Weekend Retreat

Foursquare was the favorite game at the College Students Weekend Retreat held at the Ohio Camp on the weekend of February 19-21st. Twelve students and advisors battled the elements to get to the Camp.

Professors **J. Ray Klingensmith** of the Seminary, and **Dorothy Carpenter** of the College led in the discussion groups. Interesting and varied discussions were held on topics in three different areas. The first area of discussion on Friday evening centered around the question, "Why do we believe as we do, as Christians and Brethren?"

After a fairly quiet night of rest (except for **Klingensmith** getting up at 5 a. m.) the group ate a hearty breakfast prepared by all. Saturday morning's topic was concerned with "Witnessing on Campus". Saturday afternoon was spent rollicking in the snow. Saturday evening was spent around the fireplace discussing "Opportunities in Christian Service."

Sunday morning, a worship service was held. The students greatly appreciated this opportunity to discuss ideas that will make them better Christians and students both on and off the campus.

A Coming Event For All Indiana Youth

THE ALL INDIANA YOUTH RALLY Will be held on Saturday, May 21st at the North Manchester Brethren Church. Registration will begin at 1:30. A banquet will climax the days activities. **MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND!**

Southern Indiana Holds Speech Contest

On Saturday evening, March 26th, the Center Chapel Brethren Church was host to the Southern Indiana Youth Rally. Miss **Connie Brower** opened the rally by leading in several familiar hymns. **Trula Draper** assisted her at the piano. **Larry West** of Center Chapel read the Scripture and the vice-president, **Arden Gilmer** led in Prayer.

Rollcall was taken and the results are as follows:

Flora won the banner, with **Roann** and **Mexico** as runners-up. The total attendance was 112.

It is customary for the host church to furnish special music. Center Chapel presented a quartet number. The members of the quartet were **Sue West**, **Joe Stout**, **John West**, and **Jerry Gable**. Miss **Trula Draper** assisted them at the piano.

The highlight of the rally was the Speech Contest. This year there were two contestants, **Cynthia Carter** of North Manchester and **Penelope Fisher** of Roann.

After the speech contest, the ladies of the host church served refreshments in the basement. **Jerry Gable**, the president of the Southern Indiana District, announced the winner of the speech contest. Miss **Cynthia Carter**, of the North Manchester Church was chosen winner. She will advance to the Indiana District Conference where she will meet the winner of the Northern Indiana contest.

There will be one more rally this spring in the Southern Indiana District. The meeting place and time will be announced at a later date.

A NOTE FROM "MAC"

I have truly enjoyed visiting in the District Youth Rallies thus far this year. May I commend those local churches who plan the rallies and also the young people who attend. Your enthusiasm and participation in these rallies is very great. The speeches that I have heard thus far have been of the highest caliber.

You young people have been supporting these rallies with your fine attendance. I am looking forward to being in more of your rallies and also in District Conferences, Camps and National Conference.

—Marlin McCann.

NATIONAL PROJECT

The National Brethren Youth Project for 1959-60 is to raise 3,000,000 "dollars" through:

1. BIBLE READING
2. PRAYER MEETING

Your hearts should be running over with "money" by now. Have you set a goal for YOU to reach? How much will you "earn" for the Project?

Let's push it over the top!!

"INFILLING FOR OUTPOURING"

\$3,000,000

NATIONAL PROJECT

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

I AM HE THAT LIVETH, AND WAS DEAD; AND
BEHOLD, I AM ALIVE FOR EVERMORE."

(REVELATION 1:18)

THE LONG DORMANT CYCLE of fall and winter is almost at an end. Nature is awakening from her long sleep: eager, young and ready to obey the Lord of all Creation. But Christians—are we awake? Are our eyes wide open? Are our ears sensitive to the glad song of Easter and the message of this age in which we live? For God each springtime shows us anew the age-old pattern of "life out of death." Each year He works out before our eyes the eternal plan, always the same, always so familiar, ever so beautiful as all Nature proclaims Him Lord of Life. It is the reason for and the purpose of the Universe. For you and for me it takes the utility out of life.

This is a thrilling time to be alive, for the hand of the Creator is writing the last chapters in the life of this world as we know it. The Jews, "those dry bones" Ezekiel speaks of in his 37th chapter, are definitely beginning to stir, to rise up and return to Palestine, for God is preparing to fulfill His ancient promise to Abraham. The Jews shall inherit the earth and Jerusalem shall bloom like the rose in the desert.

Yes, the Jew is back in the land again and the eyes of politicians and governments are shifting from the West to the East, and the cradle of civilization is repeating an ancient pattern. The center of the world's problems is not actually China and Russia as we seem to believe, for we shall soon see that the Middle East and the "Have Not" nations pose a far vaster concern. As scholars say not westward the course of the empire makes its way anymore, but eastward." There, old troubles, centuries old, have come to life again. There, Ishmael, ill-starred son of Abraham and Hagar and father of the Arabian nation, stands ready for mortal combat with the Jewish Isaac, rightful heir of Abraham and Sarah. Peace hangs by a thread.

Look farther to Iran (ancient Persia) and Iraq (Old Babylon) rich with oil, the coveted prize of all nations. At the gateway to these precious oil fields stands Jerusalem! Yes, the day of "Jacob's trouble" is dawning on the horizon. And a new giant, the last and perhaps the most terrifying of them all, Russia, is arising out of the sea of nations with tremendous success in the headlong, frantic race of atomic control.

At home here in the U. S. there also is talk of a world government which would eventually prepare the way for the world dictator and the Antichrist. There is talk of world religion. There is much discussion of uniting all protestant churches under such a system as practiced in the Roman Catholic Church which is strictly opposed to individual and free thought in scriptural things.

The Church of Jesus Christ is filled with apostasy and false teachings. Some churches no longer accept the Virgin Birth, the Deity of the Saviour or the Atoning Blood, the very heart of Christianity. Efforts to take Christ out of Christianity by Unitarians who deny Jesus is the Son of God are succeeding in deceiving thousands, and other denominations follow suit.

Now what of the true believer? Should we be panic stricken as we see the Hand of God working so obviously in the affairs of men? No, no, a thousand times, no! Naturally, we are awed but we are not afraid, for the wrath of Almighty God shall not fall upon His children. In the Old Testament, Jehovah looked for the sign of the blood on the Jewish home that the Angel of Death might pass over and spare the first-born son. Just so today the eye of the Father is not upon us but upon the blood. However, this is not the blood of the sacrificial lamb of the Jew. This is the blood of a greater One, of Christ, Saviour and Lord. When the eye of God falls upon our trembling hearts stained and sustained with the life blood of Jesus, we too shall be spared His wrath.

So, awaken, my dear Christian sister, for there is much work to be done—in the kitchen, in the shop, in the missionary field, in the church, wherever we labor. Keep a watchful heart for the Lord, for truly He is coming again. Will it be this year or will it be thousands of years from now? We know not, but be not afraid. Rest in the Crucified One. For He is the God of the Living, not of the dead; He daily lives to make intercession for those who love Him. We are privileged to see God's plan working today, but stand gazing in wonder no longer. Arise, and as the Angel bade Peter, James and John as they stood dazed and idle watching the Lord's ascension, "Get thee down to Jerusalem and work in His vineyards for He will come again."

We as Christian women want to offer Him a cup that is brimful—a cup that runneth over from the gifts given to us in the richness of His grace. Awaken! It is Easter again! Rejoice! Christ Is Risen!

Mrs. Frank Morrison,
Ashland, Ohio.

Laid to Rest

RISHEL. Mrs. Irene Margaret Wilcox Rishel, widow of the late John A. Rishel passed to her eternal home following complications and surgery, on February 29, 1960. Was a member of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, First Brethren Church for 52 years. Married to John A. Rishel, January 31, 1920. Making their home in Pittsburgh, the Rishels were active and well known in the district and denominational life of the Brethren Church. Mr. Rishel was a trustee of Ashland College for many years until his death in October 1958. Mrs. Rishel was then elected to fill his unexpired term on the Board. She was born, September 20, 1896, the oldest of four children born to Ira C. and Margaret (Simpson) Wilcox. Two sisters survive. Funeral services were held on March 4th in charge of her pastor. Interment, Allegheny Cemetery.

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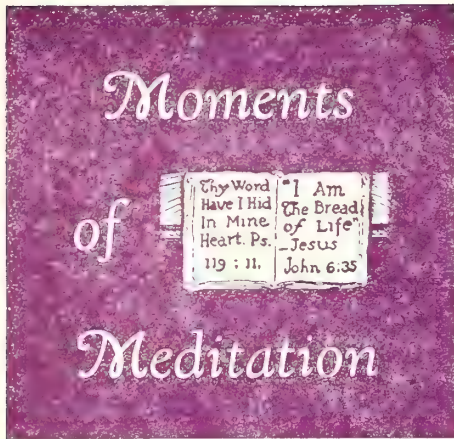
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THE RESURRECTION

"Forgive them, Father", Jesus cried,
They know not what they do."
The Roman spear did pierce His side,
The precious blood flowed through.
The earth did quake, the rocks were
rent,
The dark clouds were unfurled,
When God, His anger did give vent
Upon a sinful world.

Three days the tomb His body held,
According to His Word,
When angels from the glory quelled
Those soldiers with their swords.
Upon the ground as though dead men,
They lay, while angels rolled
The stone, and Christ arose again,
As prophets had foretold.

When Peter and beloved John,
Came to the sepulchre that morn,
With faces sad with gloom,
They found an empty tomb.
Oh, gloomy soul! rejoice! be brave!
And weep and mourn no more!
For Jesus triumphed o'er the grave,
And lives forevermore.

—The Bible Friend.

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An opportunist is one who meets
the wolf at the door and appears the
next day in a fur coat.

HE IS RISEN

Bishop Thoburn was once asked by
an unbeliever, "Surely you do not ac-
cept the theory that a Jewish Teach-
er, dead for nearly two thousand
years, is alive today?"

The bishop quietly but confidently
replied, "I know He is, for I have
been talking with Him this morning."

To him the most convincing proof
of the resurrection was daily com-
munion with the living Saviour.

Jay S. Stowell tells of a man who
was "window shopping" in a large
city at Easter time. Through the
plate glass of a department store
window he was looking at a large
painting of the crucifixion of Jesus.
Suddenly he was aware of a street
boy standing at his side.

"That's Jesus," remarked the boy.
The man made no reply, but the
boy volunteered further information,
pointing to certain figures in the
painting. "Them's Roman soldiers."

After a moment he added, "They
killed Him."

Surprised at the boy's enthusiasm,
the man asked, "Where did you learn
that?"

"In the little mission Sunday school
around the corner," was the reply.

The man turned and walked
thoughtfully down the street, but he
had not gone far when he heard the
boy calling after him.

"Say, Mister."

He came to a stop and waited un-
til the youngster caught up.

"Say, Mister," said the boy, "I
wanted to tell you that He rose
again."

That part of the story, which the
boy had nearly forgotten, is the mes-
sage that has been coming down to
us through the ages. It is the mes-
sage of the triumph of life over
death. "He is risen; He is not here."

—Sel.

IF EASTER BE NOT TRUE!

If Easter be not true,
Then all the lilies low must lie;
The Flanders poppies fade and die
The spring must lose her fairest
bloom,

For Christ were still within the
tomb—

If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
Then faith must mount on broke
wing;

Then hope no more immortal spring
Then hope must lose her mighty urge
Life prove a phantom, death
dirge—

If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
'Twere foolishness the cross to bear
He died in vain who suffered there
What matter, though we laugh or cry
Be good, or evil, live or die—

If Easter be not true.

If Easter be not true,
But it is true, and Christ is risen!
And mortal spirit from its prison
Of sin and death with Him may rise
Worthwhile the struggle, ensure the
prize,

Since Easter, aye, is true!

—The Bible Friend.

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There are three kinds of people
those who make things happen, those
who watch things happen, and those
who have no idea what has happened.



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The Editor's Pulpit

Is the Brethren Church Ready to Receive Negroes?

THIS IS a particularly pointed question and it is meant to be just that. Perhaps we have never been unwilling to receive them, except in a few churches. At least we have received them in Africa if nowhere else. There may have been no occasion to have the question raised in most of our churches, but one wonders what would happen if a Negro family should seek Christ in one of our congregations. Perhaps there would be no difficulty as long as the question of communion wouldn't be raised. We must however, ask the question of whether or not we would be willing to participate in communion with non-whites. In other words would we be ready to partake of communion as our missionaries do in Nigeria? Are non-whites welcome in the Brethren Church?

The whole idea for this editorial comes from a speech made recently by Dr. Martin Niemoeller of Germany. Dr. Niemoeller spoke in the Ashland College Chapel raising the issue as it is being raised here. Pastor Niemoeller is known best for his having been Hitler's number one prisoner during the last war. The reason for the imprisonment was the refusal of Dr. Niemoeller to bow to Hitler's demands. As a great man of God Dr. Niemoeller spoke with conviction and moved the large audience with his challenge.

In effect Dr. Niemoeller stated that the time of white-domination is practically over. In twenty years he claimed, the decisions of world policy will not be made in Washington or Moscow, but in the capitals of the non-whites. The whites he claimed have refused to distribute the goods of the universe properly and wisely and now God is removing this stewardship from them and giving it to the non-whites. It is altogether possible that in the very near future the non-whites will determine how many calories the whites shall get. One hundred million people die every day in our world from starvation, from thirty-seven to forty million people per year—because of the mis-administration of God's universe by the whites. God

is now removing the administration of these goods from the "unjust stewards".

Pastor Niemoeller went on to say that those of us who are white ought to be making friends of the non-whites. Instead of that we are seeking to hold on to white domination. Directly or indirectly we claim a superiority which cannot long stand. Within the lifetime of many readers this white supremacy will fall. The question is whether or not we are preparing for this time.

This is a particularly disturbing idea when we consider that many of us think in terms of white people only. To think that some day we might be the segregated people ought to trouble us. Not because then we would be oppressed, but because that now we have contributed to the theory that men are different because they wear a different skin cover. Unfortunately some of us in the Brethren Church would still oppose integration in our churches. Some constitutions still state this very definitely. There are congregations that could not take a negro in as a member simply because the constitution would not permit such an action. Other congregations have not so stated the issue in the constitutions but would be just as opposed. How can this be when we support missions in Nigeria? How can this be when Christ Himself probably was dark-skinned?

As Brethren we must begin thinking now about broadening our view of mankind. The issue of integration will not be great for us yet, but it will come. At least one of our churches has had to decide whether or not to move out in the face of negro domination of the community. Others are soon to face it. We need to be thinking now of whether or not we are going to run out in such cases, or whether we are going to face these non-whites as human souls. We had better begin now to make friends, not for protection in the future, but simply because we are all God's creation. Let us as Brethren begin learning color blindness, for certainly God doesn't see colors but souls.

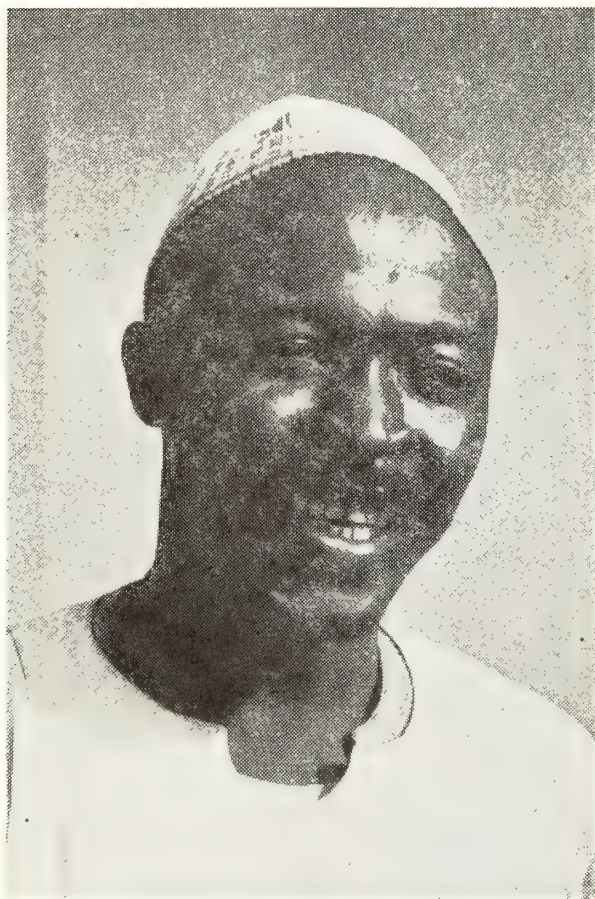
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The Christian Mission and Nigeria's Coming Independence



The future of the Nigerian church rests largely upon its trained Nigerian leadership.

NIGERIA'S ADVANCE toward independence, although very rapid in the past twelve years, has been orderly. It has been characterized by the friendly way in which plans for self-government have been worked out with Britain, the very colonial power from whose rule it seeks to be free. The three regions of the country have already attained regional self-government. The national leaders freely acknowledge their debt to the British in developing the country, in training them for political self-government, and in creating a sense of unity in a country made up of a multitude of tribal units. Its leaders insist that upon obtaining independence Nigeria shall become a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

In a similar way, the large part that the Christian missions and churches have played in the development of the country is gratefully acknowledged by political leaders of all parties and of all regions. The establishment of the Church in which all tribes fellowship to-

gether is a big influence in uniting the country. The very large share that the Christian churches and missions have taken in education has made and is continuing to make a major contribution to the development of leadership upon which an independent Nigeria will depend to carry on the affairs of government.

In the two regions which make up Southern Nigeria, Christian work was started well over 100 years ago by several large denominational groups—The Church of England, The Church of Scotland, The English Methodists, and The American Baptists (Southern). The large Nigerian churches, numbering in some cases into hundreds of thousands, which have grown up as a result of these early mission efforts, have long since been organized into National Nigerian churches and are now an integral part of the national and cultural life of these regions. From these groups and from the Roman Catholic Church have come most of the political leadership of Southern Nigeria.

In the northern region, which is the region where the Brethren missionaries work, the picture is somewhat different. In a population of 17 or 18 million, there are 10 or 12 million Mohammedans. The major portion of regional political leaders are Moslem. The premier of the region is a Moslem. There are, however, several Christians in his cabinet and in other positions of leadership. There are, moreover, many areas with a concentration of non-Moslem population where Christians play the leading part in the political life. The Northern Region is deficient in education and development of other social services. Literacy is less than 10%. The Christian missions and churches, including the Catholics, conduct more than 60% of the schools. Their health work is extensive, and they have considerable rural development work.

The Premier of the Northern Region met the Northern Mission Council about a year ago. He had requested the meeting. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the Christian missions for the part they had taken and were taking in developing social service for the region. He said his purpose in wanting to speak to them was to assure the representatives of the missions that under self government their continued services would be welcomed and needed. He has given a warning—which is quite legitimate—that the government would not tolerate missionaries meddling in politics.

The indications are that under complete independence the Church will be able to carry on the Christian Mission in Nigeria even more effectively. Independence should be regarded as the normal and expected thing and should, under God, bring the following blessings:

1. It should assist the indigenous church, where the church has not done so, to assume complete responsibility:
 - a. For its organizational and administrative set up;
 - b. For its financial arrangements;
 - c. For its teaching and worship program;

- d. For its leadership-training program;
 - e. For its evangelistic and mission outreach.
2. It should create a greater sense of unity with the Church throughout the whole of Nigeria.

Mohammedanism is a missionary religion, growing rapidly in some parts of Nigeria. Moslem religious leaders are uneasy at the growth of Christianity in certain areas. The Christian Church in independent Nigeria will have the challenge of a two-fold witness—to the Moslem and to the pagan. It is conceivable that, because of the Moslem political prestige, Christians may have difficulty and even persecutions, although religious freedom is guaranteed by the new constitution. We pray that it may be said of the Christians of Nigeria, as it was said of the early Christians, that they "out-lived, out-thought and out-died their pagan neighbors and so conquered them for Christ."

H. Stover Kulp.

(Mr. Kulp is one of the two missionaries who opened the Brethren Mission in Nigeria in 1922. For many years he has been field secretary, but is now retiring from active service. W. C. B.)

CURTISES WILL STUDY IN COSTA RICA



Rev. & Mrs. William Curtis

About April 21, Bill and Frances Curtis—and Deborah Sue, of course—will leave the States to study in Costa Rica. This phase of their preparation will consist of intensive work in the Spanish language as well as in the religious background, history, tradition, and culture of Latin American people. It is a thorough orientation program.

Such preliminaries are quite essential to effective missionary service. A missionary possessing language facility

and understanding of the cultural background of the people with whom he works will not only avoid mistakes and frustrations, but he will be looked upon with greater respect by the nationals with whom he works. He will also be able to begin his service immediately upon reaching the field instead of spending much valuable time learning these essentials.

The Spanish-Language School, at San Jose, Costa Rica (Central America), is well qualified to provide our candidates with this training. Since its founding in 1942, it has trained more than 1300 missionaries—representing 130 evangelical boards and agencies—for service in Latin American countries. During the current year 160 students are enrolled, from 36 churches and boards.

After spending approximately a year in this comprehensive program, the Curtises will return to the States for a brief period before proceeding to Argentina. This procedure will facilitate the processing of legal requirements, preparing their outfit for shipping, etc.

Our prayers go with this fine little family as they begin their final step in preparation for missionary service.

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THE RESURRECTION ---

THE CHRISTIAN'S

GREATEST HOPE

Rev. H. William Fells

John 14:19 "Because I live, ye shall live also."
 John 11:25 "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." Ephesians 2:1.

THREE parts of verses are used in introducing our thought, but what is the hope of the Christians of the world today? Almost everyone you speak to about this matter has the idea that they are going to heaven. But is this all that the resurrection means? Is this all that happens to the individual who becomes Christian?

This paragraph is the most difficult of this article. It is just plain and simple definitions. But these are many times boring and tiresome, so will you continue to read, even though you may have a desire to change the subject. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance shows that there are three words used in the Greek New Testament when speaking about the Resurrection. The first of these is "Egersis". This means to waken, i. e., rouse, (literally, from sleep; from sitting or lying; from disease; from death; or figuratively, from obscurity; inactivity; ruins; non-existence); awake, lift (up), raise (again, up,); rear up, stand, take up. The second word is "exanastasis". It means simply, a rising from death. The third is "anastasis." The second part of this definition is what the Christian is looking for. It means: a standing up again; i. e. (literally) a resurrection from death; or (figuratively) a (moral) recovery (of spiritual truth);—raised to life again, rise from the dead.

Thorndike-Barnhart's Comprehensive Desk Dictionary presents these four statements as the definition of the word: "1. A coming to life again; rising from the dead. 2. The Resurrection, the rising again of Christ after His death and burial. 3. A being alive again after death. 4. Restoration from decay, and/or disuse."

Dearly beloved, as this devotional thought is passing through your mind and your spirit receives and analyzes it, it is the writer's desire that you should catch the two ideas so evident in the definitions listed above. The first one being that those who become Christian do by confessing Christ, repenting of sin, making restitution wherein possible, being baptized, receiving the laying on of hand (confirmation), and being declared a member of the Church, (both the physical body known as the Church here on earth, and the great universal body of believers that shall make up the Church, the Bride of Christ, that shall one day be received by the Heavenly Bridegroom, Christ, take an active part in the resurrection NOW. Immediately upon accomplishing the long list of actions listed above as the means of becoming a Christian, one has been resurrected according to all of the definitions presented from Strong and Thorndike-Barnhart.

Think of what happened to you on that day, when, with your heart welling up within you, perhaps with tears streaming down your face, you moved out from your place in the pew of "The Old Country Church", down the aisle to the front, where you reached out and placed your hand in the hand

of the minister, and let him and the Church, and all your friends, and above all, God, the Father, **KNOW** that you, by this action, were being born into the family of God. Or perhaps, your experience took place at your mother's knee, where she, as a Christian, had taught you that you needed to be "born again". Wherever it might have been, however the experience came to you, you know now that something took place in your heart. You were roused from death, from obscurity, inactivity, ruin, non-existence. You were no longer dead in your trespasses and sins. You were and still are alive unto God. You are trying, with all diligence, to continue in this resurrected state. All of the definitions presented by the writers above indicated that there was to be continuous action. In the Greek where the Lord said, "He that believeth in me . . . shall live," the word in its Greek formation indicates a continuous action. John 3:16, "That whosoever believeth on Him," is another reference to this idea. Each new day, each new month, each new year, brings the idea of the resurrection. We must be continuing in this experience.

What does this mean to the people of the Church today? That they pay their "fair share" of the Church budget. That they are present in most of the "important" meetings of the Church. That they give the world around them the impression that they are Christians because they "pay their bills, they never abuse their family, they never mistreat the neighbors". Dear ones, taking a part in the resurrection means more than this. It means that you have flowing within your body, mind, and spirit, the power of the one True God. **YOU** have been raised up to activity in the **SPIRITUAL** realm. This physical world has lost its attractions for you. It is no longer important that you have just as much of this world's goods as you can gather together. You do not feel compelled to lay up such a store of this world's goods that you will not have to worry about the closing years of your life. But your compulsion now comes from the thrilling thought that **YOU** have come unto the Kingdom to do the Father's will. You are an ambassador of God's to this world now, and you have been given the Word of reconciliation. You are now a steward of God's possessions, and you own nothing of your own. Your hope lies in Jesus Christ, and because He lives, you live also.

But this resurrection means that you have been born again we have said. This infers that we have passed through the stages of infancy, childhood, adolescence, and into adulthood. Where are you

this morning, afternoon, or evening, dear one? Have you received the sincere milk of the Word long enough that you have now developed an appetite for the meat? You have been raised to **activity**. Not just to sitting or lying around waiting for something to happen. But rather, through Bible Study, Prayer, fellowship with God's people; you have caught the vision, you have heard the call of Christ, you have lifted up your eyes, and you have seen the fields white unto harvest and you are now ready and willing to go and share the "good news" of Christ. The fact that this old world is now alive unto God, that there are people living in it who have only one purpose for living, and that is to be obedient unto the Will of the Almighty Creator of Heaven and Earth. The Atonement has been made. No one needs to continue in darkness and spiritual death. This is the present, active part of the hope of the Christian, the resurrection.

Recently, while out calling, it was our privilege to become acquainted with a man who had attended a Brethren Church at one time in his life. His children had been baptized there, and this man had been active. He had come to the place in his resurrected state where he was called upon to lead the congregation to the throne of grace in the worship services. He read his Bible, he knew the power of the spirit. But something happened to this man. He was unwilling to continue living in that manner. He withdrew from the attendance of Church meetings, he said he could no longer read the Bible because there was nothing in it for him. Then he said, "If you could show me just one person that had been brought back from the dead today, I'll go any place God leads me, I'll do anything He asks me to do." Do you know what the answer was? "Just look at me. You know me as a minister of the Gospel. You consider me a Christian, a follower of the Christ. Sir, it has been my privilege to pass from death unto life. I am no longer dead in trespasses and sins. I have risen unto newness of life." It was a wonderful opportunity to express my joy over not having to fear physical death any more. This was not enough for this particular man, but it brings us to the second thought of this article. What does the Resurrection mean to the Christian for Eternity?

Will we have some type of a physical body in the resurrected state? Will we know each other? What will it be like? Friends, the only place we can turn is to God's Word. Many of these questions are clouded just now, but there are a few

answers for us. In the twentieth chapter of John's Gospel Jesus is presented in the glorified state as He appears unto the disciples. He had some manner of flesh that was easily recognizable. He requested that Thomas place his finger in the nail prints and the spear print in his body. He prepared a meal and asked them to dine with Him. And yet He could go through the doors that were closed. This we poor humans find difficult to comprehend. As we ponder these questions we read also from John's hand in the first of the three small epistles, chapter 3, verse 2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." Here, we have a great many of our answers. We do not know what we shall be like. But we know that we will have a physical body of some kind for we shall have eyes to behold our precious Lord. And we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Indeed, the Resurrection is the Christian's greatest Hope. It signifies that we are, here and now, alive unto God. It is what gives the Church purpose and the desire to continue. If there is no resurrection then we are of all men most miserable, we are poor deluded fools. But the fact that the Church is continuing two thousand years after the reappearance of Christ; the fact that **you** are now living a resurrected life; the fact that the Church, with her ministers and members, is still being used of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring additional souls into this wonderful relationship with Him, is proof enough to this writer that the Resurrection is the Christian's greatest Hope. May we suggest as a closing thought that each reader make an effort to read Mrs. Catherine Marshall's book, "To Live Again", and may we further recommend the eleventh chapter of that book, entitled, "Is There Life After Death?"

A NOTE ABOUT THE EDITOR

Brother W. S. Benshoff is recovering nicely from surgery but will be decidedly limited in what he is able to do. Rev. Benshoff was stricken suddenly on his way home from church on March 27. At this writing he is still in the hospital.

Due to this emergency last week's issue of the Evangelist was reduced to eight pages. With this issue they will continue in the regular pattern.

Charles R. Munson.

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12:00—Lunch
DevotionsRev. L. V. King
1:30—Reports: Central Planning and Co-ordinating Committee; Executive Secretary—John Porte
Indoctrination Committee—Albert Ronk, Ch.
5:30—Fellowship Supper and Program at Park Street Church
7:30—THE PASTOR AND EVANGELISM
Speaker—Rev. Paul M. Meller, Goshen Seminary

Thursday

9:00—DevotionsEder William Fells
THE PASTOR AND VISITATION
Panel Discussions—Elder Clarence Stogsdill, Ch.,
Elder Herbert Rowsey, Elder Raymond Aspinall
11:00—THE PASTOR AND PERSONAL GROWTH
Speaker—Rev. Virgil Ingraham
12:00—Dismissal.

Conference Committee:

J. D. Hamel, J. G. Dodds, R. L. Keplinger

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Our appreciation goes to Brother Charles R. Munson for stepping in to Edit the EVANGELIST for the next several weeks. He will be helping the Editor until we are able to return to the Office, which the Doctors say, will be around the 1st part of May.

—W. S. B.

1960 BRETHREN SUMMER CAMPS

CAMP PINNACLES

Director, Rev. George Solomon

Senior Camp June 26 to July 3
Junior Camp July 3 to July 9

CAMP JUNIATA

Director, Mr. Walter Wertz

Senior & Young people June 19 to June 26
Junior Camp June 26 to July 1

CAMP OHIO

Director, Rev. Donald Rowser

Senior Camp July 17 to July 24
Junior Camp I July 24 to July 31
Intermediate Camp July 31 to August 7
Junior Camp II August 7 to August 13

CAMP SHIPSHEWANA

Director, Rev. Wayne Swihart

Senior Camp June 19 to June 25
Intermediate Camp I June 26 to July 2

The following churches included: Akron, Brighton Chapel, Bryan, Burlington, Center Chapel, College Corner, Corinth, County Line, Denver, Dutchtown, Flora, Huntington, Loree, Mexico, Milford, Muncie, North Liberty, North Manchester, Oakville, Peru, Roann, Roanoke, Shipshewana, Teegarden, and Tiosa.

Intermediate Camp II July 3 to July 9

The following churches included: Ardmore, Elkhart, Goshen, Nappanee, New Paris, Matteson, South Bend, and Warsaw.

Junior Camp I July 10 to July 16

The following churches included: Brighton Chapel, Dutchtown, Elkhart, Goshen, Matteson, Nappanee, New Paris, and Shipshewana.

Junior Camp II July 17 to July 23

The following churches included: Akron, Ardmore, Bryan, County Line, Milford, North Liberty, North Manchester, Roann, South Bend, Teegarden, Tiosa, and Warsaw.

Junior Camp III July 24 to July 30

The following churches included: Burlington, Center Chapel, College Corner, Corinth, Denver, Flora, Huntington, Loree, Mexico, Muncie, Oakville, Peru, and Roanoke.

CAMP BLACKHAWK

Manager, Rev. A. T. Ronk

All Young People June 27 to July 2

CAMP WYANDOTTE

Director, Rev. Kenneth Howard

Senior Camp July 17 to July 24
Junior Camp July 24 to July 30

ARIZONA CAMP

Director, Rev. Vernon Grisso

All Young People July 17 to July 24

CAMP BEREIA

Director, Rev. Alvin Grumbling

All Young People June 18 to June 25

FLORIDA CAMP

(Dates to be Announced)



What's Doing in the Churches



ASHLAND, OHIO, PARK STREET

The first quarter of 1960 is gone. A summary of activities at the Park Street Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio, will help that church in evaluation and might interest other churches in the denomination. The report will be divided in two parts: work of the regular church committees and special events during the period of January through April.

The pastor is grateful for the active organization of the church done in years past since he is serving only on a part-time basis until his duties as National Youth Director are completed this summer.

The Sunday School Board and Cabinet meet bi-monthly to evaluate progress, iron out problems, and plan better school machinery.

The Deacon Board has met monthly with the pastor to study for a better understanding of their calling, to pray for God's leadership in the church program, and to assist the pastor with the spiritual oversight of the church.

The Trustees are constantly on call to improve and repair the physical facilities.

The Evangelism Committee has organized a telephone campaign announcing to all members the importance of attending all services. This will climax in the special series of Pre-Easter services which they have planned.

The Religious Education Committee meets monthly to coordinate the entire educational program of the church. They have set up the present teacher-training course meeting weekly.

The Missionary Committee has been encouraging prayer and letter-writing for the missionaries. Each week in the printed bulletin they announce a specific prayer reminder.

The Music Committee continues to direct the three-choir program, culminating in the special musical Palm Sunday evening.

The Publicity Committee prepares each week's activities and sermon topics for the city paper.

The Social Welfare Committee has conducted an extensive campaign of good will to the sick of the congregation by arranging meals to be supplied and flowers and fruit sent wherever needed. This committee is constantly sending messages of cheer to the aged and sorrowing. They also assisted the youth board in the recent supper for college students.

The Ushers greet and look after the physical welfare of those attending worship services each week.

The Altar Committee provides flowers each Sunday for the altar.

The Youth Board meets monthly to coordinate youth activities, promote the national youth program, and provide for the specific needs of the local young people. They planned the birthday party held in March.

Three prayer meeting groups, elementary, high school, and adult, meet each Wednesday evening.

Activities during January-April

January—Installation of the new pastor by District Evangelist John T. Byler.

Open House at the newly decorated parsonage
—“Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls”—slide pictures, background, and commentary by Dean Delbert Flora

February—Beginning of a twelve-week teacher training course, “Survey of the Old Testament,” by Dean Flora, 24 enrolled.

—Sewing for Samaritan Hospital by the church women
—College students attending the church services entertained in the parsonage for an after-church social hour

March—Nurses' Capping Service in the church with the pastor speaking

—Ministerial Recruitment Sunday with special recognition and consecration of the life-work recruits: five young people and four couples currently enrolled in Ashland Theological Seminary
—Father-Son Banquet
—Annual Church Birthday Party featuring camp life and an offering for the Ohio Camp
—Consecration of seven babies and their parents

April—Pictures of the Argentine work by Mission Board Secretary Berkshire

—Film and discussion led by Norman Townsend from Scripture Press
—Musical Program by the Cherub, Carol, and Senior choirs
—Special Holy Week Services with the pastor speaking
—Holy Communion Service
—Union Good Friday services in cooperation with the city ministerial association, the pastor speaking and the choir singing for one period
—Easter Services



FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

News from the Falls City First Brethren Church has not been sent to the Evangelist for some time. The purpose of this letter is to fill in a few of our accomplishments and to let you know that we are striving forward in the Lord's work and keeping our hearts and hands busy.

The last ten days of October, 1959, were filled by our Revival Meetings. Rev. Charles Perrin of the County Line Church at LaPaz, Indiana, was our speaker and we feel that there was a definite Revival because since the close of these meetings there seems to be more and better cooperation among our members and a deeper sense of responsibility of our duty and devotion to God. May He bless Rev. Perrin in his work and continue to bless the church here in Falls City as we work for Him.

At Thanksgiving the Primary and Beginner Department's had charge of the opening exercises for Sunday

School under the direction of their Superintendent, Mrs. Robert Holsinger. All of the children brought gloves or mittens and placed them on a Tree of Thanksgiving. The gloves were then mailed to Kentucky.

About this same time of the year, our Trustees had storm windows constructed and placed on the large stained glass windows on the north and south side of the church. These windows are beautiful and are in need of releading; however, it was felt the expense of releading them was more than could be afforded at the present time and the storm windows serve to protect the windows from weather and vandals, as well as keeping the church warmer. Present plans call for a storm window on the west window as soon as weather permits.

The Intermediate Class made a Nativity Scene this year and placed it outside the church. The boys and girls purchased the pictures and plyboard, pasted on the pictures and cut out the figures themselves under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Gene McGinnis, the class sponsors. This was the first time a scene of this kind had been used at the church.

The Christmas program presented Sunday, December 20, consisted of spotlighted scenes with the adult singing choir furnishing music and a speaking choir made up of Juniors and Intermediates furnishing voices. The program was quite impressive and enjoyed a great deal by the large crowd. The director was Mrs. Robert Holsinger.

George Hunker, Jr. had charge of the New Year's Eve Watch Party held at the church. Considering the weather a good crowd was on hand and enjoyed the festivities and the devotionals.

On the evening of February 26 the annual Birthday Party of the church was held in the basement with 87 present. A mock TV program was held. Everyone enjoyed the program and after the close of the program refreshments were served by the kitchen committee.

"Chuma Finds a Baby" was the book reviewed by Mrs. Robert Holsinger for the Junior Sisterhood on Friday, March 4. The girls had invited the Morrill Junior Sisterhood to join them for this book review, but because of old weather, snow and bad roads, the Morrill group was unable to attend.

March 13, 1960, is the time set for the Public Service to be conducted by the Senior Sisterhood girls. Mrs. Forrest Shannon of Morrill will give the review of the book "Through Gates of Splendor" and the girls are looking forward to a good turnout for this service.

Practice has begun for the Easter Program under the direction of Francis Yoder. As you can see from the foregoing, we've been keeping our hands and hearts busy in His service. As the most wonderful season of the year approaches our prayer is that He may bless our church as we strive to do our best for Him, and that we may all grow spiritually, in His service.

Mrs. Gene McGinnis, Corresponding Secretary.



LANARK, ILLINOIS

It is time that we are reporting from our church here in Lanark again.

Our new minister, Rev. Ray Aspinall, came to us in June. He went with our young people to Sunday School camp at Muscatine, Iowa.

We have two active Brethren Youth Crusader Groups. They are working hard to get a nursery in our church for the little babies and their mothers. Both groups went to Peoria, Illinois, for a youth rally on October 31st, with the youth from Cerro Gordo, Illinois. It was an inspiration to all who attended.

We are planning and praying for our Pre-Easter Revival Meetings. We are asking the prayers of all so we may have a good revival and that many souls may be saved.

We have a monthly Sunday School teacher's and worker's conference. We are having special recognition of each department of the Sunday School during the month of March. Our slogan is, "Marching to Sunday School in March."

Our High School and post-High School Sunday School classes held their annual New Year's Eve banquet and Candle Light Service. Kent Bennett from Ashland Seminary, was their guest speaker. Ruth Diffenderfer was their queen.

We are praying that our church will grow spiritually and that we may accomplish great things for the Lord.

Mrs. Haven Noser, Cor. Sec'y.



NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA

Greetings from the church in North Liberty. It has been some time since we have written, so will try to get up-to-date on our recent activities.

In November we enjoyed a very inspiring revival with Rev. Harold Garland of Baltimore, Md., as our evangelist. There were no conversions, but several rededicated their lives to the Lord, and all received a blessing. Our fall communion followed the revival with sixty-five participating.

We had a very good Christmas program of the old-fashioned kind. The younger children gave recitations and the older ones gave a play. A large crowd attended, and really enjoyed it.

In February, our young people entertained the youth of our district. Eighty-five attended the rally. A good program was provided, and the ladies of the W. M. S. served the refreshments. Youth were present from County Line, Teegarden, Ardmore, South Bend, and, of course, North Liberty.

Work on the church is rapidly being completed. The kitchen is finished and men have just painted the basement. They are now busy painting the main auditorium. We hope to be able to have our dedication on May 29th.

We were very happy to be awarded first prize in the Farm Bureau Rural Church Improvement Contest in our district which includes ten counties. As a reward, we received a check for twenty-five dollars and a plaque to be placed in the church.

We ask an interest in your prayers that God may continue to bless us as He has in the past.

Edna Schrader, Cor. Sec'y.



WARSAW, INDIANA

December was a busy month, the climax was a Christmas program arranged and presented by one of our members, Mrs. Harold Garber, using forty-six of our people

in the presentation. This was a fine opportunity for youth and adults to work together. A large audience received the message for all.

On January 7th, the church was host to the Community Prayer Service, with a capacity crowd in attendance. Special music was furnished by our Senior and Junior Choirs. January 2nd was "Save a Brother Sunday" and in response to the request, twenty-three blankets were brought to the church for delivery to the Nappanee Relief Center.

February 2nd, we had the privilege of entertaining the Ashland College Choir. This was the largest group we have entertained from the College, and we hope that we, along with the other churches visited by them will feel a closer relationship with each other. Music plays a large part in our Christian Service. Half of our College fund for expansion, has been paid.

On Sunday evening, March 13th, Prof. Wilbur S. Barnhart of Manchester College, gave a temperance lecture. Those present had the opportunity of hearing what inroads alcoholic beverages have made upon our communities.

Thursday night is "Church night." Our pastor, Rev. C. Y. Gilmer, conducts a combined Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. The Laymen and W. M. S. are attending this meeting, thus meeting their goals. The Children's Bible Story Group and the Junior Brethren Youth meet at the same hour. We study to know His word, and then obey it. James says: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers, only."

Jennie Bennett, Cor. Sec'y.

Young Men's and Boys' Brotherhood Program

furnished by Rev. C. Y. Gilmer

SERVICE—MATTHEW 25:31-40

This is presented as a supplement to part IV of the study book, "Meditations for Youth," by Walter L. Cook.

"I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD"

When Christ's disciples asked Him to send the hungry multitude away for food, He said, "Give ye them to eat" (Matt. 14:15, 16). Even if one's enemy hungers, one is to feed him (Rom. 12:20). But the motive for feeding the hungry must be that of Christian love (1 Cor. 13:3). We who have plenty cannot be satisfied with perishable food (Lu. 6:25). Our meat should be to do our Master's will (Jn. 6:27). Among the hungry may be found the idle (Prov. 19:15), the prodigal (Lu. 15:17), refugees (2 Sam. 17:29), the persecuted (1 Cor. 4:11). We are not to feed gluttons (Prov. 28:7), but we are to feed the unfortunate (Lu. 14:12-14).

"Who gives himself with his alms feeds three:
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me."

"I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK"

It is not a trifle to offer a cup of cold water in the Master's name (Matt. 10:42). The thirsty enemy is to be given a drink (Prov. 25:21; Rom. 12:20). The water

of Jacob's well is for the body (Jn. 4:13), but there is a water for the thirsty soul (vs. 14, 15), the Holy Spirit (Isa. 44:3).

"Teach me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for Thee."

"I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME"

God loves the stranger in giving him food (Deut. 10:18). He taught Israel to love the stranger (v. 19). We are to take the stranger to church and see that his children are in Sunday school (Deut. 31:12, 13). The Bible advocates the lodging of strangers (1 Tim. 5:10). By so doing some have entertained angels unawares (Heb. 13:2). It was the gratitude of a stranger that greatly impressed our Saviour (Lu. 17:18).

"I WAS NAKED AND YOU CLOTHED ME"

God asks that the naked be clothed (Isa. 58:7). God demands that an employer give adequate wages so that his employees may be properly clothed (Ezek. 18:16). It is not enough to pray for the destitute; we are to clothe them (Jas. 2:15). God hates nakedness; He believes in clothing (Gen. 3:21). Without the garment of His righteousness we shall have no covering for our souls (Isa. 61:10).

"I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME"

Jesus ministered to the sick (Matt. 8:14, 15). As our Example He was always visiting the sick (Acts 10:38; 1 Jn. 4:17). Do not forget to have prayer with the sick (Jas. 5:16).

"Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I do for You
Must needs be done for others."

"I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME"

We are to remember the Christians who are imprisoned for their faith (Heb. 13:3). When God looks down from Heaven He sees the imprisoned ones (Psa. 102:19, 20). Let us remember the Christians imprisoned in Siberian work camps (Psa. 79:11). It is the Devil who has cast God's people into prison (Rev. 2:10). The gospel is to be preached to sinners who are in jails and penitentiaries (Lu. 4:18). Converted sinners want to be brought out of the prison-house of sin (Psa. 142:7).

"The touch of human hands—
Not vain, unthinking words,
Nor that cold charity
Which shuns our misery;
We seek a loyal friend
Who understands,
And the warmth, the pulsing warmth
Of human hands—
Such care as was in Him
Who walked in Galilee."

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

May 1-8, 1960

Observe It In Your Church

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

The writer did not go on the trip to the glacier, but chose to spend about half a day on a boat ride on Lake Lucerne. The mountains came down to the lake with little farm buildings somehow stuck upon the side of the mountains. The scenery was beautiful. We had the experience of spending hours on a loaded passenger boat, and not a soul with whom we could visit in conversation. A rain storm came up suddenly and shut out much of the scenery on the latter end of the trip.

Sunday, August 3, 1958. Lucerne to Zurich and to Frankfurt, Germany. Cool and cloudy. All of us left by bus before 4:00. Traffic heavy, but we were on our way to Zurich, 34 miles away, which we reached about 6:00. The Tritches left for Brussels, for the World's Fair on Swiss Air, about 6:20. That left only twenty in our group as John Wiswell had gone to Frankfurt by train on Saturday night. Were a little late in leaving. Had a good dinner on the plane. How they do it in their limited space shows planning. By the time we had finished eating we were nearly to Frankfurt. It was an hour's ride. A man met us and a bus brought us to the Grande Hotel. Have bath, but not such good beds, feather ticks for covers. We put one under us and one over us. A double bed, but separate mattresses. Hard to sleep like that, but sleep finally came.

Frankfurt has a population of 600,000. It was three-fourths destroyed during the war. The old men wanted to preserve the old, undestroyed part, but the young ones wanted to rebuild. They won. The guide said that the streets were now three times the width they were before the war. Said that some good things came out of the war. It was a hustling thriving city, located on the Main river. Frankfurt was the birthplace of Goethe, in 1749; Germany's greatest poet. His home was destroyed during the war, but has been restored. We visited it.

Again Mrs. Ankrum's Diary. "Monday, August 4, 1958. Went on a tour of Frankfurt. It has the largest airport in Europe. Part of it is for the U. S. Forces. Saw a part of the town that the U. S. built, and it is called Little America.

"Saw the facade of the city hall, which was left standing during the war though the rest of the building was destroyed. After the tour found that we will have to leave Frankfurt for the U. S. on August 13th instead of the 14th. Supposed to leave for Kassel tomorrow morning." It was a welcome voice over the phone which had not been heard for some time when we talked to our daughter, Genevieve Ankrum Shidler, who, with her husband, Major Robert Shidler, and family, were then stationed at Ludwigsburg. They were to meet us at Schwarzenau, where we were to leave our party, and be on our own from that time on.

Tuesday, August 5, 1958, Frankfurt. The Diary again. "Left the hotel for Kassel at 8:15. Got to Kassel House about 11:30. Looked through it, visited with the folks and then came to our hotel, Hessenland Park. After lunch we started for Friedland. There we were taken to a refugee camp and later saw 561 refugees come in on a 9-coach train. They were all ages, some under a year old, and some probably in their seventies. There have been 12 million refugees enter West Germany since 1949. They had a population of 45 million. Saw several Church of the Brethren people that we know; didn't get to speak to all of them. Dewitt Millers of Hagerstown, are in our hotel at Frankfurt. After we saw the refugees come in, a young man and a girl went with us in our bus to the line separating East and West Germany. There is a strip of plowed ground and a barbed wire fence. The strip of ground is plowed some fifty feet wide. There are German soldiers on the West side and Russian soldiers in towers on the East.

"Start to Schwarzenau at 7:00 in the morning. We paid two dollars and two marks for the trip this afternoon." The Mark is the unit of currency in Germany, divided into pfennings and Deutsch Marks. The Drachma was the unit of exchange in Greece. Kassel was hard hit during the late war and showed much of it. This is the headquarters of the Church of the Brethren in Germany.

The countryside between Frankfurt and Kassel was beautiful, and well cultivated. The German people live in villages and go out to their land. We traveled the Auto Bahn, a road better or equal to our toll roads but which is toll free. They were built as a WPA project before Hitler's time. It was a common sight on the secondary roads to see a couple cows hitched to a wagon driven by a woman. There were no oxen, just cows. They pulled either by a horse collar on their necks or a broad leather band across their foreheads. Never did we see a team driven by a man. They were in no hurry and the autos had to look out for them.

The Diary for Wednesday, August 6, is headed, "Kassel to Schwarzenau, to Ludwigsburg." It reads, "At 7:00 we started for Schwarzenau, driving through the rain most of the way. We got there about 9:30. It is 60 miles from Kassel. Saw Bob and Amy Zigler almost as soon as we got there; also saw Paul Robinson and family. It was a little after ten when the services started. Freeman had the Invocation. The secretary of the World Council of Churches spoke, and there were greetings from the Pastor and the Mayor. Then Norman Baugher presented the town with a book, Desmond Bittinger spoke, and Kenneth Morse conducted the worship service. Paul Halladay led the singing. Bob Zigler pronounced the Benediction.

"Then we went to a restaurant and ate lunch. Genevieve, Bob and the children got there about 12 o'clock. After lunch we went up to the school and took some pictures. On the way back, talked with Charles Provance, a native of Masontown, Pennsylvania, who is stationed at Bremen. Started for Ludwigsburg about 2:30, arriving about 8:00."

Some people think they have dynamic personalities because they are always exploding.



Prayer Meeting Studies by C. Y. Gilmer

RESURRECTION TESTIMONY

Mary to the Savior's tomb, Hasted at the early dawn;
Spice she brought and sweet perfume, But the Lord she
loved had gone.

For awhile she lingering stood, Filled with sorrow and sur-
prise;

Trembling, while a crystal flood Issued from her weeping
eyes.

But her sorrows quickly fled, When she heard His wel-
come voice:

Christ has risen from the dead; Now He bids her heart
rejoice;

What a change His word can make, Turning darkness
into day. —John Newton.

THE FIRST HUMAN WITNESS at the emptied tomb
was Mary Magdalene (Jn. 20:11-18). If anyone thinks
that her being possessed of seven devils at one time, is a
reflection, what about the demoniac of Gadara (Lu. 8:39)?
When delivered from demon possession each of the above
became glowing witnesses (Lu. 8:38, 39). Angels were the
first verbal eye witnesses of the resurrection (Matt. 28:2-4;
Lu. 24:3-8).

"The angels who watch'd round the tomb
Where low the Redeemer was laid,
When deep in mortality's gloom,
He hid for a season His head—
That veiled their fair face while He slept,
And ceased their sweet harps to employ,
Have witnessed His rising, and swept
The chords with the triumphs of joy."

While His body was dead in the grave the spirit of Jesus
was alive and active elsewhere (1 Pet. 3:18, 19; Lu. 23:43).
Christ witnessed His resurrection to Mary Magdalene by
His voice (Jn. 20:15, 16), and then by His appearance
recognized (v. 17). Then Jesus appeared to the other
women, Mary the mother of James, Salome, and others,
—Mary Magdalene being with them (Matt. 28:9, 10).
Christ's third recorded appearance was unto Peter (Lu.
24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5). His next appearance was to two dis-
ciples on the road to Emmaus in which He talked, walked,
interpreted the Scriptures concerning Himself, and gave
them burning hearts (Lu. 24:13-35).

"The new Acquaintance soon became a guest,
And, made so welcome at their simple feast,
He blessed the bread, but vanished at the word,
And left them both exclaiming, "It was the LORD!
Did not our hearts feel all He deigned to say?
Did they not burn within us by the way?"

In His next appearance he spoke peace to the hearts
of the ten without Thomas, ate, showed His hands and

feet, and challenged them with a world-wide missionary
effort (Lu. 24:36-43). One week later He entered the
room with closed doors, showing that material things of-
fered no resistance to His resurrection body (Jn. 20:26-
29). Then He performed two more miracles when He ap-
peared to the seven by the Sea of Galilee (Jn. 21:1-23).
And then to more than five hundred brethren (1 Cor.
15:6) where He delivered to all of that laity and to the
apostles (Matt. 28:16-20) the great commission as a
church obligation. Paul says He appeared to James (1
Cor. 15:7) who pastored a church built on the strength
of Christ's resurrection. No farther away than Bethany
occurred the pre-ascension appearance (Lu. 24:50; Acts
1:12). Here He gave the promised power of witnessing,
reinforcing the great commission (Acts 1:8). They were
to "tarry" until they were "endued with power from on
high" (Lu. 24:49). With His uplifted hands in blessing
upon them He was carried up into Heaven while they
watch, worshipped, and heard the testimony of "two
men . . . in white apparel" (Lu. 24:50, 51; Acts 1:10, 11).

"Shout all ye lands and hail Him King of Glory;
Victor o'er death your Saviour loud proclaim;
O'er all the earth go tell the wondrous story:
Shout glad hosannas to His glorious Name."

Lesson

Comments

by

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Lesson for April 24, 1960

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND MERCY

Lesson: Matthew 5:6-7; 13:44-46; 18:23-33

RIGHTEOUSNESS and mercy! What are they? Attri-
butes of God which He freely bestows upon His spiritual
children.

The Psalmist says, "The LORD is righteous in all His
ways and holy in all His works" (145:17). Not only is God
righteous, but "from Him," Paul says, "you have your exis-
tence in Christ Jesus, who became for us . . . righteousness"
(1 Cor. 1:30—Berkeley).

The writer of Deuteronomy says, "The LORD thy God is
a merciful God" (4:31). Because of this, "His merciful
kindness is great toward us" (Ps. 117:2).

RIGHTEOUSNESS MUST BE SOUGHT

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after
righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Mt. 5:6).

Though righteousness is bestowed—imparted to u
through Christ who becomes our righteousness when w
accept Him—Jesus promises a blessing upon those wh
"hunger and thirst" after it. Like all spiritual gifts, righ
standing with God must be desired and sought.

"What is hunger and thirst after righteousness? It is Divine discontent with everything unlike God . . . It is the passion for the setting up of the kingdom of God amongst men. It is the thing that makes you—if you are a Christly soul . . . hot, and restless, and angry, and discontented, in the presence of all the mal-administration of the affairs of men, which results in the ruin and sorrow of men on every hand" (G. Campbell Morgan).

The glorious promise is that the seeker after righteousness "shall be filled."

As a further illustration of the need to seek after all that is good and right, we have Christ's parable of the Pearl of Great Price. The merchant man was "seeking goodly pearls." In his search for the Way, the Truth, and the Life, he is finally rewarded by finding one Great Pearl—the answer to all men's seeking—CHRIST! So eager was he to obtain this Pearl that he "went and sold all that he had, and bought it." **No cost was too great!**

Why aren't we spiritually satisfied? We count the cost but refuse to pay the price!

"When we want righteousness as we want food and drink, when we want goodness as much as we want tobacco, when the passion for integrity is like the passion of the dope fiend for a narcotic, **we shall be filled**" (Dr. H. B. Walker).

MERCY MUST BE DEMONSTRATED

"Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt. 5:7).

Christ is saying that he who **shows** mercy, shall have mercy **shown**. As Bruce says, this is a "self-acting law of the moral world."

The parable of the Unmerciful Servant supports the truth of this beatitude. This parable actually deals with the matter of **forgiveness** as it relates to **mercy**.

The account is too long to repeat here, but it can be summed up briefly. A servant is forgiven of a great debt (about ten million dollars in our money). In turn he is asked to forgive a fellow-servant of a very small debt (about twenty dollars), but refuses, casting his debtor in jail. He who was so graciously forgiven of the great debt is then punished because, having received mercy, he refused to show mercy.

What is asked of each of us regarding mercy? "Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?" (Mt. 18:33). Christ wants us to **show mercy** even as we have been **shown mercy**!

"How would you be, if
He which is the top of judgment, should
Judge you as you are?
O, think on that.
Mercy will breathe within your lips,
Like man new made."

—Shakespeare.

I do not believe any man genuinely, humbly and thoroughly ever gave himself to Christ without some other finding Christ through him.
—Phillips Brooks.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Why is the Christian home such a fine and precious thing? Because it is a garden of the Lord, a nursery for human lives to grow in. Its seclusion, its shelter, its wise and careful culture are invaluable to growing souls, and nothing can make up for the lack of them. The home is the God-appointed educator of mankind. We have a multitude of institutions which we call schools, but the real schools, where the real lessons of life are learned, are the homes of America. We still hear a good deal about the higher education, the highest that can be had. It is found in the lofty lessons of self-control, self-sacrifice, sublime faith, and splendid trust which home life has such a marvelous power to teach. There is no training to be had in school, or college, or anywhere in the world which can take the place of discipline of the home. Every true Christian home is a university, fully equipped, amply endowed, and able to give the highest education which can be got in this world.—The Baltimore Sun.



*Ashland
Theological
Seminary News*

THE CHRISTOPHER SAUR BIBLE OF 1776 (THIRD EDITION)

Up until this time the Bible had not been printed in America in the English language, or any other European tongue, except Saur's two previous German Editions, and was not until Robert Aitkin published the first English Bible in America in 1782.

Saur wrote in the preface of this edition:

There appears now for the third time on the American continent the Holy Writ, called the Bible in open print in the High German Language to the honor of the German nation; since no other nation is able to show that the Bible has yet been printed in its' language in this part of the world.

Saur had previously published a German Bible in 1763 and assisted his father in the first edition of 1743. All other Bibles in the Colonies were imported from Europe.

In size, appearance and workmanship the edition of 1776 differs little from the other two. It is a family Bible. The pages trimmed to 8x10 inches. The Binding was done in strong leather with brass clasps, plain and durable. The paper used in the Bible was made in Saur's mill. Linen rags were secured and made up into an excellent quality of book paper.

The ink with which the Bible was printed was also manufactured by Saur. It was made chiefly of linseed oil and

soot. These were boiled together in a large kettle until the mixture reached a certain consistency, being stirred all the time. The quality was determined largely by the quality and fineness of the soot. This made an excellent quality of Ink. The Saur Bibles are as clear and distinct today as they were the day they came from the press. The Saur ink had the distinction of being the best printers' ink manufactured in Colonial America.

The undertaking of the printing of a Bible such as this was a monumental task, tons of paper were needed as well as many skilled workmen. The whole process of printing was extremely laborious, the type was of course set by hand. Only four pages could be printed at a time and this on a lever press. All of the appliances and fixtures were primitive and crude and most of them made by Saur himself. There were none of the conveniences that nowadays would be regarded as indispensable to a well equipped printing office.

Nevertheless the Saur printing establishment was well equipped for its day with the best press available, book bindery, ink factory, paper mill. The shop was equipped with many of his own inventions. The Christopher Saur's were known as the most extensive book manufacturers in the British American Colonies.

This edition as well as the other two editions were printed in violation of an act of the British parliament. By this act the privilege of printing the Bible was not to be granted to anyone in the British Colonies, this privilege was vested in the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in England.

There was no prosecution instituted against Saur probably because the Bibles were printed in German for the

German speaking peoples. Had he attempted to print an English edition, he would doubtless have been fined or imprisoned or both and his property confiscated. Fortunately nothing was done and he was allowed to sell his Bibles without interference from the British Government.

In this American edition, Saur used Luther's text throughout except in the third and fourth books of Ezra and the Third of Maccabees (these are apocryphal books always included in the Bibles of this period but are not considered to be canonical). These three apocryphal books were printed according to the Berleburg text.

Saur added no interpretation to the Bible because as he said:

We hope that every one who reads the Holy Writ with an upright heart will, under the leading and fear of God, learn to realize his misery and ruined condition. When he realizes this he will long for the true redeemer, and when he shall learn to know his redeemer and see how He will release him from his misery, he will love Him; and because he loves Him, he will keep His word yes if he keeps his word the Father will love him and will come to him and make his home with him, and then when Divinity dwells in him the Holy Ghost will be the best expounder of his words, which Moses, the Prophets, Christ, along with the Apostles and Evangelists have spoken and Written. This will be the truest interpretation.

Work was begun on this edition early in the year 1776 and by Autumn the large edition had been printed and the sheets spread out in the loft to dry. But these were troublous times. The tumult of war was now to be heard on every hand and business was in a large measure paralyzed. During the winter of 1776-77 and the following spring, some of the sheets were arranged and bound and the volumes delivered to the buyers. When the British troops came into Germantown the next summer, most of the unbound sheets were still in the loft. They were ruthlessly seized by the soldiers and wasted. Some were strewn under their horses for bedding, others were thrown upon bonfires while still others were converted into cart ridges says Isaiah Thomas "and thus used not for the Salvation of men's souls but for the destruction of their bodies."

It is impossible to tell how many of this edition (3,000 were printed) were bound and got into circulation. It is not probable that the number exceeded a few hundred.

Many believe that there are fewer of the third edition in existence than the first which had the smallest printing (1,200). In this respect the third edition is exceedingly rare, and those who are fortunate enough to own a copy prize them very highly.

Much of the information appearing herein was gleaned from: "Literary Activity of the Brethren in the Eighteenth Century" by John S. Flory.

Gerald Bronson, Ashland, Ohio.



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Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by **Jim Rowsey**

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK — MAY 1-8

Why Have a Family Week

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH ARE FAMILY AFFAIRS. They reach the entire family for Christ and minister to the needs of each. National Family Week provides an important opportunity each year to stress these goals and to put machinery into motion which will bring them about.

The home is the most powerful influence in the life of an individual. The great impact the Sunday school and church make upon lives is cancelled or clinched in the home. Both family groups and Sunday school and church workers need to be alerted to the importance and possibilities of Christian education in the home. A week of family emphasis in every department of church work is a vital step in bringing this about.

How To Initiate Family Week

It is usually the vision and force of a single individual that bring about important changes and produce progress.

The burden of the need for observing National Family Week may be on the heart of the pastor, Sunday school superintendent, or a key layman. The initiator should consider himself a crusader, a pioneer, and a salesman who must sell the leadership and indirectly the whole church, and lead them into this important new program.

If the initiator is other than the pastor, the pastor should be contacted first. The pastor presents the idea to the church board. In like manner the Sunday school superintendent sells the board of Christian education. Youth leaders, the Sunday school faculty, and all other church leaders must be informed of National Family Week and inspired to cooperate fully.

The entire program of the church must have a family emphasis or much of the week's value will be lost. Cooperation of the entire church leadership is essential before the program is properly initiated.

Preparation for Family Week

Family Visitation. Plan a program of families as family units visiting other families in the church or community. Advise the visiting family to plan ahead for the visit with the other family.

Family of the year. Choose a family of the year from your church considering the following bases: (1) adults and older children ought to be church members, (2) the number of times all members of the family are present at regular church functions, (3) their participation in the church work.

Family messages. The pastor may wish to begin a series of messages on the family and the home in preparation for family week several weeks in advance.

Family Week discussion. Turn the April workers' conference into a family week discussion. In the general session discuss "What makes a home Christian?" and in departmental sessions plan how to teach of the Christian home to each age group—from NSSA material.



IT'S TIME FOR CAMP

WHILE IT IS NOT YET TIME FOR THE CAMPER TO PACK HIS SUITCASE, it is time for all of us to be thinking and promoting summer camps in our churches. All ready the district camp directors and the Sunday school office have been thinking and planning for another successful season of camping. While we are thinking about summer camp I would like to call your attention to the following items which should be of importance to you.

1. **The reason for church summer camping.** Three basic institutions of society are all contained in the church's summer camping program—the church, the school, and the home. Campers have the experience of living together in the "give and take" of a community of people; of enrolling in specific courses of the Christian faith where there is comprehension, balance, and sequence for each age group; and of a consistent program of devotion and worship without all of the restraints and trepidations of the church. These fundamental influences have been intertwined to a single focus in camps with the result that many young people have had a mountain experience in their Christian faith.

2. **The result of church camping last year.** From Florida to California summer camps were held last year. Eleven hundred forty-nine young people attended these camps and received a concentrated period of Bible study of from eighteen to twenty-five hours of study. Of these young people three hundred twenty of them rededicated their lives to the Lord. Eighty-nine gave themselves as Life Recruits, and ninety young people gave themselves to the Lord for the first time. These are the visible results of camping last year but who can measure the mountain experiences that many others received as a result of their week of camping.

3. **Camp dates for this summer.** As you look elsewhere in this issue of the *Brethren Evangelist* you will find a page with all of the 1960 camping dates listed. I hope that you will notice the dates that pertain to you and that you will then encourage the young people you know to begin to plan for a wonderful week at camp.

4. **The revised Camp Manual.** This manual, revised just this year, has been mailed to all Pastors and Sunday school Superintendents. However, if you would like to have a copy of this forty page booklet you may obtain it by writing to The Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, and requesting a copy. This manual will tell you all about the Brethren summer camping program and will show you just why you should be promoting the camping program among the young people you know.

Discuss but don't argue. It is a mark of superior minds to disagree and yet be friendly.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

AN EASTER THOUGHT

The other day when I was downtown in Ashland going through the Five and Ten Cent store, my eyes focused on the large Easter display near the front of the store. In this large display were bunny rabbits, chickens, eggs, dolls, baskets, toys, candy, green paper grass, stuffed animals, and numerous other articles that go to make Easter one of our "holidays." Farther back in the store were tables and racks of clothing. Hats, shoes, purses, trousers, shirts, dresses, coats, gloves and other spring wearing apparel.

Clear at the back of the store in the corner was a picture of Jesus Christ.

As I passed through that store, the thought occurred to me that Easter was "just another American Holiday," full of goodies and presents for the children and clothing for the adults.

It seemed significant to me that the picture of Christ should be clear at the back of the store, while all the material possessions of life were displayed near the front where most of the customers were.

It left a peculiar feeling inside me that here in the back of the store was EASTER. For without Christ, none of the other displays in the store or any store would have any meaning to anyone.

I had to stop and ask myself, "Why was Christ in the back of the store? Why wasn't He in the front displays, or even out in the front window where everyone could see Him?" The answer to this question is in the heart of every American. Christ is in the back of the store because we have put Him there. We may not realize this, but it is true. In many American homes, even those that are Christian, the Easter bunny has replaced the Risen Saviour. Easter Sunday Church has become a fashion center of new clothes and the latest styles, instead of a time and place to worship God and Christ who has given His life for us.

Easter Sunday will be with us shortly. Can't we as Christians do our best to put Christ back in Easter where He belongs? If we don't, perhaps next year and the following years, the picture of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Saviour may not even be in the store at all.

—Marlin McCann.

DID YOU KNOW?

One out of four mentally disturbed Americans is an alcoholic. According to the National Association for Mental Health, 17,500,000 Americans are suffering from a mental or emotional disorder. This is approximately one in every 10.

Since the Yale Center for Alcohol Studies says there are over 5,000,000 alcoholics in the United States, the

one out of four figure given above is a very conservative estimate.

Approximately one out of seven first admissions to Public Mental hospitals in the United States is an alcoholic. Approximately one out of 20 diagnosed resident patients in public mental hospitals is an alcoholic. Many other alcoholics are under private rather than public hospital care.—Adapted from Contact.

PIC of the WEEK



Around The Table We Go

If you would have been at the last Pennsylvania District Rally at the Johnstown 3rd Brethren Church, you might have made the rounds around this table and helped gather pages for the Camp Juniata Handbooks. If not this, you might have helped tie bundles of material for the Krypton Bible School, or stapled together camp materials. This is what the young people did as they attended a Winter Workshop Rally.

Sixty-five young people braved the weather to work as they fellowshiped. As you can see by the smiles on their faces they truly enjoyed this rally.

Young people, begin now to make your plans to attend General Conference to be held on the Ashland College Campus, August 15th - 21st.

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IT IS OUR GOAL

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

As I heard the words of that beautiful hymn "Mansion Over the Hilltop" played, I realized anew that God has promised us just that, a place in heaven with Him. In John 14:2, 3 He says, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Now, how do we go about reaping this reward promised to all of us? It's as simple as A B C; accept, believe, and confess.

First, we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior; second, we believe, as Paul said to the Philippian jailer in Acts 16:31 "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Then, if we accept God as our Savior and believe that He can save us, we will be willing to confess Him before others. Matthew 10:32 says, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." You may say "I am a Christian, I have done all these things, what more can I do?" But as we approach Easter, I would ask you to do this one thing. Dear friends, take a few minutes from your busy schedule to ask yourselves, have I done all that I can to carry the gospel to those who do not

know thee as Lord and Savior? In Matthew 10:38 Jesus says, "And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."

Let us all consider the words of the following hymn:

HAVE I DONE MY BEST FOR JESUS?

I wonder, have I giv'n my best to Jesus
Who died upon the cruel tree?
To think of His great sacrifice at Calv'ry
I know my Lord expects the best from me.

The hours that I have wasted are so many,
The hours I've spent for Christ so few.
Because of all my lack of love for Jesus,
I wonder if His heart is breaking, too?

I wonder have I cared enough for others,
Or have I let them die a-lone?
I might have helped a wan-d'rer to the Savior;
The seed of precious Life I might have sown.

No longer will I stay within the valley,
I'll climb to mountain heights above;
The world is dying now for want of someone
To tell them of the Savior's matchless love.

Chorus:
How many are the lost that I have lifted?
How many are the chained I've helped to free?
I wonder, have I done my best for Jesus,
When He has done so much for me?

Mrs. Ray Summy,
Ashland, O.

World Religious News in Review

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION PACE CONTINUES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Church construction continues at a record pace. According to figures just released by the Census Bureau, church construction opened 1960 with a new January record.

New construction totaled \$78 million dollars, a slight seasonal decline from December, but \$5 million dollars higher than the mark for January, 1959.

Government officials have predicted that 1960 will be the first billion-dollar year in history in construction of religious edifices in the U. S. The January report bears out the forecast.

DIVORCE DOWN IN WEST GERMANY

BONN, Germany (EP)—Clergymen in West Germany have reported that the rate of divorce in their country is decreasing.

Statistics released by the Registrar General show that in 1958, a total of 48,000 divorces were granted in West Germany and West Berlin, as compared to 49,000 in 1946 and more than 88,000 in 1948.

Urban areas suffer considerably higher divorce rates over rural districts. West Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen, for example, have four times as many divorces among their population than in other regions of West Germany.

PRESIDENT URGED TO MAKE GOODWILL TOUR—OF SOUTHERN U. S.

RALEIGH, N. C. (EP)—The national director of public relations for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, has called on President Eisenhower to make another goodwill tour—this one in the Southern United States.

In a letter to the President, Alexander Barnes said it was his "earnest hope" that Mr. Eisenhower would follow up his South American tour with a similar mission through the Southern States.

"There are thousands of people down here," he wrote, "who need some of the goodwill that you have spread throughout the world, who seemingly have not heard that it also applies in the United States.

"Millions of Negroes," he said, "would like to see you ride through streets of Atlanta, Birmingham, Montgomery, Augusta, Columbia, Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington, Jackson, New Orleans and even Durham and tell them that America cannot survive half slave and half free."

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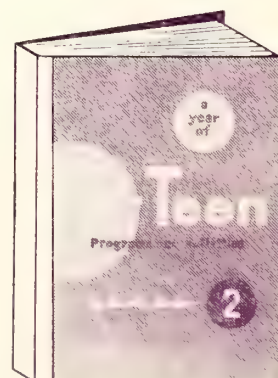
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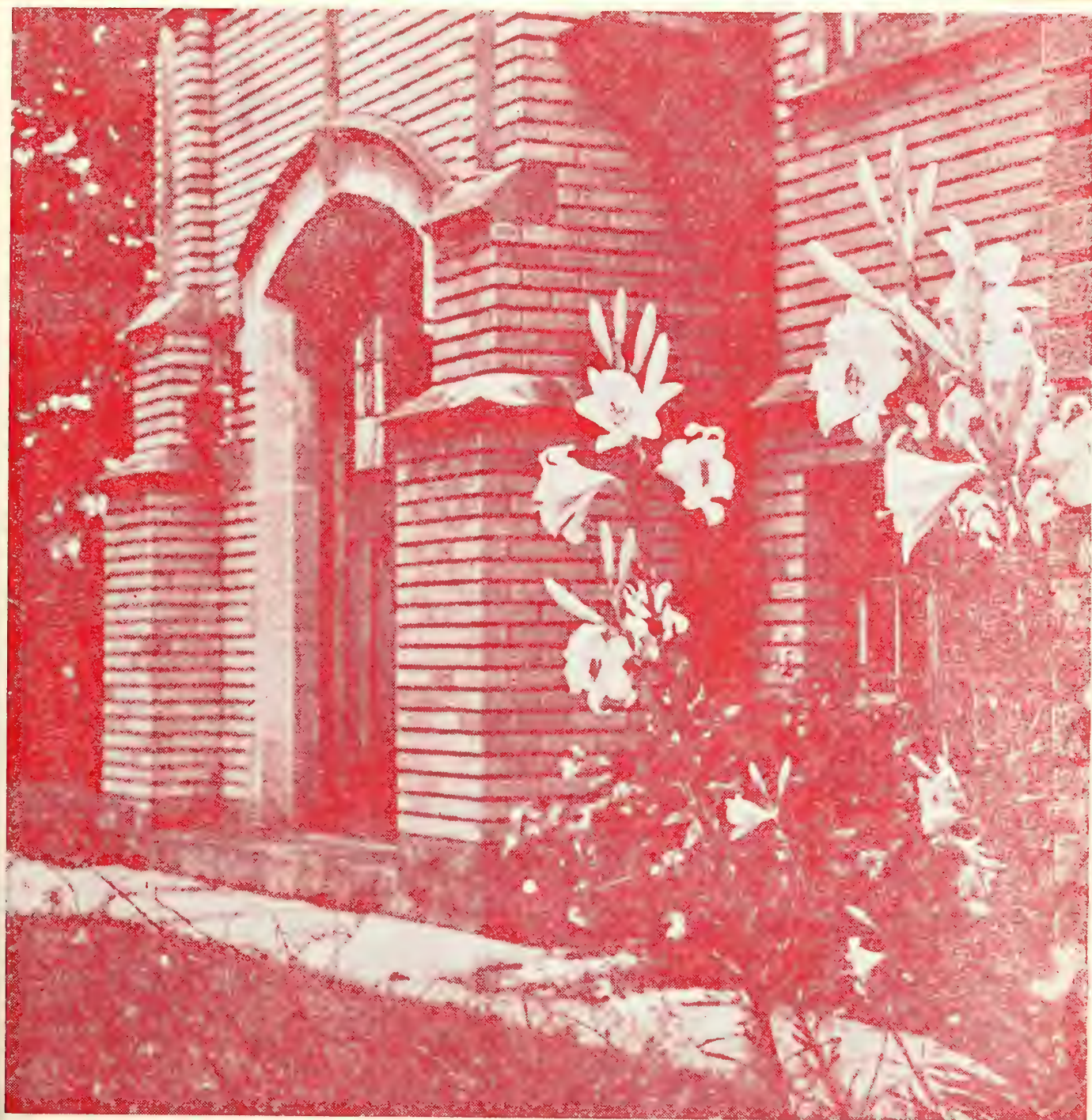
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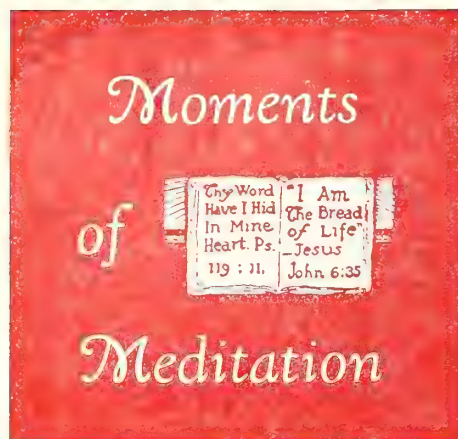


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POSSESSIONS

Let me hold lightly
Things of this earth;
Transient treasures,
What are they worth,
Moths can corrupt them,
Rust can decay,
All their bright beauty
Fades in a day.
Let me hold lightly
Temporal things,
I, who am deathless,
I, who wear wings!
Let me hold fast, Lord,
Things of the skies.
Quicken my vision,
Open my eyes!
Show me thy riches,
Glory and grace,
Boundless as time is,
Endless as space,
Let me hold lightly
Things that are mine—
Lord, Thou hast given me
All that is Thine!

—Selected.



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CONSIDER HIM

When the storm is raging high,
When the tempest rends the sky;
When my eyes with tears are dim,
THEN, my soul, "consider Him."

When my plans are in the dust,
When my dearest hopes are crushed;
When is passed each foolish whim,
THEN, my soul, "consider Him."

When the dearest friends I part,
When deep sorrow fills my heart;
When pain racks each weary limb,
THEN, my soul, "consider Him."

When I track my weary way,
When fresh trials come each day;
When my faith and hope are dim,
THEN, my soul, "consider Him."

Clouds or sunshine, dark or bright,
Evening shades or morning light;
When my cup flows o'er the brim,
THEN, my soul, "consider Him."

Author Unknown.

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PRAYER takes away dimness from the soul, and clarifies our vision of God.

WE'LL NEVER KNOW

A. Hoellein

We'll never know what suffering
Our Saviour had to bear
When He, upon that cruel cross
In shame did die up there;
But this we know, our debt was paid
Upon that cross of woe,
When God upon His Son outpoured
His wrath, so long ago.

We'll never know the price He paid
To take away our sin,
When He went down into the depths
Where none had entered in;

But this we know, God punished Him
To pardon you and me;
And now because God's claims are met,
We can from guilt be free.

We'll never know how God's great love
Drew from His heart this plan,
That brought the Saviour from above
To die for sinful man;
But this we know, He loves us so
And seeks us in His grace,
That with the Son of His dear love
In heav'n we have a place.

—Gospel Herald

HOW SHALL WE SUPPORT OUR CHURCH?

SOME Churches Try Cooking . . .

- Chili Suppers
- Bean Suppers
- Oyster Suppers
- Fish Fries, Etc.

SOME Churches Try Merchandising

- Rummage Sales
- Bake Sales
- Bazaars
- Greeting Cards, Etc.

SOME Churches Even Try Gambling . . .

- Bingo
- Raffles
- Lotteries
- Card Parties, Etc.

BUT SOME TRY GOD'S WAY . . .

- "Bring ye all the tithes into the Storehouse." Malachi 3:10.
- "Upon the first day of the week let every one . . . lay by him in store, as God has prospered him." I Cor. 16:2.
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The Editor's Pulpit

Escaping Responsibility

IT IS MUCH EASIER to think of helping a man in need across the sea than it is to do that same act to a man next door. We can have much more concern for the souls in Africa than we can for the souls in our block. We are in the midst of that type of projection with our giving to missions. Our Missionary Board asks us for a certain amount of money, we partially contribute and by so doing discharge our responsibility to all "nations." This is an easy kind of missionary venture. A venture in which all too many of us are engaged. True we don't give enough even at that, but at least we ease our consciences that we have "done our share".

Not only do we "give" our responsibilities away, but we "think" them away as well. We are not in Africa where we could do so much good therefore we assume that nothing is open for mission work. It is a common Christian frailty to escape our responsibility by projecting our dreams into impossible situations. How many of us simply do nothing because we can't be on a mission field where there is so much need.

IS SIN A BAD WORD?

Of course it is a perfectly good word, but there seems to be a strange psychology about the way we avoid it. We would rather admit we are mistaken than that we have sinned. We'll confess the "error of our ways" before we confess our sins. We go to great lengths to demonstrate that a man does wrong because he is disturbed or mal-adjusted or confused or sick. If he is young enough we call him a "crazy, mixed-up kid," but we prefer not to call anyone a sinner—unless of course we speak of a group of persons in a vague theological way.

Yet Christians should be among the first to recognize that sin is anything that separates a man from God. It cannot be passed off quickly as an error in judgment, a mistake or a misfortune. It is the wrong choice, the selfish attitude, the greedy desire, the failure to trust, the refusal to love, the inclination to give up in the face of evil. There are sins of omission as well as tres-

Recently at a Christian Education Conference at the Ashland Seminary a film was shown depicting the transformation of an ordinary Christian into a sincere worker. This man assumed that the Sunday school had no opportunities for reaching souls, this could only be done by street meetings, services in slums, etc. After a survey he discovered that right in his own back yard, the Sunday school, there were "Acres of Diamonds".

Isn't it true that we often assume that there are no opportunities for thrilling service in our little church or community? Opportunities are to be found on mission fields, or in large cities where there are slum areas, or anywhere other than right at home. We must conquer this attitude by praying ourselves into a real concern for the needs of our neighbors; both physical and spiritual needs. The section of town in which you live could become your mission field. Matters of the spirit can be discussed with fellow-workers, school mates, next door neighbors. When Jesus said: "go ye" he meant every Christian. If you have had a call to stay home then your mission field is where you are. There are diamonds in your backyard, search for them. C.R.M.

passes against known laws. There are secret sins that can poison the heart of one who lives quite respectable. There are social sins as well as personal sins and we do not shed our own responsibility by blaming them on the pagan society in which we live.

Instead of restricting the word to its use in Scripture or in discussions of doctrine, we modern Christians would do well to face up to all that can rightly be called sinful. We avoid the term because we hesitate to admit, even to ourselves, that we too are sinners, who often fall short of what God expects of us. God cannot forgive our sins, and thereby give us power over them, unless we confess them. The need for repentance is the stumbling block that keeps most of us from walking with God. An honest admission of our sinfulness, without resort to excuses or evasions, would help us over that hurdle and into a new experience of the grace of God.—Gospel Messenger.

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WE ARE PROMOTING WORLD MISSIONS IN OUR CHURCH

H. William Fells

GOD'S HOLY WORD provides the basis for all preaching from the pulpit of our church (Garber Memorial Brethren), and the central message of God's Word is "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new..."

Mr. James Orr has the word for our world mission emphasis in his book entitled, **The Christian View of God and the World**. It is a foreign word in more ways than one. It is a German word with emphasis away from the individual and toward the world. The word is *weltanschauung*. In English, the word means "view of the world"; but whereas the phrase is limited by associations which connect it predominantly with physical nature, in German, the word is not thus limited. It has almost the force of a technical term, denoting the widest view which the mind can take of things in the effort to grasp them together as a whole from the standpoint of some particular philosophy or theology.

These two ideas, one from the Bible and the other from a theologian's pen, give our basis for the promotion of world missions. "You cannot become a Christian and remain one for any length of time without being filled with the idea that Christianity is for the world." We have been given the word of reconciliation. We are ambassadors. Ambassadors do not serve their own selfish purposes. "They are the highest representatives sent by one government or ruler to another; they speak in behalf of their governments. An ambassador is a special messenger with a special errand."

Furthermore, the Garber Memorial Brethren Church has been most fortunate in having, at some time in the past, the services of the majority of the people who are now serving the Brethren Church on world mission fields. Robert Bischof of Nigeria once taught a Sunday school class regularly in our church while he was attending Ashland College and Seminary. His wife, Beatrice, worked in the Nursery Department for a short period. "Doc" and Jean Shank have both assisted in this work during their stay at Ashland. "Doc" brought us a fine message during the recent furlough, and our W. M. S. spent a day with Jean and the children, sewing for them. The Krafts have worshipped with the people at our church on several occasions.

When we look across the seas to Argentina, we cannot claim the Bylers for any reason other than that they are representing our church in Argentina; but Kenneth and Jeannette Solomon are well known to our people. Kenneth was pastor of the church for at least a year

back in '50 and '51. His sisters, Mrs. Naomi Yaughner and Mrs. Jean Lonsinger, take active part in the work at Garber.

We think of the Rowseys every time we turn on the lights in our building, which John installed. They received missionary training with us—John serving as Sunday school superintendent and Regina as a teacher. John also spent a great deal of time on our building program in 1955 and '56. The church has been giving specifically for Susan Rowsey's support for two years now. So, it could be said that we are promoting world missions because we know our missionaries who are serving in the field of the world.

We not only know the names of our missionaries but we know THEM personally. We are not content just to look on the field where they are serving; but in the past three years, during our school of missions in January, we have heard about all of our denominational home mission points. We have investigated the progress made by those who are on the world mission fronts for our church and we have heard from India through Major Bose of Jabelpur, India. We have learned of mission work in Korea through a representative of the Korean Gospel Mission; we have heard of missions in the northern countries of South America and of Formosa and other world mission points, through representatives of the Oriental Missionary Society.

The Young Adult B.Y.C. members of our church have studied the booklet, "Brief Study of World Missions" and "Which Way in Nigeria," as well as "Stewardship Facts," for each year they were available.

Our adult Bible study and prayer service builds a prayer request list each week that is mailed into every home of our congregation and the missionaries are listed. If any special needs have been made known by missionaries, these are listed also.

These are some of the ways and means by which we have endeavored to promote world missions in our church.

FAIRLESS HILLS CHURCH

This newly-organized group shares with Evangelist readers some of the encouraging developments in the church's program.

The average attendance has increased over that of year ago from 26 to 39. The young people are faithfully carrying out Bible reading and calling programs. They go out two nights each month visiting prospects and invit-

them to Brethren Youth meetings. In this way, they have won new members.

The choir, which has been organized only seven weeks, shows promise of making excellent contributions to the worship services. They have been receiving from other church choirs copies of music which are no longer being used. This has been helpful to them; and if other groups will share with them in the same way, their help will be appreciated.

Considerable benefit is coming to the church through a teacher-training class in progress. Good fellowship is being enjoyed in cooperative dinners, etc. These brethren are working hard to establish a fine, self-supporting church. They request our prayers in their behalf. May the Lord bless all of them in their Christian stewardship.

SARASOTA CHURCH—Progress Report

The Sarasota Brethren Church is moving ahead. The pastor was greeted enthusiastically on his arrival at the church on his first Sunday, February 7, with a beautiful installation service, under the direction of interim pastor, Reverend C. A. Stewart, assisted by Reverend F. C. Vanator, Reverend C. C. Grisso, and Mr. Harry Byrd. Attendance was 186 at this service, and during the month of February it averaged 190, which is a record high for the month in the Sarasota Brethren Church.

The pastor and family were welcomed warmly at a reception on Sunday evening, February 14, and a generous food shower following was overwhelming.

During the past month a concentrated effort was made by the pastor to call in the homes of all members of the church. This has been done, with the exception of a few out-of-town members. Special effort was also made to call on winter "regular attendants" from the North as well as prospective members and visitors. More than 80 calls were made by the pastor in the name of Christ and the Sarasota Church.

The pastor presented 14 messages over Radio Station W.S.P.B. and served as guest speaker on Sunday evening, March 6, at the K. and K. Trailer Park in Bradenton, Florida, where 22 Brethren also attended. He has become a member of the Sarasota Ministerial Association and chaplain of the Sarasota Fire Department.

On Sunday, March 6, the pastor met with the Constitution Committee to help prepare a constitution and by-laws which are to serve as official guide for the church. He is assisting also in designing a Sunday school constitution with a committee from that organization.

During February the official board voted to sponsor a two-weeks evangelistic "Key to Life" campaign, with the pastor serving as evangelist. This series of meetings will be followed by observance of the Holy Communion.

Prayer meetings have continued, with attendance increasing from 12 to 20. During the next two Wednesday meetings a film strip program on personal evangelism will be used. Brethren Youth Crusaders group has been faithfully attending meetings; they are looking forward eagerly to a planned program of Bible study and activities during the coming months. Members of the choir under the direction of Mrs. Hamel have been attending practices regularly and presenting lovely special music each Sunday.

This church is seeking to promote a spirit of unity both inside and outside the church. An effort is being made to build up the spiritual stature of the people by planning a children's Bible school, a young people's camp, and a teacher's training program.

As we face our work ahead of us, let us each renew our desire to serve Christ in an even greater way that we may be more effective in accomplishing the work that Christ would have us do.—J. D. Hamel, pastor

FORT SCOTT CHURCH PROGRESSES



The Fort Scott Church program indicates continued organizational development, better financial conditions, and a decided improvement in both church building and in the parsonage.

The Sunday school and W. M. S. report increased attendance at their meetings; the church is responding to denominational appeals—from the Central Planning and Coordinating Committee as well as from the camp program; they are experiencing spiritual growth, as evidenced in confessions of faith and in re-dedications of lives, and in service to others.

They are looking ahead to even greater achievements—a vacation Bible school this summer, social programs for more Christian fellowship together, and numerous other outlets for their witness and service. In fact, these people are making a determined effort to become strong—both as an organized body and as witnesses for Christ.

Reverend Steadman Aldis, a former missionary to India, who served the church for a number of years prior to the coming of the present pastor, Kenneth Howard, still meets with the church occasionally, giving help and counsel and sharing some of his missionary experiences with them.

Our prayers and best wishes are with these Brethren people as they seek to build up their church in this community and to reach the unsaved for Christ.

HOUSEHOLD EVANGELISM

LITTLE JEAN, about four years old, was seated with her parents in a restaurant waiting for breakfast. While her parents were busy discussing matters pertaining to the day's journey, she was observing a group of people at a neighboring table where a waitress was completing the process of serving the meal. All at once Jean looked up to her father, her eyes wide with astonishment, and said, "Daddy, they didn't pray."

As far as this child was concerned, something very important had been omitted. To begin eating without first having thanked God for the food just was not done at her house. She was reacting normally to a situation which was not in harmony with her home training.

As a child I was taught that it was a grave sin to throw a piece of bread away. Portions of food that remained in my lunch pail were to be brought home and fed to the dog or the cats—or even to the chickens.

Bread was not to be thrown out to be trampled under foot. It was food for someone or something. Now, after some fifty-odd years, I find myself reacting in harmony with that childhood training.

Out of such experiences we find ourselves approving God's wisdom in laying the foundation for sound religious training in the home. Consider for a few moments the following statements:

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).

The commandment to love God with heart, soul, and strength is first engraved on the hearts of the parents. To obey that commandment means a total commitment to God and the commitment will be reflected in all of the day's activities. Without doubt, there were the usual questions from the children. "Why do you do that? Why don't we live like the other nations? Why do we have to be different?" There had to be answers, of course, but probably the most frequent and most definite

answer was, "Because the Lord our God has thus commanded us." For the instruction was definite: "Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." The Hebrew word translated **teach** carries within itself the meaning that the commandments should be **engraved** on the hearts of the children. Never, never must they forget the meaning of the words, "The Lord our God is one Lord." And it was the responsibility of the parents, especially the father, to see that this program of instruction was carried out. It was a process of household evangelism to be carried on through succeeding generations.

The principles of religious training employed by Israel could well be applied to Christian families and since those principles are sound, satisfactory results should follow. All parents are familiar with the interminable "why's" of the children. They are also familiar with the small child's insatiable desire for stories. But what many do not realize is that these two characteristics of their children constitute a wonderful opportunity for household evangelism. Children and Jesus belong to each other. Jesus loves children and they are responsive to His love. Is not that why Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God"? And it is in the familiar surroundings of the home where the growing child can best be taught the lessons of faith and trust in a personal Savior.

Grandma was helping Christine, who was between three and four years old, to get ready for bed. Christine was telling Grandma a wonderful story about Jesus.

"And Grandma," she was saying, "When Jesus came to the house, He said, 'Now don't you cry any more. Your little girl isn't dead, she is just sleeping.' But all the people just laughed at Jesus. 'Ha, ha, ha. I guess we know when a person is dead.' But Jesus told them, 'Now, you get out of here. I tell you the girl is only sleeping.'"

"And when those people went out, Jesus said 'Little girl, you can get up now.' And, do you know, Grandma, that little girl sat up in bed and smiled at Jesus. Then Jesus looked at her daddy and mommy, and said, 'See, I told you she was only sleeping. Give her some supper.'"

That story was her favorite. Over and over she had heard it until the seeds of faith and trust were planted deep in her heart and the time came when as an older child she committted herself with more mature understanding and love to the Jesus she had learned to love and trust when she was only four years old.

A busy pastor was engaged in pre-Easter services in a nearby mission. For several days he had very little time to devote to the children in his home. He put on his coat and was about to open the door, when his little daughter, dressed in her pajamas, came running to him for her goodnight kiss. But once she had him, she was reluctant to let him go.

"Please, Daddy, let me say my prayers by you before you go." Of course, Daddy sat down and the child knelt by his chair, resting her curly head on his knee. She hurried through her prayer and jumped to her feet, ready for conversation.

"I know where you are going, Daddy. You are going to church to tell the people about Jesus. You are going to tell them how wicked men nailed Him to the cross and how a soldier stuck a spear into His side and . . ." but by that time she had burst into tears and began sobbing as though it had been her daddy who had been so cruelly mistreated.

"Why did they do it, Daddy?" she cried. The anguish in her voice struck home to her father in a way that put new meaning into the crucifixion story for him. He found himself praying that he might transmit the same feeling of anguish to his congregation that night.

Household evangelism works. While there is much that we have to teach our children about Jesus and His saving grace, our children can open ways to our hearts and minds over which renewed visions of His grace and love can come to us.

A couple of cars pulled up to an observation point along the Grand Canyon drive. Out bounded a small boy. Right on his heels came a puppy dog. Both of them appeared to have one thing on their mind—use up energy. In their joy and excitement, neither boy nor dog seemed to sense any danger of falling over the rim of the yawning canyon. I felt it was time for a friendly word of warning.

"Better keep an eye on your dog, Sonny," I said. "He might go over the edge into the canyon and then you wouldn't have a dog to play with." Without a trace of concern, he replied, "No, sir. He won't fall into the canyon."

"How come?" I asked. Back came the firm statement, clear enough for all to hear:

"Because Jesus wouldn't let it happen."

I found myself almost envying him. What utter certainty was expressed in those few words. "Jesus wouldn't let it happen." To that happy little boy, Jesus and the kingdom of God were a reality, something to live by. He was in the kingdom and so was his happy, irresponsible little puppy dog. And Jesus was right there with them!

Not by hard thinking did this lad arrive at such faith and trust. He caught it from somebody who loved him.

Courtesy of National Sunday School Association in preparation for National Family Week, May 1-8, 1960.

FIVE RESOLUTIONS

Jonathan Edwards, who was a great and useful man, made five resolutions for himself in his youth, and lived by them faithfully. They are worth studying. Any one who will adopt and follow them will greatly increase his usefulness. The resolutions are as follows:

- 1. Resolved: "To live with all my might while I do live.
- 2. Resolved: Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.
- 3. Resolved: Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.
- 4. Resolved: Never to do anything out of revenge.
- 5. Resolved: Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life."

These are the resolutions of a young man who saw the possibilities and the dangers of life, and was determined to make the most of his powers and opportunities.—Ohio Sunday School Worker.

"LIKE CHRIST"

I find that the greatest hindrance to the Gospel and the greatest hindrance to many precious truths taking effect in the hearts and consciences of unbelievers is the unChristlike lives of those who profess the truth. Oh, give me a hundred people that are making of their lives to be "like Christ"—reading His Word and crying to God to show them the right way—and I will show you a place where there will be permanent blessing.—J. R. C.

EVANGELISM

by Rev. J. D. Hamel

The Work Of An Evangelist

Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.—II Timothy 4:5.

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I AM WRITING THIS ARTICLE with the sincere desire that it may help other men, who like myself, feel called of God to do revival work. Perhaps it will help some to get started, and others to establish methods of procedure that will raise the ethical standards of evangelism.

GETTING STARTED. The first serious problem confronting the would-be evangelist, of course, is getting started. How will he get invitations? Should he circularize pastors with form letters describing his work and asking for openings? Should he advertise in religious periodicals? Should he appeal to some organization to keep him busy?

In my humble opinion he should not! Pastors, laymen and even the unconverted are quick to sense there is something wrong with an evangelist using these methods exclusively. He is likely to become immodest and overestimate his ability. Reputable lawyers and doctors adhere to a code of ethics that forbids public advertising. They feel that a job well done will result in satisfied clients and patients who will advertise for them. Let it be so with evangelists. Then, too, there is a tendency to depend on organizations, schemes, and methods to keep busy instead of relying on the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is far better to "trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5, 6)

PREACH THE WORD: It seems to me that the one thing necessary for an evangelist to do in order to keep busy is to follow Paul's advice to Timothy: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:2). If you feel dead sure the Lord wants you to be an evangelist, then get going. Make up your mind you will preach the word. If you can win the lost and help the saved, you will soon receive more invitations for revival campaigns than you will know what to do with. Thousands of churches are looking and praying for evangelists whose one aim is the salvation of the lost. If you are a soul winner you will be kept busy.

Of course it is perfectly proper that you let it be known that you have been called of God to do evangelistic work and are available for meetings. It is right that editors, convinced of your earnestness and ability, announce in

gospel periodicals where you may be reached with invitations. And it is legitimate that true reports of your campaigns be published in order that others may rejoice with you and invite you for meetings as the Lord leads. But remember you are preaching for God, not men, and you are trusting Him for opportunities to preach.

Moreover, since "even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel," you will find that those to whom you minister will gladly support you.

THE EVANGELIST AND THE HOST CHURCH: Another problem an evangelist must face is choosing which invitations he should accept. Certainly he should be in no church whose ministry he cannot endorse. A church wants an evangelist to build up, not tear down; to strengthen, not weaken; to unite and not separate. Be assured that no church invites an evangelist in order that he may correct the teaching of that church regarding baptism, the Lord's Supper, etc. Therefore if he feels he cannot preach without getting that church "straightened out" on some particular doctrine, let him frankly say so before the campaign begins. If the church still wants him, all right. If not, they can look elsewhere for an evangelist. In either case, the evangelist will have acted the part of a Christian gentleman. The same holds true of a union revival campaign where churches of different denominations are co-operating.

It is not only unethical but downright foolish for an evangelist to preach on some doctrinal difference, when it cannot possibly do real good but only hinder fellowship and divert the minds of the people from the main object of the campaign, which is to revive the saved and win the lost.

A REVIVAL MEANS WORK: Many a revival has failed because of the carelessness and laziness of the evangelist. The evangelist should remember he is in a revival campaign to do the WORK of an evangelist—not to take a vacation. Let him not spend his days "seeing the sights," when there is work to be done. With the pastor, he can visit the church members, praying with each one and laying the burden of the services on their hearts. He can plan special nights. He can help to get out advertising. He can get a group of women telephoning. It is surprising what he can do if his heart is in it. Scolding or sulking will not help matters—working will.

LOYALTY TO THE PASTOR: It should go without saying that the evangelist must not betray the trust of the pastor who has invited him. As a rule the evangelist

in a position to wield a great deal of influence with the congregation where he is ministering. To begin with, the pastor encourages his flock to accept, love and pray for the evangelist and to follow his leadership. He is trusted by pastor and people and he must be careful not to betray that trust.

As an evangelist he must remember that he will be gone in a few weeks, but the pastor will be there longer—perhaps for years. Therefore, for Jesus' sake, do all in your power to strengthen the ministry of the pastor. For this reason, I never accept invitations to baptize converts, perform marriage ceremonies, or bury the dead. I always urge that the pastor be asked instead, for he, by doing these things, may be able to make contacts that will enable him to help the ones involved for years to come.

Once the campaign is over, the evangelist should not strive to use any popularity he may have gained to oust the pastor and take his place, or start a new church. Nor should he write back asking or hinting for money. Of course, there are evangelists who represent missionary boards, Bible schools, etc., in which the church is interested and would willingly help. But if names are to be taken for a mailing list, it should be definitely understood beforehand.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Most God-used evangelists use the expense and love offering plan for their financial support. This plan is that the church take offerings to pay the evangelist's traveling expenses from his last engagement, (or home church) and his room and board during the campaign. Then a love offering is taken for him on one or more nights during the campaign. The honest and thoughtful evangelist will be careful to include only actual travel fare, and food and lodging in his expense account. He will pay for his own personal bills, such as laundry and phone calls. And if his wife or other members of his family travel with him, he will personally pay their fare, food and hotel bills, unless actually members of his party and the host church has understood this to be so in advance. If the evangelist feels his love offering should be taken in any particular way, let him plainly say so before plans for the campaign are concluded. Almost all misunderstandings can be eliminated by definite understanding **BEFORE THE CAMPAIGN BEGINS.** This cannot be overstressed.

Certainly no evangelist should set a price on his ministry and demand a set sum for his services. If he does so, there will be a tendency to avoid small places where his remuneration would not be large. And he will be in grave danger of becoming so money-minded that his first consideration will be finances and not soul-winning. It is hard to imagine Paul writing to the Romans that he would come to them for a hundred dollars a week! Paul was not concerned about what folks would do for him, but what he could do for them. When he had to make tents for a living, he made them. When he had to skimp, he did. When people gave generously, he rejoiced. "For I have learned," Paul said, "in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." The evangelist will do well, then, to make no financial requirement other than that the people be allowed to give to him as they feel led of the Lord. If God called you to preach, He will see you through financially.

WORK FOR A NATION-WIDE REVIVAL. As a young preacher, my heart is thrilled as I notice evidences of a

mighty revival in America; great city-wide revival campaigns conducted by men of God; the many churches calling for evangelists. Surely embers are glowing, and with all the sincerity of my heart, I pray that the revival fires may burn brightly in the Brethren Church, and across America.

With all our hearts let us put soul winning first. Let the evangelists hold up the hands of godly pastors. Let us trust God to care for us and reward us.

—Sarasota, Florida.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." **Philippians 4:6.**

WHAT IS PRAYER? It is talking with God. Talking to Him about our needs, and making our requests known unto Him—and giving Him opportunity to speak to us. It is talking to our Heavenly Father as friend talks to friend. We call God our Father, and what child cannot and does not talk to his earthly father? The child knows no temerity or doubt as to the father's willingness to listen to his child's desires and requests.

There is the wife and mother, whose husband is a seafaring man and her son in military service abroad. Each night she kneels and petitions the Throne: "Dear Lord, I know how rough the sea can be, and where my son is serving could be dangerous. But you know where they are and what they need; so I leave them in your loving care. These my loved ones are dear to me, and I know you will care for them. You know my desire for them."

Just so simple and trustful should be our committal of our problems, our loved ones, our own lives to the keeping care of our Heavenly Father. So confident and assured was the faith of the great Christian, who when he was spied upon by some who would learn the source of his godly life, heard him close the day with this brief committal of his life to God in these prayer words. "And now Lord it is well between Thee and me, and so goodnight 'till morning." Anyone who can utter that kind of prayer will not be troubled with restless slumber.

Wedding Announcement

KLINEDINST-HAYES. Miss Ruth Hayes was united in marriage to William Klinedinst, Saturday, March 19th, at 2:00 P. M. in the Teegarden Brethren Church. The reception was held in the church's social room following the ceremony. Miss Hayes is a member of the above-named church.

Hays K. Logan, Pastor.



Hagerstown Brethren Dedicate New Annex



The First Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Maryland, showing the recently dedicated Sunday School-Educational Building at the left side of the picture.

THE FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH of Hagerstown, Maryland, dedicated their new Sunday School Educational Building, which represented for them the dream of many years and the combined labor and sacrifice which was shared by all. The building is 85' by 42', and is a three story structure of concrete block faced with brick. The total cost was approximately \$145,000.00. This cost included an entirely new heating system for the older church building as well.

The building will house the following Sunday School Departments: Third floor—Intermediates and Juniors; Second Floor—Nursery, Primary, and Beginners; First Floor—An adult Assembly Room and Fellowship Hall. There is also room in this building provided for a future enlargement and extension of the Church sanctuary which would provide seating for approximately 100 more worshippers. This phase of the program can be listed under future plans already made which reveals the vision and faith of these Brethren.

The building was first used by the children on the top two floors on the first Sunday in November and the rest of the building was occupied on the first Sunday in December. It is already proving itself a wonderful asset to the growth of the Lord's work here. The evidence o

his is seen in the constant increase in Sunday School attendance. During the past church year the average attendance for the Sunday School was 213. The average attendance for the first five months of this church year is 255. The high for a regular Sunday School service was reached on February 28 with 299 in attendance. The Brethren at this church are confident that the Lord will continue to bless them with both numerical and Spiritual growth.

The Dedication Service was held on Sunday, February 21 at 3:00 P. M. Dr. Glenn L. Clayton, President of Ashland College, was the Speaker. His theme was, "Go Up Higher". It was a very appropriate and challenging message. An offering was received which exceeded our goal of \$2,500.00. It was a real joy to live through this milestone with these people and to see the physical evidence of their faith in the church's program by their response to the financial needs not only on this day but throughout the entire planning and building stages.

On March 8, the painters moved out all their equipment and scaffolding after having newly painted the Nave and front entrance to our church. This was a much needed project and was made possible by the generous offering received on the Day of Dedication.

Thy physical church has been both enlarged and beautified and we praise God for it. Our prayer is that He may continue to bless us and that our Spiritual lives may likewise be enlarged and become ever so lovely and pleasing to Him.

George W. Solomon, Pastor.

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DEDICATION PROGRAM

PreludeMrs. Rosalie Hykes
Church Organist

The Gloria Patri

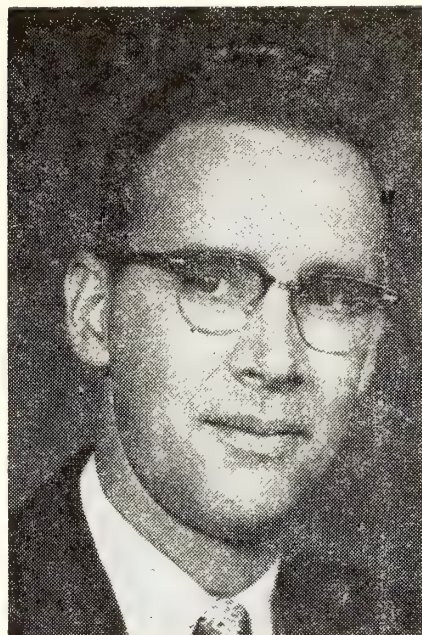
The Call To Worship

Hymn—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"No. 490

The Scripture Lesson

The Prayer

GreetingsMr. John Porte
Field Secretary of Brethren Church



GEORGE W. SOLOMON, PASTOR

The OfferingMr. John L. Carnochan

GreetingsDistrict Pastors

The Anthem—The Junior ChoirMrs. John R. Ott,
Directing

The SermonDr. Glenn L. Clayton
President, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio

The Anthem—The Senior Choir
Mr. John Carnochan, Director

The Act of DedicationDr. Joseph Schultz
Moderator of General Conference

The Prayer Of DedicationPastor

Hymn—"The Church's One Foundation"No. 491

The Benediction

The Postlude

OHIO CAMP HAS A NAME

For a year the Ohio Brethren Camp Board has been conducting a contest to get a name for the camp. Campers were encouraged last year to turn in names, Evangelist readers were asked to submit names. From the list of names thus submitted the Ohio Brethren Camp Board has selected a name for the Ohio Camp.

The name chosen—Camp Bethany. The winner O. W. Whitehead, Dayton, Ohio.

There is much religious significance attached to this name. First it has a New Testament background, Second, it was the home of Mary and

Martha and Lazarus in which Jesus spent much time while in and around Jerusalem. Then too, it had a rhythm to it which made it acceptable, along with being somewhat brief. Thus Ohio Camp will now be called Camp Bethany. There is something warming and uplifting about the name as one recalls Jesus going to Bethany to visit friends, to rest, and to teach as he did in the home of Mary and Martha.

Formal recognition of the name and the contest winner will be made at the District Conference this summer.

And They Remembered His Words -- Do We?

Rev. Dyoll Belote

"And they remembered his words" (Luke 24:8).

THE STORY of the friends of Jesus who gathered at the place of His burial on that first Easter morning, and found the tomb empty, is familiar to all. The celestial beings who sat in the tomb spake unto them the familiar words of Scripture: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, He is risen . . . Remember how He spake unto you while He was yet in Galilee?" And they remembered His words.

A question arises, and a significant one. Had they forgotten His words? Were the sayings of Jesus so trivial, so unimportant that they were not worth remembering? The records shows that He spoke words of wisdom and power that have meant everything to this old world. Words that have meant forgiveness, healing, hope, assurance, power, salvation. Wisdom and grace characterized His proclamations, so that even His enemies declared: "Never man spake as this man."

But maybe a criticism of the Apostles and those of Christ's earthly sojourn will require that we ask ourselves "How much of the Master's teachings do we remember?" And such a question will act as a spur to more earnest study of, and meditation on the teachings of the Word. But that is not enough. To be really worthwhile requires obedience to these teachings, for we must be "doers of the Word and not hearers only."

Mr. D. E. Mumford has a poem by the same title as the title of our study, and I would like to offer it as the closing section of this study:

AND THEY REMEMBERED HIS WORDS

"Shining garments, an empty tomb,
And women there who wept.
'Seek ye the living among the dead?
Him hath the grave not kept.'
And they remembered His words.

"Things He told you in Galilee
Of sorrow, shame and death;
Betrayed, delivered to sinful men;
Recall the things He saith?
And they remembered His words.

"Crucified on a shameful cross;
Well-sealed in a rock-hewn tomb;
He is not dead but is risen again
Christ of the upper room!
And they remembered His words.

"Ages pass and the records show
Great deeds by men of faith
Who gained their strength from a living God
Not from an empty wraith.
For these remembered His words!

"Chaos, hate and a war-torn world
Where doubt and fear run free;
Atomic bombs and the race for power—
What will the future be?
We must remember His words!"

CURE FOR INSOMNIA

You can't get to sleep at night? Some time when you're lying awake during the "wee small hours," try one or all of the following:

Repeat the words of your favorite hymns.

Repeat Psalms or other memorized Scripture.

Read your Bible or some devotional literature (not fiction).

Do some praying for those on your prayer list.

You will probably be asleep before you know it—for the devil would rather have you asleep than to have your mind "stayed on Him."—See



THERE IS STILL TIME

THERE IS STILL TIME enough to complete arrangements for traveling in the 1960 FLYING SEMINAR TO BIBLE LANDS. Descriptive folders and letters have been in the hands of Pastors and church Secretaries for some time.

The tour which I directed in 1958 and the one being prepared for 1960 (July 5 to August 9) were both **planned primarily for Brethren Pastors and people**. Every sincere Brethren person ought to have the opportunity once in his life time of walking in the land of Jesus and Biblical characters. The Bible then comes alive for him and is seen in clearer perspective than ever before. Christianity did not arise and develop in a vacuum, but is definitely rooted in history. Our tour will help its members to understand this.

All our Pastors need this kind of opportunity for self improvement and broadened outlook. School teachers return to college for refresher courses, salesmen go to sales schools, and business men attend business conferences. Business corporations send their key men to conferences, con-

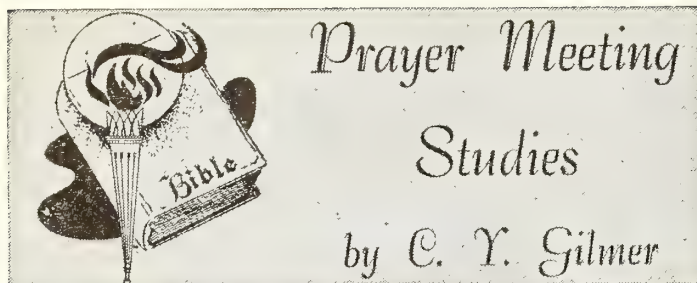
gresses and conventions (all expenses paid) for the benefit of the corporations. Why should not our churches take more direct **interest in the improvement and growth of their pastors?** Who but the churches will gain by it?

There are Brethren Pastors who would arrange for such a tour if their churches would release them for the time necessary and continue their salaries for them. Some churches have not realized this. The majority of Brethren Pastors feel hesitant in asking for this consideration. Will not our **churches take the initiative?**

Trans World Airlines, Inc., our chief agent of transportation has an offer which will be attractive to all our Pastors and church workers. The Company has available a deferred payment plan which offers the privilege of a 10% first payment and a period of 20 months for the balance.

There is still time, but only a little. **Take immediate action.**

Delbert B. Flora, Tour Director.



SIMON PETER

He heard it oft before—
The cockcrow, loud and shrill;
And, flinging wide the door,
He breathed the bracing chill.
So full of strength was he!
Aloft the white sail sprang;
And as he put to sea,
The Galilean sang.
For Peter, it was day!

He hears it now once more—
The cockcrow, loud and shrill;
And at the courtyard door
He huddles, shrinking, still,
Then vanishes from sight.
Across the eastern sky
The tide of morning sweeps;
And as he stumbles by,
The Galilean weeps.
For Peter it was night!

—George L. Kress.

PETER HAD THE DISTINCTION of being the leading disciple of Christ (Matt. 10:2). He was the spokesman for the disciple band (Lu. 9:20). He with the other disciples was given "the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 16:19; Jn. 20:23). Jesus was careful to forewarn Peter before his fall (Lu. 22:31-34). In his own mind Peter thought he was infallible (Matt. 26:33, 35). But when sifted by Satan, Peter denied his having been with Jesus (Lu. 22:56-58). And to this lie he added profanity (Matt. 26:73, 74).

Peter laid himself open to temptation when he warmed his hands by the fire of the enemies of Christ (Jn. 18:25) after following "afar off" (Lu. 22:54, 55). In this kind of a crowd Peter let his former sins overtake him (2 Pet. 1:9). Peter had underestimated his enemy, Satan, and was poorly prepared (Eph. 6:11, 12). The Lord had taught him long before to pray daily for deliverance from Satan (Matt. 6:13). The Devil was very real to Peter after this sad experience (1 Pet. 5:8, 9). Demons cannot overpower the prayerful (Psa. 34:7). Peter's miserable failure was due to the fact that he was too sleepy to watch and pray as he had been repeatedly and recently commanded by the Savior to do (Matt. 26:40, 41; Mk. 14:37-41). Peter was overcome by his fleshly nature (Gal. 5:17). Again, Peter was greatly opposed to the Lord's coming death (Matt. 16:22, 23). The Lord had forbidden Peter's plan for His defence (Jn. 18:10, 11). When we resist God's plan, we err grievously (Rom. 9:20).

In John 21 Jesus met Peter, restored and recommissioned him (vs. 15-17). He who had asserted his willingness to die for Christ (Matt. 26:35) would yet do so

(Jn. 21:18, 19). He would yet be a strength to his brethren (Lu. 22:32). The risen Christ was his intercessor (Rom. 8:34). There is mercy for the past and grace for the future (Heb. 4:14-16). Too many give way to the accusations of the Devil (Rev. 12:10), and lose sight of what they have in Christ for restoration (Heb. 7:24, 25). God knows how to deliver out of temptations (2 Pet. 2:9). His recipe for the godly to follow may be found in the first three verses of the first Psalm. There is hope for folk who are heart-broken over their own sin (Lu. 22:60-62). On Resurrection day the risen Lord sent word by an angel to Peter that He had a special appointment with him in Galilee (Mk. 16:7). The Jesus Who once sent Peter to catch a fish with a coin in his mouth (Matt. 17:27), again summoned Peter to do some miraculous fishing (Jn. 21:11). So on the day of Pentecost Peter was used miraculously in fishing for the souls of men (Matt. 4:19).

"Hast Thou a lamb in all Thy flock
I would disdain to feed?
Hast Thou a foe before whose face
I fear Thy cause to plead?"

Lesson

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for May 1, 1960

FOUNDATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Lesson: Matthew 5:8, 27-37; Luke 9:61-62

WHAT ARE THE foundations of the Christian Home
Is Charles Swain right when he says,

"Home's not merely four square walls,
Though with pictures hung and gilded;
Home is where affection calls—
Filled with shrines the Hearth had builded."

Our lesson suggests three essentials for a true Christian Home.

First, the Christian Home...

REQUIRES A PURE HEART

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God (Mt. 5:8). Purity of heart! How very much this is needed. God says the heart of natural man "is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9). Jesus said that out of the heart of unregenerate man "proceed evil thoughts, murder, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Mt. 15:19).

"To be pure in heart—isn't that impossible? To be absolutely clear of all impurity, insincerity, and dishonesty in thought as well as in deed—can we ever attain to that?" (Frank S. Mead.)

It is true that man cannot attain purity of heart in himself. He must cry out as did David: "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Ps. 51:10).

When the heart is pure, the home is pure!

Secondly, the Christian Home ...

REQUIRES A PURE LIFE

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Mt. 5:27-28).

The Lord is contrasting His doctrine with the teaching of the Rabbis that was then current among the Jews. He never repudiated the old law. His teaching superseded it. There are those who teach that we who are living under the law are no longer under obligation to the law. In a sense that's true. But **grace** is NOT a license to sin!

It must be seen that the obligations of **GRACE** are far more restrictive than those of **LAW**! The **LAW** said: "Thou shalt not commit adultery"—i.e., the immoral act is sin. **GRACE** says: "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart"—i. e., not only is the immoral act sin, but even the **thought**!

"And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell" (Mt. 5:29). What is Jesus saying here? **Discipline of the Flesh is necessary if PURITY is to be maintained and the SOUL is to be saved!**

The Home will not be secure unless those within it manifest purity of life.

Thirdly, the Christian Home ...

REQUIRES A PURE TONGUE

"But I say unto you, Swear not at all; ... but let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever ye say more than these cometh of evil" (Mt. 5:34, 37).

An oath should never be required of the Christian to vindicate his word! To swear by an oath implies your plain word cannot be accepted at face value. **The very fact that oath swearing is so widespread reveals that lying is even widespread!**

These three things, then, are required of every Christian Home:

Purity of Heart!

Purity of Life!

Purity of Tongue!

The first of these is the most important. When the heart has been purified by the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, the life and tongue will be pure also.

"Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God:
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
Our Life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their Pattern and their King:

Still to the lowly soul,
He doth Himself impart,
And for His dwelling and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart."

—J. Keble.

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by **Jim Rowsey**

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK—MAY 1-8

THIRTY-FIVE MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE in the United States have never entered a church. Over one-hundred million adults of the age of eighteen and over do not attend any church service. These two facts are enough to convince me that we, the church, have a tremendous responsibility to reach the whole family for Christ. National Family Week is an opportune time to begin this effort of reaching families for Christ. Below you will find several suggestions for the church to use in promoting the importance of the Christian family. These suggestions come from the booklet, "How to Observe National Family Week," published by N.S.S.A.

Family night. A special family night at the church fits well into a family week program.

A family supper, followed by recreation in which each member of the family can participate, and possibly demonstrations of family devotions, family council, or explanation and demonstration of a family night at home would round out the program. It should be over early for the benefit of young members of families.

An evening in the church schedule should certainly be kept open for the family to have a free night at home together. If it is not the practice to have such a free night in the program National Family Week is a good time to make this important feature permanent.

Family clinic. An excellent program to begin during National Family Week is a training class for parents on subjects vital to family life. If there is a regular training program in the evening before the evening service this would be a good time for the course. If no program for adults is regularly held the family clinic could be proposed as a special feature at this time, and could be developed later into a full training program.

Subjects to be discussed in the family clinic include family worship, family government, family finance, discipline, sex education in the home, Christian standards in the home, and family recreation. If no one person is qualified to teach every section of the clinic specialists may be brought in such as a Christian doctor, a Christian psychiatrist, or a Christian recreation director.

Family worship. Every family in the church should be encouraged to establish family worship. This should be a major emphasis of National Family Week and special help should be given to see that it is done.

Stay at home night. National Family Week is a good time to begin the practice of taking one night each week or month for special family activities at home. Periodically an entire evening should be given to a family dinner, family worship, and family recreation. The T.V. set should be turned off and the family do things together.

World Religious News in Review

UP COMES ANOTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL "FIND"

JERUSALEM (EP)—An Israeli government inspector of antiquities has found an ancient Hebrew letter dating from the second half of the seventh century B. C. It is allegedly the oldest one ever found, and was turned up at a seaside fort near Yavneh in southern Israel.

Dr. Yosef Naveh, who made the discovery, said the letter was written on a piece of pottery by a peasant to a royal governor at the time of Jeremiah.

This letter is believed to be nearly 50 years older than the famed Lachish Letters unearthed in 1935 (Lachish was Judah's chief fortress city mentioned more than 12 times in the Old Testament.)

The recently-discovered letter opens as follows: "May my Lord, the Prince, hear the word of his servant." The writer then complains that while he was harvesting near the fort, his cloak was taken away... "All my brethren will witness in my behalf that I am innocent," the writer says. The words bring to mind an Exodus passage on the judgments of the law which says: "If thou at all take thy neighbor's raiment to pledge, thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down..." (Exodus 22:26).

Dr. Naveh said three other Hebrew inscriptions also were found at the fort. One of them clearly points to religious reforms during the reign of King Josiah (640-609 B. C.) Dr. Naveh said.

Excavations are to be continued at the site which is located in an area near Kibbutz Palmakhim, a settlement close to Israel's atomic reactor.

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WASHINGTON'S BIBLE TELE-COURSE GETS WIDER AUDIENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—During the present semester, Washington's popular telecourse on the Bible will be televised outside the national capital area for the first

time, according to an announcement from American University.

The course on the Old Testament has attracted hundreds of registrants, as did the first course in New Testament given last year over the air. It is taught by Dr. Edward W. Bauman, chaplain of the Methodist-sponsored university, assisted by Rabbi Balfour Brickner, spiritual leader of Temple Sinai, a Washington reform congregation.

The course will be carried by WSVA, Harrisonburg, Va., 175 miles west of Washington in the Shenandoah Valley, as well as by WMAL-TV which originated it in the capital city.

The 13-week series will be sponsored by the Virginia Council of Churches. In Washington, the program is sponsored by the National Capital Area Council of Churches.

Ultimately, it is hoped that a whole network of cities in the East will carry the program, if it proves as popular in other areas as it has in Washington.

In the first semester this year, 127 persons paid a \$40 tuition fee to American University to take the course for two hours of college credit, applicable to any undergraduate or graduate degree. They wrote term papers, took field trips, and wrote a final examination based on the television lectures and study materials.

Another 1,300 persons paid \$5.00 apiece for the textbook and study guides, while 200 of them paid an additional fee just to take the final examination to see how they did—and win a certificate from the university, if they passed.

A recent television poll, to the "astonishment" of sponsors of the telecourse, showed that an estimated 138,000 homes in the greater Washington area were tuned to the program between 11 and 12 Saturday morning. As many as 1,000 persons have turned up to take the field trips announced on the program.

RADIO STATION QUIZZED ON BOTH PAYOLA AND RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMING

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(EP)—The requests of four Boston radio stations for license renewal are being held up while a Federal Communications Commission investigates charges of "payola." One of these stations will also be asked why it has devoted so little time to religious programming.

The FCC sent letters to Stations WMEX, WILD, and WOHL, Boston, and WHIL, Medford, informing them that their three-year renewal of broadcasting license will be held up pending formal hearings.

Station WMEX is being asked why only one-half of one per cent of its broadcasting time—about 25 minutes a week—is devoted to religious programming. The program log filed when the license was granted in 1957 had indicated that four per cent of the station's time or three and one-half hours a week, would be devoted to religious programs. In 1957, the proposed program format had also shown that five per cent of the station's broadcast time would be given to educational programs—but no such programs are now being carried.

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SENATE INTERRUPTS FILIBUSTER—FOR PRAYER

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—During a 24-hour marathon session of the United States Senate in early March while Senate members filibustered civil rights legislation, an unprecedented action was taken. The legislators decided to take a break from the filibuster each noon while Chaplain Frederick Brown Harris offered prayer.

Senate rules call for prayer to be offered at the beginning of each session. Should the Senate remain in continuous session, several days or even weeks might elapse without prayer being offered.

Requests that the debate be interrupted each noon so that the Chaplain could offer prayer came from Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (Rep.—Ill.) Senate minority leader.

Agreeing to the motion, Sen. Richard B. Russell (Dem.—Ga.), leader of the Southern faction, declared "anybody on earth needs prayer this time, it is the United States Senate."

DISCLOSE SECOND AIR FORCE MANUAL ON DRINKING

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The U. S. Air Force has admitted that it has a second training manual which advises enlisted men on the art of mixing alcoholic drinks.

Unlike the first, this one actually includes recipes for potent cocktails, and also includes some practical counsel on how to keep those who imbibe from getting too drunk.

The manual, which is presented as a training book for mess attendants, has been brought to light by Rep. Frank Kowalski (Dem.-Conn.). He had previously publicized the first, a manual for "Airmen Aides" who serve as orderlies to generals.

The newest manual, while giving specific bar instructions, also suggests that "subtle control" be exercised over drinking parties so they don't get out of hand.

It suggests that cocktail parties should be limited to a 30-minute period before dinner, and that the attendants should "firmly close up the bar" when the time expires. During this period the "ladies and gentlemen" should normally be served two drinks, the manual said, and it presents the hint that the bartender can slow things down by being slower in his service if the occasion requires.

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MOODY SCIENTISTS ANNOUNCE NEW MISSIONS PHOTO VENTURE

Dr. Irvin A. Moon and Dr. George E. Speake of Moody Institute of Science are on the first phase of a two-year, round-the-world photographic expedition in a twin-engine private plane.

Now on a six-week swing through Mexico, which will serve as a shake-down of equipment and techniques, they will follow this with a much longer loop through South America. After a flight across the North Atlantic, they will visit Europe, Africa, the Orient, Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea (EP).

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YOUNG LIFE DRAWS CLERGY FIRE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—In a meeting with the state director of the Young Life movement here, five 'Twin Cities' pastors angrily denounced (according to news reports) the youth evangelistic organization.

They charged, among other things, that Young Life leaders inform teenagers that their ministers do not understand them... that the movement "had taken the students out of the church" in one high school because the young people are no longer satisfied with their churches' youth program... that Young Life "has utter disrespect for the concept of the church"... and that the movement is "a wart on the nose of religion."

The Rev. Edwin C. Johnson, pastor of St. Anthony Park Congregational church, St. Paul, challenged Philip McDonald, State Director for Young Life, to show how the movement had "saved" a single unchurched youth in the St. Anthony Park area. He charged that all the Young Life efforts had been directed at youth already in the church.

The Rev. Samuel J. Schmiechen, co-pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church, St. Paul, and president of the St. Paul Council of Churches, declared: "Your leaders give the impression that all churches are insincere. You introduce the teenagers to a colorful, 'hip-hip hurrah' religion which makes our more calm, theologically-oriented approach seem drab to them."

And it was the Rev. James M. Butler, pastor of North Como Presbyterian church, St. Paul, who called the movement a "wart" on religion's "nose."

McDonald "was scarcely allowed to answer the barrage of critical questions and comments fired at him," according to news reports. When he could get a word in, he insisted that Young Life is primarily interested in reaching unchurched young people, and seeks to "supplement" the work of the church... admitted that mistakes had undoubtedly been made by some of Young Life's leaders, but expressed willingness to cooperate more closely with the clergy... declared that he could produce many clergymen who would defend and praise the work of Young Life... and said it was obvious that the church was not reaching many teenagers today.

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LARGEST ABC CHURCH WITH-DRAWS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

WICHITA, Kans. (EP)—The largest of the American Baptist Convention's 6,250 churches, has voted to withdraw its financial support from

the American Convention. Spokesman for the First Baptist Church of Wichita said they took the move because of the Convention's ties with the National Council of Churches.

The congregation approved the financial withdrawal 1,170 to 235. The church, with some 4,300 members, has been contributing about \$30,000 a year to the American Convention.

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HYMNWRITER DIES

OCEAN GROVE, N. J. (EP)—One of the world's most prolific hymnwriters died here at the age of 93.

Rev. Thomas O. Chisholm was the author of some 1200 Protestant hymns and devotional verses.

Three of his most popular gospel songs and hymns were: "Living for Jesus," "Great is Thy Faithfulness," and "The Prodigal Son."

About 800 of his hymns were published and scores were set to music. They have been translated into many foreign languages and appear in many Protestant hymnals.

Before entering the Methodist ministry, Mr. Chisholm was a newspaper reporter and businessman. He preached in Methodist churches and wrote until 1953, when he entered the Methodist Home where he passed away.

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EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS GET CHURCH AID

AGADIR, Morocco (EP)—Most relief aid to the stricken city of Agadir, following the devastating March 1 earthquake that killed approximately 10,000 of the city's 50,000 people, has come from the churches.

Relief agencies in 14 countries, working through the World Council of Churches' Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees, contributed \$38,000, plus an added \$10,000 to be distributed by a team working in the area.

It is a shocking fact that at least two-thirds of the alcoholic addicts began to drink while in high school. If you are a high school student, what does this mean to you?

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"Blessed is the leader who marches with the group."

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

"CONGRATULATIONS! QUEEN NANCY"

NATIONAL BRETHREN YOUTH extends its public congratulations to Ashland College MAY QUEEN, Nancy Thompson, of South Bend, Indiana. Nancy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Thompson of South Bend, is a junior at Ashland College majoring in elementary education and minoring in music.

This active coed is a member of the Chapel Choir, social chairman of YWCA, vice-president of Pi Kappa Pi, and treasurer of the Girls' Pep Club. She also works in the Student Union and enjoys her hobby of music.

We feel certain Nancy will be a very gracious queen during the May Day festivities and coronation on May 14th. All of you are encouraged to attend the celebration to give the queen a happy reign and to see your past friends.

"SINGING WITH A SHOEMAKER"

REV. THOMAS E. SHOEMAKER, pastor of the Paradise Church of the Brethren near Smithville, Ohio, has accepted an invitation to be Brethren Youth song leader for National Youth Conference. The dates again are August 15-21; the place is still Ashland, Ohio, U.S.A.

Rev. Shoemaker, or "Tom" as you will soon come to know him, has received good training in the areas of church music and worship. Consequently, in addition to leading the group singing, he will conduct a workshop on the subject of "Worship" itself and the use of music in worship. Such discussions will be very helpful for your B. Y. Crusader meetings and church services.

Come to National Youth Conference. Among other things, enjoy the experience of "Singing with a Shoemaker."

In the Ashland College "Collegian"

"Most of us don't mind doing what we ought to do if it doesn't interfere with what we want to do."

—Olin Miller

PACKAGING FOR PROGRESS

"Who lost that yellow sticker with the preacher's name on it?"

"I need another box of offering envelopes." "Where did that other stack of folders go?" "Come on, untie my finger from that bundle of letters!"

These are some of the comments that you might have heard had you been at the Brethren Publishing House Friday night and Saturday morning April 8th and 9th. Brethren Youth stuffed envelopes, counted folders, and tied packages of materials for Youth Month and Youth Sunday.

These materials, offering envelopes and folder brochures for the bulletins will be handed out to the pastors at the Pastor's Conference. Pastors, don't leave for home from the conference without your packet.

Our thanks from the youth office goes out to all the ones who helped us putting the materials in their final form.

Those that helped Friday night were: Brad Weidenhamer, Janet Summy, Brenda McConnell, Larry Lightner, Lila McCann, and Phil and Marlin. Saturday morning, several more young people from the Park Street Church and College Students helped. These included: Janet Zimmerman, Sally Ritchey, Debbie Kirkwood, Lois Berkshire, Brenda McConnell, Janet Summy, Jim Benschhoff, Dave Green, Bev Summy, Phil and Marlin.

Thanks again, and we hope you weren't counting folders in your sleep.

When those of you who are Evangelist subscribers receive your letters with the brochure and envelope in it, remember, Brethren Youth made it possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NATIONAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE

April 26 thru April 28
Ashland College Campus

NORTHEAST OHIO RETREAT April 29 thru May 1
Ohio Camp Site. Theme: "It is Time"

CRUSADER WORKSHOP May 7
Ashland College

Director—Miss Marjorie Ford of Scripture Press

MOTHER'S DAY May 8

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT RALLY May 14
Hagerstown, Maryland

YOUTH SUNDAY May 18

ALL INDIANA YOUTH RALLY AND BANQUET May 20

North Manchester Registration 1:30

Don't forget to make plans to attend the Conferences in your districts.

INDIANA CONFERENCE June 13 thru June 15

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE June 14 and 15

OHIO CONFERENCE July 12 thru July 14

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE July 18 thru July 20

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ASHLAND COLLEGE, ASHLAND, OHIO

AUGUST 15 thru AUGUST 20

Remember to go to Camp this summer.

"Bessie had a new dime to invest in an ice cream soda. 'Why don't you give your dime to the missions?' said the minister, who was calling. 'I thought about that,' said Bessie, 'but I think I'll buy the ice cream and let the druggist give it to the missions.'"

—Humor.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

AND THEN I THOUGHT OF CHRIST

WE HAVE A BABY at our house. Although it is the fourth baby to enter our home, she has brought us unspeakable joy. As I watch her day by day and see the things she does, I have a feeling that I want to express to others just how much she means to us. But yet, the words don't come. How can one convey to relatives and friends the little things that one would like for them to share?

How can one describe the time the baby learned to crawl up the stairs? You know the danger there is. Yet, something happens within you as the baby stops on one of the high steps, peers between the rails and smiles down at you in such a manner that you cannot rush up and just take her down. How can one express to others the joy when the first word is uttered or when the first step is taken? How can one tell what it means when you are busy with the dishes and there is a tug at your leg and then your skirt and you look down and a big grin flashes up at you?

As I watch our baby play tonight, I thought of these incidents and many others . . . AND THEN I THOUGHT OF CHRIST! When one has claimed Him as their own how can one really express this love to others? How can one tell others of the peace, the contentment, the wonderful feeling that is in one's heart? Yes, I know there will be acts of kindness one will do, one's manner on conducting one's self will change, one will attend church regularly, etc. Only until one has a baby can one understand the love that comes forth from watching and caring for the child. And only when a person accepts Christ can one understand the "Peace that passeth understanding" that springs up into one's heart.

Mrs. Claude Stogsdill,
West Alexandria, Ohio.



What's Doing in the Churches



SARASOTA, FLORIDA

Sunday, March 20, marked the opening of "The Key to Life Campaign" at The First Brethren Church in Sarasota. This is our FIRST Revival campaign and at this writing (Thursday the 24th) is proving to be above our

fondlest anticipations in attendance, interest and spiritual awakening. Our new pastor, the Rev. J. D. Hamel, is surely living up to all that we have heard concerning his zeal for evangelism and his love for the Word of God.

Since, up to the present time, we have never had any regular evening services, we could only conjecture how well these services would be attended. But we have been more than pleased thus far with the interest shown by the membership in bringing others to the services. This is evidenced by the following attendance record thus far: Sunday morning—174, evening—131; Monday—89, Tuesday—111, Wednesday—92. To date there have been six reconsecrations. But probably the greatest result so far is the rallying of the entire membership to meet the present need and cement the love and fellowship one for another in a new and better way.

Good music under the direction of Mrs. Jean Hamel, with Mr. Bob Barnhardt at the Hammond organ and Mrs. Carl Mohler at the piano which was recently purchased and paid for under the sponsorship of the Fellowship Class of the Sunday School, assisted by a choir of from 15 to 18 voices, has added materially to the early part of these services. Brother Hamel's trumpet and Sister Hamel's violin accompaniments have been appreciated by all. Special numbers have been rendered each evening by various individuals and the choir.

Especially appealing to youth and age alike, have been the Gospel Magic Lessons which have been brought by three co-operating ministers: Rev. Byron Richardson, formerly President of the Atlantic Bible Institute; our own Rev. O. C. Lemert, co-organizer with the undersigned of the Sarasota Brethren Church, and our own pastor, Brother Hamel.

A complete report of the "revival" will be given at the close of the two-week effort. Keep this church in mind in your prayers.

Fred C. Vanator.



TEEGARDEN, INDIANA

Our pastor, Rev. Logan, has just concluded a study on the book of Revelation. Twenty-seven messages were brought to us from this wonderful book. I am sure that we have a better understanding of the past, the present, and the future of God's plan for this world. These studies were given on Sunday evenings at the regular worship service.

LaEuna Zumbaugh.



MANSFIELD, OHIO

The Laymen varnished the pews and the floor in the sanctuary, and also painted the Sunday school rooms in the basement and varnished the floors.

The attendance has picked up from 60 to 94 since January. The Laymen held their public service the morning of March 20th, with Joseph Gleisinger and Curtis Flood being the special speakers.

The church held a fellowship supper at Prospect Park Tuesday night, March 29th, with 70 people attending.

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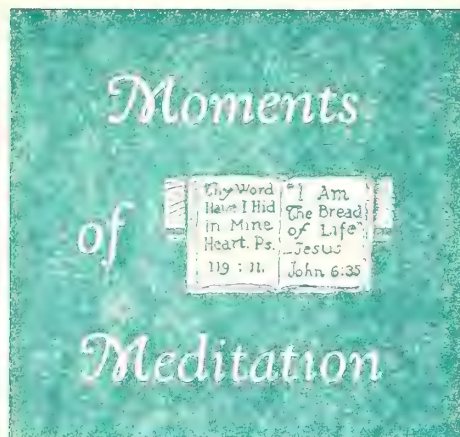


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PLASTIC CLAY

I found a piece of plastic clay,
And idly fashioned it one day,
And as my fingers pressed it still,
It moved and yielded to my will.

I came again when days had passed,
The piece of clay was hard and fast;
The form I gave it still it bore,
But I could change that form no more.

I took a piece of living clay,
And gently formed it day by day,
And molded with my power and art
A young boy's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years had gone,
He was a man I looked upon;
He still that early impress bore,
And I could change him never more.
—War Cry.

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TIME FOR FRIENDS

Take time for friendly words
With friends you pass each day.
A kindly act or greeting
May cheer them on their way.
Say something nice to them,
Not just a mere "Hello!"
It may give them a lift
When they are feeling low.

—Dawn Flanery Parker.

IN THE PIT

Some little boys were playing near
an old dry well, when one of them,
trying to show off, went too close
and fell into it. Though the well was
not deep enough for the fall to hurt
him, it was too deep to permit him
to get out easily. The other boys low-
ered one end of a rope down to their
friend, told him to hang on, and they
would pull him out. But, noticing
some cracks and holes in the wall
that might serve as footholds, he tried
to climb without help. It was not as
easy as it looked, and he fell back
many times. He wanted to show his
friends how strong and smart he was,
so he kept on until his fingers were
bruised, and he was forced to give
up and let the other boys pull him
out.

Just so in our spiritual lives, some-
times we try to get out of difficulties
in our own strength. Unwilling to
admit defeat, we keep on until dis-
couragement gets the best of us and
we are ready to give up. But there
stands Christ, waiting to help us; and
the moment we yield ourselves to
Him and let Him lead the way, He
takes us out and plants our feet once
again on the Solid Rock.

Why waste time and energy trying
to do things our own way, when
there is One Who has promised to
help us and to lead us safely Home,
if we will but trust and obey?

—Selected.

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Ease is the disease of the church.



MOTHER AND FATHER AS THEY SHOULD BE

Mildred M. North

My mother mended stockings small
A basketful at night,
But Father worked untiringly
From dawn till fading light.

While "Mom" baked bread and cake
and pies
And cookies not a few
He made the hay and often took
Us kiddies with him, too.

She washed and ironed and scrubbed
and cooked,
She's very dear to me,
But I cannot forget a Dad
Whose lap could stretch for three

Yes, Mother hoed the garden rows,
But Father plowed and dragged,
And looking backward now, I know
His shoulders often sagged.

A child needs the two of them
To make its life complete,
I'm glad my memory of Dad
And Mother is so sweet.

—Selected.

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NEVER OFF DUTY!

"Why do you stand in such an un-
becoming position?" the Duke of
Wellington once asked an officer
caught slouching in uniform.

"I am off duty, sir," the man re-
plied.

Then the Duke cautioned, "A Brit-
ish officer is never off duty. Resum-
your military position!"

Likewise a Christian is always "on
duty"—a photograph for Christ.

—Selected.

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The Editor's Pulpit

Space Probes And The Second Coming

The current space probes are making us aware of the vastness of space. Of course we have realized for many years that space is virtually unlimited. Our telescopes have given us this picture. However not until recently have we begun to investigate sending men into space. Hence the problems of getting a man into space have become real even to the ordinary layman. Many problems must be overcome before man can survive in his travel through space.

Now the Bible states in I Thessalonians 4:17 that "we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." In view of our investigations of space, what problems are presented for the Christian who believes in the Second Coming of Jesus? What does the vastness of space present by way of a problem in Jesus' return and our meeting of Him? Can we hold that Jesus is going to return in "like manner" as He departed from this earth?

Let it be understood at the outset that while certain problems are presented for the human mind by the ideas suggested, they do not for God. With that said let us look at the problems. Since space is virtually unlimited it seems almost necessary for the Christian to review his concept of heaven. We normally think of it being up, but one begins to wonder now, "how far up?" Our nearest planet is a long period of time from us, to say nothing of the distance from us. Now obviously Jesus made the original journey from heaven to earth to become a man, so He can do it again. But if heaven is up, considering the problems of traveling in space, how can He return through space and appear in a physical body as He was seen to go?

Perhaps it is significant that Jesus disappeared in a cloud, and in the passage in Thessalonians we are to be taken up "in the clouds". It is possible that the transformation which Paul talks about in I Corinthians 15 plays a part in this picture. Since Jesus was observed only as far as the clouds in his physical body, it is possible

that a transformation took place so that his physical body, as such, did not participate in the further union with God. Similarly since we are to be caught up "in the clouds" the transformation could take place, or have already taken place by that time. Certainly the physical bodies as we now know them can not participate in any such space flights as suggested by our being taken up "to meet the Lord in the air".

Obviously then we must rethink not only the position of heaven, but also what we normally think of as the physical return of Jesus, and our own physical joining with Him in the air. The first journey of Jesus to the womb of Mary from heaven was made without difficulty. It was made also without any semblance of a physical body. Could it be that his resurrection body was only for purposes of observation by man? Could it also be that His ascension made in physical form was only for purposes of observation also? Since He could only be seen as far as the clouds that might be the case. Might it also be true that His Second Coming made similar to His ascension will be for purposes of immediate observation only? Our meeting Him "in the clouds" might be entirely outside the realm of physical contact. That being the case space investigations pose no problems at this point.

It seems quite clear that we can't any longer think of heaven as being simply "up there". Jesus does imply that it is a "place" thus we are compelled to think of some kind of setting for it. Perhaps a planet or "new heavens" as John says, but not just out in space with its unlimitedness. Likewise we can't think of just making our transfer into heaven as Paul suggests it in Thessalonians. Our heaven and our being with Christ is too earthy anyway. Too many of us think of heaven as being just a glorified earth with everything on a grander scale. We are made to think anew of this whole concept of the Second Coming. Thinking anew we are compelled to erase as much of the physical aspects as we can. We are to be "changed" Paul says; perhaps this is sufficient. It is if we also remove the earthly connotations. C. R. M.

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SOLOMONS LIVING IN ROSARIO

Readers of the Brethren Evangelist and friends of the Solomons will be interested to learn that they have moved from Buenos Aires to Rosario, where they are living in the parsonage and Kenneth is serving as pastor of the church. Their new address is as follows:

Amenabar 273
Santa Fe Province
Rosario, Argentina

REMINDER TO MISSION CHURCHES

Home mission churches are urged to make sure their semi-annual reports to the Missionary Board reach the office by May 10. The Board must have these reports before they can budget any funds for churches. Their meeting will be held (for budget making) about May 14.

MISSION FUNDS NEEDED

Demands on mission funds have been greater in recent months than ever before; consequently a new low has been reached in the treasury. Churches are urged to send their world mission offerings in promptly. It is hoped that these offerings will be larger than ever before. The work is certainly growing, and it deserves considerably increased support.

Missionary families returning for furlough (two families, making twelve individuals) require large sums for transportation. Another family is soon to leave for training in language and other missionary instruction (the Curtises). The needs on the field continue to expand and require even greater support. This is the work the Lord is allowing us to help Him accomplish. Let's prove ourselves faithful stewards by being good partners in His business. GIVE LIBERALLY to this vital work and SEND IT SOON!

THE KINGDOM TAKEN BY STORM

John Grimley

The Sunday services were late. Sunday school did not begin until almost eleven. The worship service started about noon, and the leading Christian did not arrive until half an hour later! But time by the clock was not important.

This was an African meeting—an African church with time regulated by the beat of the heart. Eager worshippers had been gathered since early morning. As the noon hour approached, the small thatched church overflowed into the mat shelter built against its west side. Those who came early waited with a patience unknown in American churches and those who came "late" were unconscious of lateness.

No ordinary service

But this was to be no ordinary service. The usual attendance of 400 to 500 had swelled to 625. It was the

Sunday after Christmas and there were plans for a market preaching service to be held immediately after the services in the church. Then there would be baptism following the market meeting.

After dismissal of the service, the great throng of enthusiastic Christians began to narrow into a line and to move three abreast out of the church toward the market place.

...The gay head scarfs and wrap-around skirts of the women and the white robes and shirts and colorful hats of the men were brilliantly highlighted by the tropical noonday sun. Glinting chrome betrayed the presence of numerous bicycles ridden by the more prosperous. Here were people—people only recently held in the bondage of fatalism and fear, people for whom devoted Christians in America had prayed and had given, people for whom Christ died, people stepping out into the light and joy of a new life.

The elders of the villages—still in bondage to the "powers of darkness" and political Moslem overlordship—stood by and saw the passing throng. As they shook their heads in wonder, I looked for a spark of hope in their aging eyes, but saw none. And yet, in the company itself, two old men with bleariness gone from their eyes and with broad smiles on their faces hurried along in joy, for one of them was to be baptized that day.

My lunch finished, washed down with the tepid water from a canteen, I rode my motorcycle past the stragglers and picked up Eli Karbam, minister and pastor of the Lassa congregation; together we arrived at the market place just as the drum for folk games cessed its beat and the circle closed in upon the several preachers of the hour. The preachers in turn stood upon a rickety, locally-made folding chair and shouted out the Gospel of God's love.

The Message

The message went out over the heads of the Christians who formed the circle around them. The pagan populace busied itself in market dealings: three shillings for a goatskin; corn in exchange for a clay pot; dried fish, pepper, rock salt to be bought. But many paused in their chatter to hear a wind-blown word, likely totally without meaning to the hearer, but in its context of flags, drums, and the lively crowd of clean, happy, non-smoking, non-drinking people of the church, it packed a wallop of life-changing significance.

The faithful come

Just preceding the baptismal service, 128 persons who had been in classes studying the meaning of the Christian message stepped forward to make their first public profession of Christ, making a covenant to follow Him and to prepare through further classes for baptism and full church membership. Pastor Karbam received this covenant from them and then turned to those to be baptized.

This group had faithfully attended regular church membership classes and had passed an examination of their faith and knowledge of the Christian way. Their names were called: Bzigu, Jangildi, Luka Y. Wambungurda, Abungguryagwa Ayuhang, Gwambi Huci, Nomi Adarirama ... for half an hour the names were called and with each name there stepped forth out of the crowd a person—a person with hopes and fears similar to those of people the whole world around, but, at the same time, in a most mysterious way, a person of individual cut; a person who had never come this way before and who would never come again; a person the like of which there is no other in existence, who looks out from his eyes, unconscious of self, just as you and I look out from ours.

Ninety-eight such persons stepped forward quietly, each with his own thoughts. But suddenly there was a commotion. Some names had not been called. Eager young people were forcing the gates of the kingdom of heaven, determined to take it by storm! Nine names were added to the list.

Disappointments

Thirty-seven others who had attended classes were pressing for inclusion, but they had been absent on the day of testing. Pastor Karbam, the local church leaders, and I asked them to be patient, for surely God would bring them to another baptismal day after they had been tested. One young woman turned away with the ends of her beautiful head cloth punched hard into her eyes to keep the tears from streaming down, and a small lad went off unabashedly weeping in disappointment. Many eyes glistened and blinked as the tears were successfully held; the eager ones melted back into the anonymous crowd.

Baptisms

The sun was beginning to sink lower in the heavens and Pastor Karbam and I had 107 baptisms ahead of us. Only by carefully organizing the group could the service be completed in a reasonable length of time. Pastor and I waded out into the pool. I pushed several water cabbages off to the side, and the little girls on the fallen ree behind me snickered happily. Pastor received the old man and prepared to baptize him, while I received one of the older women. Between Pastor and the bank three men stood in line waiting in the water and a fourth stood on the bank. Likewise, between me and the bank three women were waiting in the water, and another was standing on the bank. Pastor began by repeating the formula for baptism, "Ar kira alkawal ku ... Upon this covenant of faith which you have made before God and these witnesses ..."

As he immersed his first applicant, I also dipped mine. Together, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." And then as we placed our hands upon the heads of our respective applicants, I prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit and growth in grace. And so, as these two left the water between the waiting lines, two others silently knelt in the cool, but now disturbed and soon muddied, water. No flowing stream was available within twelve miles, and no cemented pools are likely soon to be constructed!

In baptizing so many, the formula may become mechanical, but there was nothing mechanical about it to each person who knelt before the Lord Jesus in that

swamp pool. A few struggled, fearing the water. A few knelt in such a way that it was practically impossible completely to immerse them. But all came sincerely, I believe, to leave the "old man" down in the mud and to rise in newness of life.

New lives and new demands

Pastor and I were greatly sobered, even as with broad smiles we shook hands warmly while the last applicant made his way to the bank, leaving us tired and dripping in the restless water. We were sobered in our thoughts about the need for leadership and growth "in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," for we felt ourselves on the crest of a great wave of thousands of eager persons about to break and flow over into the church. A tremendous and difficult task is upon us to supply the leadership and teaching which this tumultuously growing young church demands.

—(Taken from The Gospel Messenger)

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THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY--

THE BULWARK

OF AMERICA

Rev. H. William Fells

THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY is our first thought for consideration today. What is a Christian family? Is it a family that has every member's name on the roll of some Church, where the family attends if it feels like it, or it is convenient? Is it a family that has had each and every heart "strangely warmed" to use John Wesley's phrase. What does it mean to be Christian? Can there be good and bad Christians? These are the questions that present themselves to our minds for answer when we see a phrase like this.

Just today it was the writer's privilege to read a paper written by a student entitled, "My Religion." This student's entire thesis was that the religion she was a part of was a family-uniting experience. She began with the statement that even our Government has used on its cancellation stamp at the Post Office, "The Family That Prays Together—Stays Together." As this thought was expanded one could see a family gathered together around the meal table, around the Devotional Circle, where the major decisions of each member were discussed and prayed about, and where thoughts were shared that would bring about the final decision that would be according to the will of the Father.

But there was another thought that was expressed that was striking to the reader. Each member of this family that had reached the age of accountability had the privilege and opportunity of private personal devotions before the family gathered together for the "Family Circle." The individual counts in the "Christian Family". Each member had a voice in the affairs of the family, and yet he had the right and responsibility of using that voice soundly. The personal prayer and devotional period was for the individual's growth. He could think through the materials read, the decisions he must make, and have them prepared to share with the family as a group.

There were so many wonderful ideas in that paper that it is impossible to share them all here but it was very evident that you would not have to ask that family or any of its members what it meant to them to be Christian. Each of the parents has had a vital, living, real experience with God. Their lives had been placed on the Altar. Each of the children had been dedicated at a very early age and then the parents had kept the promise made on that day, to bring

the children to an acceptance of Christ when they came to the age of understanding.

As the religion of this young person was considered there were many families of the Scriptures that came to mind. Several of these families could not be considered Christian in the true sense of the word, since they could not be followers of one who had not come to this earth as yet, and who had not invited the people of this earth to take part in His Kingdom. But Adam and Eve did have some fellowship with God after the fall, or else how would their sons, Cain and Abel, have known how to offer any sacrifice to the Almighty? These two boys must have received instructions at an early age, to have the idea of worship so much impressed upon them that they continued in that way when they were placed upon their own.

Now, someone will say immediately, "Why did these parents fail so miserably with the one son that he would take his own brother's life?" And this is the old, old question, which is just as old as these two boys and their history. There is a phrase in the New Testament that we have read many times at this season of the year that points up this reason very well, and it is this "And the devil having put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son to betray Him," (John 13:2). There is the answer. The devil having put into the heart of Cain the jealousy, envy, malice, and other thoughts that caused Cain so much distraction that he could not control himself, could not respond to the teachings that he had received from his parents regarding the sacredness of human life, so he "rose up and slew his brother". This does not show a Christian family united and peaceful, does it? But Adam and Eve had done as much as they could to influence these two boys. The one did come to an understanding of God and the methods of worship. He realized that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin," so he brought a lamb from his flock and sacrificed as he had been taught to do. (A part of the Christian Family experience is the teaching of God's Word, and the living the life as examples before our children and those round about us.)

Let it be pointed out here, that this must not have been the first time that Cain had rebelled against his parent's teaching and the mind of God. This is something that grows just as our physical, mental, and spiritual powers grow. He didn't just come to worship one day with his sacrifices of the fruit of the field and find them

not acceptable to God; in this writer's mind he had sold out to Satan quite some time before this.

Let us look at another of the Old Testament families. That of Noah and his three sons. Noah must have been a man of God. Actually, there is little doubt about this. But let us look at his family relations. He must have had great faith and the entire family must have shared it. Those three sons helped him to build that ark out there on the dry land, miles from any body of water. Those young men must have listened for the one hundred and twenty years as their father endeavored to call the men around him to repentance. During this time those young men took unto themselves wives who joined the family circle for prayer, study and worship, and apparently without question, for when it came time for them all to go into the ark and for God to close the door on them, nowhere do we read of Noah or the sons having to drag the women folk into the ark with them.

There are many things we could think of regarding this and other of the Old Testament families, but we give you just this much in writing and let you meditate upon the lives of these and search for yourselves what it is that they had in their family groups that made it possible for God to use them as a BULWARK against the onslaught of Satanic forces.

Just one New Testament Family will be used as an example of the Christian Family, and it is that of Timothy. The introduction to this family comes to us in Acts 16:1. "... Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed." And is continued in both First and Second Timothy. I Tim. 1:5 "... out of a pure heart and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." I Tim. 4:6 "... nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, where unto thou hast attained." II Tim. 1:5 "... the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

There are several thoughts present in these portions of the Scriptures. First of all the fact that the entire family is involved in this experience is demonstrated. The three generations mentioned present the idea this faith mentioned was a very personal thing and yet one in which the whole family took a part. Secondly, it was something that was unfeigned. Not put on for a few hours on Sunday, and then taken off, like a suit or a dress. But the pure heart, good con-

science, sound doctrine, and the idea of an indwelling experience were all a part of this faith. And then there is the idea that the young man, Timothy was nourished up in it.

This "nourishing up" in the faith is what is to be the strength of America. There seems at this time to be a general trend toward a desire for Bible Knowledge. The young people of the Church are interested in learning more about God's word. It is true that one parent of one child making a complaint to the School Board can keep the Bible from being taught in the public school, but there does seem to be this awareness among the younger generation that they need the Word of God for their lives.

The word, BULWARK, means among other things wealth, virtue, valor, strength. And it is true that the Christian Family that has a knowledge of the Word, and other things of God, is going to be the true wealth and strength of America. We see and read every day of how so many boys and girls and young men and women who do not have the "nourishing up" in the faith, who have never been to Sunday School and Church, are destroying themselves and others. Visit the Probate Court of your city or county, talk with the judge or juvenile authorities and see how many of these boys and girls have had connections with the Christian Life.

It will have to be pointed out that the Church is going to have to be on its merit for the next ten years. We are going to have to make Christianity a family affair. We should be changing the marriage and divorce laws of our lands. We, the people of the Church, have this power. We have just been negligent and nonchalant about this matter. That is why it is possible for one atheistic mother or father to have the power of denying our children the privilege of further education in the Bible in public school. We have not done all we should in bringing our own children to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The problem of teen-age marriages and the high mortality rate of them should be of concern to us.

The fact that there are to be twenty-four million teen-agers in the United States by 1970 should make the Christian Family of the Americas want to do something now to be ready to cope with this situation then. If we are giving the five and six year olds the help they need and the "nourishing up" they need today, we will have a stronger America tomorrow and we can truly say "The Christian Family—The Bulwark of America in 1970." It is my firm conviction that we will never be taken by an outside power, until we have become so morally and spiritually weakened from within that we have actually overcome ourselves. Let us remain a BULWARK.

Ashland, Ohio.

The Story of the Emmaus Road

By S. D. Herron

IT IS INTERESTING TO WALK the roads of the Bible and hear again the story they have to tell. There is "The Road to Bethlehem", over which came the Wise Men to find Him who was born King; "The Jericho Road", with its good Samaritan and his kindly compassion; "The Calvary Road", marked by the footprints of the Cross-laden Savior. Today we walk "The Emmaus Road", and hear once more its blessed story of the Christ who is ever, even in the glorious triumph of His resurrection day, seeking the wandering,

the defeated and the needy. Thus He walks the Emmaus Road to find two of His defeated, straying disciples to turn them about-face toward Jerusalem and the coming victories for the followers of the Man of Galilee. The story of the Emmaus Road is one of:

The Revival of Dead Hope

"Concerning Jesus . . . and how . . . our rulers . . . condemned . . . and have crucified Him." So said the two to Jesus in answer to His query of the topic of the conversation and the cause of

their apparent sadness. And they, no doubt, could have truthfully added "When they crucified Him, our hope died with Him and was entombed along with His lifeless form." But into their night of hopelessness shines "the Day Star" of hope dispelling the gloom. He is still the same today. Into your night of hopeless loss, sorrow or sin, He stands ready to come as the "Sun of Righteousness . . . with healing in His wings." Bless His name.

The Recovery of Lost Faith

It is tragic to lose hope but far worse to lose our faith. For when there is no earthly reason for hope, faith can still trust, as Abraham of old "Who against hope believed . . ." Faith lives when hope has died; but when faith is lost, all is gone. "We trusted" is the bitter lament of the two. "We staked our faith and now life has no meaning. There is no place to cast anchor and yet no star by which to steer. We are rudderless, compassless, and pilotless. We have lost faith!" Though sorely tried and deeply grieved with our unbelief and lack of faith, Christ does not come to "quench the smoking flax" but to make every effort to restore our failing faith.

To a questioning John the Baptist, in Herod's prison, He sends concrete proof to confirm his wavering faith. To the two on the Emmaus Road He comes to help them recover the priceless treasure which they have lost and of which they can only speak in the past tense—"We trusted." There is nothing that will so restore, revive, and revitalize lost or weakened faith like personal contact with Him who is the "author and finisher of our faith."

"Faith cometh . . . by the Word of God." Therefore, Jesus founded the restored faith of these two upon the Word. "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them . . . the scriptures." Faith based upon the unchanging, unfailing Word holds when feelings fall, conditions change, hope dims and all earthly prospects fade. Their faith had not been founded upon a true interpretation of the Scriptures; therefore, it had met with disappointment. Too many times our faith has been based on our desires, dreams, mental calculations or feelings rather than a "Thus saith the Lord." We sometimes learn by a bitter lesson of disappointment, as did these disciples, that it is only a faith sustained by the rock of His Word that holds. But, thank God, Christ is ever seeking and ready to get our feet upon the Word and that alone.

The Realization of the Risen Christ

"Their eyes were holden that they should not know Him." How many times in our hours of distress and need we too have "holden" eyes that we cannot see Christ walking the way with us. "He made as though He would have gone further." Christ is no intruder. He crosses no threshold uninvited. While longing to help, He does not force His way into our lives. How many have allowed Christ to pass on, leaving them in their need and night? But not so these men. They "constrained him . . . abide with us," and "He went in to tarry with them!" Always He yields to the honest entreaty and enters the open door of every life. "And their eyes were opened and they knew Him." Hope revived, faith sprang up anew and the night of gloom fled before the light of that vision. What else mattered now, they had seen the Lord. With bounding feet, throbbing heart and gleaming eye they hastened back along the road over which their sorrow-leaded feet had brought them that afternoon. But what a difference now. He was risen! They knew it. They had met Him.

May God help us to meet Christ along our Emmaus road and invite Him in to reveal Himself to our needy hearts in this dark hour of the world's history, that above it all we may shout in triumph, "He is risen."

—The Wesleyan Methodist.

THE CHURCH AND SPECIALIZING

This is an age of specialists. It has to be so because our lives are so complex, our problems so complicated and our needs so varied. Let the Church remember that with all the work it is doing, its specialty is preaching Jesus to the world. Presenting Him in His loveliness, His attractiveness, His saving power. And let Christians remember that whatever else they do, if men do not see Jesus in them their work is vain. If Jesus can be seen in us, we may be utter failures according to all worldly standards, yet we have succeeded gloriously according to heavenly standards, and in the end will doubtless have earned that final and most desired of all commendations, "Well done, good and faithful servant."—Dr. Stuart R. Oglesby.

If you lose your temper it is a sign that you have wrong on your side.

THE FAMILY PLAYING TOGETHER

YOU'VE HEARD IT SAID, "The family that prays together stays together." From rather disheartening observation at times, however, my wife and I have come to the conclusion that the family that "prays" together may yet go shipwreck unless that family also "plays" together.

If this sounds like the watered down philosophy of a too modern evangelical, hold steady for a few paragraphs. And if you are also a parent, take brief inventory of your own family activities and the results of them.

We have seven children. The oldest is newly married. The next oldest is in college. One is in high school and two are in junior high. My namesake is a second grader, our youngest a girl of three. So while we make no pretense of knowing all there is to be known about the do and do not aspects of Christian parenthood, we have learned lessons which may prove relevant to some of the less initiated.

If any one rule for being a successful mother and father has emerged from the trial and error of our family life, it is this: to win your children, you must make them feel you are the most wonderful people in all the world. Discipline, of course. But give discipline meaning because it comes from two people who give legs to love, and heart to happiness.

We have fallen far short of the ideals which hindsight now gives to us. But we thank God for the evidences just the same of mixing fun with faith to lead little minds out of the wonder-world of childhood into the reality of a Christ-centered life.

Both my wife and I have taken note since our own childhood of Christian homes which have succeeded, spiritually speaking, and Christian homes which have failed. Without exception, we have found that children go astray from homes where the solemn truths of the Bible are proclaimed as dynamic law, but where the parents, however sincere, fail to add that warmth of genuineness which must be seen for the Christian faith to ring real in a child's calculating mind.

There is not time here to speak of negativism. Except to say that any parent is on dangerous ground if the things he says "no" to are not out-balanced by the things to which he says "yes."

But I do want to emphasize that, in my opinion, successful Christian parenthood involves identification with the child in all the details and delights of life.

From earliest childhood, we have found time to fill each day with at least a few moments of family frolic: long hikes through the woods which surround our house, picnics along some nearby waterway, parlor games, and a family fun night, whenever my hectic schedule would allow. Out of these bright threads we have interwoven the more somber strands of family responsibility.

The result? One by one—and to God be all the glory!—we have seen our children come to the Lord and identify themselves as positive Christians.

Call it coincidental if you must, but I add that not one of these children made profession of faith in a public evangelistic meeting. Each met the Savior either at my wife's knee or at my own.

We have travelled thousands of miles together, on a budget that did not so much as permit the renting of a lakeside cabin for a week. Instead, thanks to the American procedure of so much down and so much a month, we bought an inexpensive tent. With it, we've camped in the mountains, at Niagara, out in the desert, and alongside Grand Canyon.

Some of our most memorable occasions in family devotions have come out in the fresh breath of nature, a Christian family enjoying together those profuse magnificences the Lord has provided, but which so few take time to enjoy.

One morning, for example, a giant sequoia formed the background for "But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," as we told our children, "It gives the Lord much pleasure to create one of these great trees, but not nearly so much pleasure as when He sees the building of a beautiful Christian life."

Discipline, too, has come as a natural course. Five, then six, and then seven youngsters make up a sizable safari; and more than once wary shopkeepers have watched askance lest something go splintering to the floor.

We'll always remember, however, the day we went through Ashland Manor, home of Henry

Clay in Lexington, Kentucky. The lady in charge followed us through several rooms. But we had experienced this before, so we weren't overly embarrassed. After a bit, however, she disappeared. She was sitting at her desk in the lobby, as we concluded the tour.

"I must tell you something," she said as we left. "Never in my life have I seen such a large group of well-mannered children."

I winked at my wife. Two of our older children grinned. Outside, one of them said, "Boy, Dad, it's a good thing she doesn't see us sometimes!" But, to this day when we go out together—those who yet remain with us—the very mention of "Ashland manners" brings immediate meaning and results.

Even in our family worship, we have tried to intersperse the aspect of play. Instead of reading the Bible without comment, we relate it to the natural events of childhood, and of the rapidly passing year: the excitement of a ball game, the fun you can have at a friend's house, or when he comes to yours, whatever event of the day cast any shade of meaning upon the portion being read. For, again and again, the introductory light touch would gain and hold attention for the deeper meanings which might otherwise be missed.

Sometimes, frankly, we have wondered if our emphasis on taking the happiness approach might be overdone. Like the time, for example, when one of our boys exclaimed: "You don't seem like our parents sometimes! You're just like one of us!"

But there was also the day when another of our children, in a solemn moment, said, "You sure feel sorry for kids who don't have a family like ours. No wonder they can't understand why us kids are all Christians."

Draw your own conclusions. Rest assured, too, that our family life has not been spared its share of blemishes. But do be wise enough to face, as we have faced, the fact that a long, long bridge spans the gap between childhood and you. Only as you reach across this bridge to your children can you lead them safely across.

My wife and I believe you undergird your children when you pray. You lead them in moments of serious counsel, of course, but you give meaning to that counsel, and to your prayers, when you take time to pray.

Courtesy of National Sunday School Association in preparation for National Family Week, May 1-8, 1960.



*Ashland
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE OF REAL VALUE TO SEMINARY STUDENTS

The Christian Education Conference under the direction of Dr. Norman S. Townsend was of real value to our Seminary students. At present we do not have a Christian Education Department in the curriculum of the Seminary, therefore, we were the more appreciative of such an opportunity.

Dr. Townsend is known to Brethren people because of his appearance in Sunday School workshops in our General Conference. He began the series of meetings in the First Brethren Church of Ashland on Wednesday evening, April 6. Representatives from community churches attended the service. The other meetings were held in the Seminary Building on Thursday and Friday. Pre-Seminary people and some other college students as well shared with Seminary students and some community pastors and Sunday School workers in Dr. Townsend's fine presentations.

In about two years we shall have similar workshops conducted by experienced and capable workers who are constantly engaged in such conferences.

1763 SAUR BIBLE PURCHASED

The Seminary has been very fortunate in an opportunity to purchase a 1763 edition of the Christopher Saur Bible to add to the 1776 edition which has been previously announced. This one is a very fine specimen in good condition with copper bound corners and center piece of copper on each cover. We are told that Christopher Saur sometimes had some of his Bibles bound at Ephrata where this kind of work was done.

We are very desirous of locating a copy of the 1743 edition of which only 1200 were originally printed. We would appreciate information from anyone who may know where one can be obtained.

DR. CARL F. H. HENRY TO SPEAK AT SEMINARY IN MARCH 1961

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor of the fortnightly magazine, *Christianity Today*, will come to the Seminary on March 24, 1961, for a series of special lectures.

Dr. Henry's writings have won him wide recognition as an outstanding conservative theologian. He has written thirteen books and has edited several other volumes. Conservative or evangelical seminaries over the country are using his books in theological and apologetic studies.

Before becoming editor of *Christianity Today*, he was Professor of Theology and Christian Philosophy at Fuller

Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. Prior to that he was chairman of the Philosophy of Religion Department at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago.

He earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree at Boston University and a Doctor of Theology degree at Northern Baptist Seminary. A native of New York City, he began his writing career by editing Long Island weekly newspapers. He also served as suburban correspondent for the New York Times, New York Herald-Tribune and the Chicago Daily Tribune.

Under Dr. Henry's editorship, **Christianity Today** began publication in October, 1956, as an interdenominational thought magazine of conservative Protestantism.



What's Doing in the Churches



REVIVAL SERVICES AT PLEASANT HILL, OHIO

On March 7, the writer traveled to Pleasant Hill to help the Brethren there in revival efforts. These Brethren had a good prayer group ready for a real revival. Their Superintendent, Dennis Randall, was in charge since their pastor had left the field the middle of February. Their Moderator, Ben Carey, was also alert and concerned about the success of the meetings. The Brethren had a very lengthy prayer list and prayed definitely for each person's needs. Then they put legs to their prayers and went calling in the community with this evangelist.

In every community in this America you will find people who need spiritual help. The fields are white ready to harvest, but the laborers are few. Rev. William Anderson and wife did an excellent work at Pleasant Hill the past five years. Many conversions came about because of their faithfulness in teaching and preaching God's Holy Word. The evangelistic singers, Fred and Beverly Watley, and this writer noticed an outstanding moving of the Holy Spirit among the people each night. The prayer group met thirty minutes prior to the regular meeting. I wish you could have heard them pray. They were very earnest and God moved many hearts and gave victory over the devil. God challenges every prayer group with the fact that after victory there are still many needs of a spiritual nature; therefore we dare not ease up in our prayer life. Every Christian needs to pray for fellow Christians, that we continue to live victorious lives over sin and Satan. Let every congregation hear this. Your evangelist and singers can do much better work when Christians pray!

Visible results of the meetings were seven baptized and nine received as members on the closing night. Three more are ready for baptism soon. Sickness and conflicts hindered on the closing night. There were three first

time confessions and ten rededications during the services. Rededicated lives are essential to every growing congregation. These rededicated ones are in addition to those who rededicated their lives on the Sunday that Brother Anderson gave his farewell message. I commend the Andersons for leaving this Church in a very fine spiritual condition.

I shall always remember the wonderful spiritual experiences of these meetings. Every night was packed full of spiritual blessings. The people responded wonderfully to the Watleys in singing. Films were shown to the children each evening in five to ten minute series thus they must return the next evening to get the complete story. Titles of films were, "The Stolen Watermelon" and "Tamsy." God really made His Word a joy and blessing in each service. There was an average of 108 in attendance to 12 services. Weather and sickness hindered some, but working schedules and school conflicts continue to be competition with church attendance nowadays. There were around forty who had perfect attendance. There were delegations from Grace Brethren and Church of the Brethren of Covington; Brethren in Christ Church, Pleasant Hill; Friends Church, Ludlow Falls; and Grace Brethren, Englewood. Pastors were present from these places also. Brother Tinkle was present from Gratis. I always appreciate the presence and prayers of fellow ministers.

I wish to express my thanks to the Roann Brethren for allowing me to have the grand experiences of an evangelist. It will help me to be a better pastor and bring better messages at home.

Again I say many thanks to all the Pleasant Hill folks for treating me so royally in your homes and in the meetings. Thanks to all the men who took time off from their work to take me around in the community for visitation. A special thanks to the Ben Carey family who furnished me a fine home and ample provisions to make my stay with them a wonderful experience.

I wish to commend the Pleasant Hill Brethren for having a real vision of the spiritual needs of their community. They have a fine new Sunday School annex started and hope to have it completed by May. Their average Sunday School attendance last year was 204. They have 18 classes. Church membership is close to 350. They are looking forward to the coming of their new pastor in July. Rev. and Mrs. Carl Barber are going to serve some very wonderful people and I am sure they will enjoy a rich, vital pastorate. May they continue to see a revival in this Church is my prayer.

Rev. Herbert Gilmer.

Wedding Announcement

MARTZ-HUFFER. Miss Betty Frances Huffer, a member of the Mt. Olive Brethren Church, became the bride of James LeRoy Martz, in a double ring ceremony solemnized in the home of the bride's pastor on February 27th.

John F. Locke, Pastor.

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958

It was a full day at Schwarzenau, and we were highly honored to have even a small place on the Anniversary Program. We were introduced by Bob Zigler, as a descendant of Alexander Mack, whose work was honored this day, 250 years after the founding, or organizing of the Church. Just a short time following the close of the Anniversary Program, Mrs. Bob Zigler was suddenly killed in Sweden in an auto crash. The tent in which we met at Schwarzenau, was a large one erected for the services on the grounds of the Alexander Mack school.

Schwarzenau is a beautiful, quiet, German village. There is an Alexander Mack house, and the old Mill where he worked. The river, Eder, is a beautiful stream flowing uncontaminated by industry, down through its attractive and picturesque valley. The trees on the dark hillside are so close that they look dark. There were said to have been some 300 from the States at Schwarzenau for the Celebration and perhaps as many from Europe. It was a memorable occasion.

Ludwigsburg, August 7, 1958. Ludwigsburg and Stuttgart are joined cities, and it is hard to tell where one begins and the other ends. The German cities are compact, and cover perhaps about half the space that an American city of the same population would cover. Stuttgart has a population of 550,000. Ludwigsburg is situated on the Neckar River. It is a navigable river flowing into the Main and that into the Rhine. Thursday was a day for catching up in visiting with the family, and looking around Patonville, the Officers' Quarters where they lived. It was a city in itself, typically American. The Brethren Evangelists were eagerly read, and we were able to get caught up on events in America. There was a farewell for a retiring Colonel at the Post, so we enjoyed the colorful maneuvers. The PX's are handy for the soldiers, so they are not handicapped at all in the matter of purchasing goods. The German people are not supposed to patronize them. Most of the clerks are German girls and naturally most of them have boyfriends among the soldiers, so that little matter of purchasing from the PX is worked out. It was necessary for us to show our Passport before getting into them. Their prices were very reasonable. Incidentally the soldiers pay 14c a gallon in American-run service stations for the Army. The German pays 70c per gallon, Imperial, in the German service stations.

Friday we drove around and watched the boats come through the lock on the Neckar River. Bob (Major Shidler) is a Transportation Officer and had asked for a week's leave. However, men from his division were sent to Lebanon, as times were critical and they expected "the balloon to go up any moment," so he had just a few days of free time. We planned to go to Amberg, Germany on Saturday to see one of the local Maryland boys, Marvin Jamison. Bob had called his commanding Officer and saw that he would be on the Post when we got there.

It was 164 miles from Ludwigsburg to Amberg, which was farther East and beyond Nurnberg. There was evidence on every hand of Germany's comeback from the recent devastating war, which they had lost. We wound among many small villages and as we were on secondary roads to Amberg it was slower than traveling on the Autobahns.

Mrs. Ankrum writes, "All left for Amberg at 8:30. It was cloudy and cool and rained a little a good bit of the way. Got to Nurnberg about 1:30. Went on to Amberg and were with Marvin Jamison for about 1½ hours. Also saw and talked some with Bob Schroyer. Met Gary Johnson from Summersville, West Virginia. We left Amberg about 4:00 and came back to Nurnberg and to the Grand Hotel."

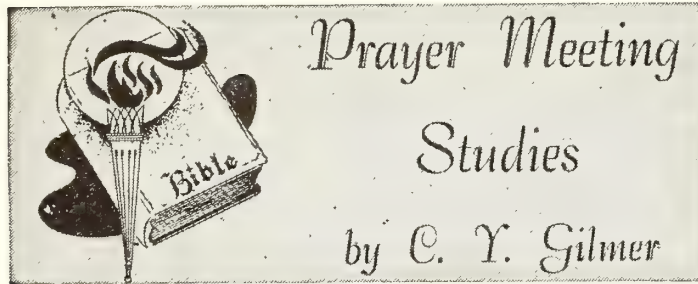
Nurnberg has a population of 390,000. It was once a great imperial center dating back to 1040. It has medieval buildings. It is famous as the birthplace of Albrecht Durer. Nurnberg is where they had the war trials, and where Goering committed suicide. We photographed a number of the war trial buildings. Just out of Nurnberg is the large Stadium where Hitler took his Heils, and from which he was going to rule the world. We photographed it. Much was left unfinished, and numbered pieces of marble lay on the ground. There were many people gathered there that quiet Sunday morning.

From Nurnberg we headed down the Autobahn for the old historic city of Munich. This is the capital city of Bavaria, with a population of 870,000. It is well located with an elevation of 1,706 feet. Munich is noted as the place where Hitler started with his Beer Hall push. Because of its connections it held out to the very last. Many ruined buildings stand today as an indication of the heavy fighting.

From there we went twelve miles to the famous or infamous Dachau Prison camp. Took quite a number of pictures of this camp. There were 70,000 who died or were murdered there, while 250,000 were prisoners between 1933 and 1945 when the camp was freed by American soldiers. Conditions were so bad there and the treatment was so inhuman as to seem impossible in this so called Civilized age. We photographed the six ovens where thousands were cremated. We visited graves, two where ashes of more than 20,000 were interred. Saw the Blood ditch, Execution block, etc.

Martin Neimoller was imprisoned here for eight years because he would not yield to Hitler. We have talked with men who were there the second day after liberation, and some who helped to liberate it. They tell of conditions so horrible, that they will not even be mentioned. Yet some of the people of Dachau claimed that they did not know what was going on right under their noses as it were. Surely the stench from the ovens would not have passed unnoticed. The gas chambers were in evidence and open for any one to visit who desired to do so.

There were monuments in memory of those who lost their lives there. Flowers had been placed in front of each oven, in honor of those who had been so unfortunate as to have been their victims. There were other camps, none worse than this one. Here we met a man who lived 1½ miles from my Ohio home, and who knew many of my people. Small world after all. He was a druggist from Hebron, Ohio, and was in Germany to visit his soldier son.



BAPTISM SIGNIFICANT

1 Peter 3:21

How lovely the emblem of faith
In Christ, our adorable Head—
Who sought our redemption in death,
And, triumphing, rose from the dead.

How sweet is the beautiful rite,
Our union with Him to proclaim—
Our death to each sinful delight—
Our rising to life through His name.

How blessed, by bearing the cross,
To show our regard for His will—
To seek, while professing His cause,
"All righteousness here to fulfill."

How pleasant the path to pursue
His perfect example has led;
With the scene at the Jordan in view,
We haste in His footsteps to tread.

Dear Savior, Thine ordinance bless:
The joy of Thy presence make known;
Descend, O Thou Spirit of grace,
And seal us forever Thine own.

—Geo. B. Holsinger.

THE "ONE BAPTISM" is listed with the seven great spiritual unities in Ephesians 4:3-6. But man has made every one of these unifying truths a point of controversy (2 Tim. 4:3, 4). The whole array of Christian doctrine is evident or inherent in Christian baptism (Matt. 28:18-20). Before baptism there must be evidence of repentance (Matt. 3:7, 8; Acts 2:38). There must be a confession of faith (Acts 8:36, 37). Baptism teaches the death of Christ for our sins by the believer being buried in water "in the likeness of His death" (Rom. 6:5). When Christ died He bowed His head forward (John 19:30) to show His complete submission to the Father's will (Heb. 10:7). Baptism pictures the bodily resurrection of Christ for the baptized believer is to come forth out of the watery grave "in the likeness of His resurrection" (Rom. 6:5). Romans 6:5 teaches the resurrection of all the saints at the second coming of our Lord.

Baptism teaches the separated life for we are baptized into the death of Christ (Rom. 6:3), reckoned to be dead indeed unto sin (v. 11), and quickened to walk in newness of life (v. 4). The sinful, selfish past is now crucified and slain, and one is made a new creature, "born from above," born of the water and of the spirit, as pictured, and confessed by the believing candidate in baptism (John 3:5; 2 Cor. 6:17). In baptism the believer makes his sacred and public vows to live a new life by

God's grace and the help of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:1, 5, 6). Without the proper instruction and observance in baptism the evils of an unregenerate membership become more prevalent in the church (Acts 3:19).

The first example that Christ Himself set for a believer is baptism which He made obligatory upon all converts by saying, "Thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). The great commission (Matt. 28:18-20) demands baptism of every convert. Jesus had His disciples to baptize others until He rivalled John the Baptist in this rite (John 4:1). In The Acts one is impressed with the emphasis laid on baptism (Acts 2:41). The Samaritan converts were baptized (Acts 8:12), the Ethiopian eunuch (vs. 38, 39), Lydia's household (16:15), Saul of Tarsus (9:18; 22:16), the jailor's household, (16:33), the household of Cornelius (10:48). The baptismal command and formula of Christ in the great commission covers this entire age!

The word "baptism" in Scripture always means baptism in water unless otherwise qualified. So the term "one baptism" means water baptism. Holy Spirit baptism (1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 1:5; 2:4-18; 11:16), the baptism of suffering (Matt. 20:23; 2 Cor. 2:7; Psalm 55:5) are figurative in use. Baptism in water is never called anything else.

Lesson

Comments

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Lesson for May 8, 1960

WORKING FOR PEACE

Lesson: Matthew 5:9; 21-22; 38-48

"ONCE UPON A TIME a gardener wrote the Department of Agriculture in Washington to say that he had tried all the dandelion annihilators described in the bulletins of the Department—and he still had the dandelions. What was he to do now?

"The Department wrote back: 'Dear Sir: If you have tried everything and you still have dandelions, there is only one thing left for you to do. Learn to love 'em.'"

The Scriptural way to make peace is to love your enemies until they become your friends!

PEACE IS ADVOCATED

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Mt. 5:9).

This lesson surely is needed in our day! Men are crying "Peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14)

"Why are peacemakers blessed? ... Because they are so absolutely unlike everybody else ... Because they are the people who stand out as being different from the rest of the world, and they are different because they are the children of God" (D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones)

Is Christ enjoining us to be peaceable, peaceful—or what? Certainly the Christian should do all he can to see that peace exists between man and man, group and group, and between nation and nation. To be a Peacemaker, however, means there must be a conscious, positive effort to produce peace!

“Now, to be a peacemaker means a lot more than being peaceable or amiable; it means to make peace between man and man, between man and God.. It means practicing the holy love of God... It means exercising preventive measures” (Frank S. Mead).

It has often been said that LOVE is the badge of Discipleship, as Jesus enjoined in John 13:35: “By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” Likewise it may be said that PEACE is the badge of Sonship, for the peacemakers “shall be called the children of God.”

“The benediction promised on such people is that they ‘shall be called the children of God’. Called means ‘owned’. ‘Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be “owned” as the children of God’... God is going to own them as His children” (Lloyd-Jones).

MURDER AND ANGER ARE CONDEMNED

“Ye have heard that it was said... whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of judgment” (Mt. 5:21-22).

To kill, said Jesus, is to “be in danger of the judgment”. This we can understand, for murder is universally viewed as a wrongdoing. But, continued Jesus, there is another sin which may endanger your soul. “Whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.”

RETALIATION IS FORBIDDEN

“I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also” (Mt. 5:39).

The Peacemaker is willing, in the spirit of love, to go the second mile. His chief aim in all his conduct is to win his brother. By refusing to retaliate, he overcomes evil with good.

LOVE IS ENJOINED

“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Mt. 5:44).

Only Divine Love is able to do this! Human love may at times rise to lofty heights, but it has its limitations. But love that has its source in God “beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things” (I Cor. 13:7). This love is “shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost” (Rom. 5:5). This love enables the Christian to be a true Peacemaker.

“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherein one may edify another” (Rom. 14:19).

Sunday School Suggestions
The Sunday School Board of
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THE FAMILY IN THE BIBLE
The Family Is Instituted By God

GOD PERFORMED the first marriage and thereby instituted the first family unit (Genesis 2:24). The family with its many functions is part of the eternal plan and purpose of God (Psalm 68:6, Hebrews 13:4). God established the family for the well-being of its members, the continuance of the race, the loving care of children, and the transmission of faith and truth (Genesis 2:18; Psalm 127:3; 128:3; Proverbs 22:6).

The Home Is A God-ordained Educational Unit

No educational institution equals the family in its significance. Although all education is rooted in the home, it is particularly important for Christian education. Christian attitudes may be taught at home long before they are taught at church. The laboratory experience of living together makes all truth learned at home particularly vital (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:5).

God Describes The Marks Of A Christian Family

A Christian home is not merely a house where Christians live: it is a residence where Christ is central. Christian faith is essential; and so are Christian love, patience, forgiveness, and discipline. Even the home which is not united spiritually can be a Christian home when the believers exhibit these qualities (Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Timothy 3:12; 5:14; Titus 2:4; 1 Peter 3:1-12).

Church And Home Are Divinely Linked

In patriarchal times the father was considered to be the family priest. God instructed the Israelites through the levitical law to use their homes for many different religious ceremonies and functions. The first Christian churches met in homes, and Christians were instructed to practice hospitality by entertaining other Christians in their homes. The home needs the church for spiritual strength, and the church must have the home to make its teaching operative in every area of people's lives (Genesis 8:20; 12:8; Exodus 12:18-20; 13:14-15; 23:15-16; Acts 3:46; Colossians 4:15; 3 John 5-8).

—from NSSA.

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NOTICE

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World Religious News in Review

PENNSYLVANIANS CONTEST STATE'S NEW BIBLE LAW

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (EP) — A bill signed by Pa.'s Governor David L. Lawrence last December, has excused school children from reading the Bible on a written request from their parents.

Now some citizens are asserting that this new law is unconstitutional because it permits Bible-reading in public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Schempp of Roslyn, Pa., Unitarians, were the ones who took the matter to court. Last year, this couple won a victory in a similar test of Pa.'s compulsory Bible reading law. The old legislation was declared unconstitutional by a district federal court and this decision has been appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL AMONG SOVIET YOUTH REPORTED

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Officials of the Soviet government are alarmed by religious activities of Baptists, Seventh-Day Adventists, and Jehovah's Witnesses, according to a young Russian embassy official who recently defected to the West.

Alexander Yurievich Kaznacheyev, who in 1959 fled his post in the Soviet Embassy at Rangoon, Burma, and was granted refuge in the American Embassy there, told the U. S. Senate Internal Security subcommittee that a religious revival is occurring among Russian youth because of their disillusionment with Communist ideas and philosophy.

The ex-Russian official related to the subcommittee many examples of renewed religious interest taking place among Russian youth. He said that the Soviet government fears the Baptists, Adventists and Witnesses because "these sects are more appealing to the Russian people due to conditions in the Soviet Union."

"Is is not as easy to control, as, for instance, it is the Russian Ortho-

dox Church," he testified. "Their supervision is not as centralized as that of the hierarchical Orthodox Church."

A member of the subcommittee asked Kaznacheyev if the Russian Orthodox Church is closely controlled by the government, and the Russian replied, "That is a very well known fact."

He said the government is using compulsory membership in the Kom-solol, the Communist Youth League, as a method of stamping out religious activity among youth.

In general, the Russian pictured Soviet youth as being increasingly skeptical of official state doctrines because of their wide disparity between what the state preaches and what the Soviet leaders actually practice.

BIBLICAL ZOO TO EXPAND

JERUSALEM (EP) — Israel's 20-year-old Biblical Zoo here, consisting of animals, birds and reptiles, which are mentioned in the Bible, will soon expand its menagerie to include representative-specimens of all countries and regions of the world, with sections of the zoo devoted to each region.

The unique zoo, founded in 1940, is in itself an interesting study of the Bible period.

Appropriate messages on the cages of animals, birds and reptiles contain passages of Scripture and other comments relating to the wildlife. On the grounds "Biblical" trees and shrubs form the landscape of the zoo.

DECALOGUE INSTRUCTION OP- POSED, APPROVED

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — Should the Ten Commandments be taught in public schools? Dr. Arnold T. Olson, president of the Evangelical Free Church of America says yes; while Dr. Carl H. Hansen, executive secretary of the Minnesota Congregational conference, says no.

Hansen objected to Olson's proposal that the Ten Commandments be

taught in the public schools, stating that "Instead of pressing upon our schools a responsibility they neither can nor should assume, perhaps we can better spend our energies in putting our own houses in order."

Dr. Hansen denied the implication that public schools are "godless," and asserted that "no professional group save the ministry itself, can boast so high a percentage of godly people by both word and example as the teaching profession.

"The proponents of formal instruction in religion in the public schools overlook the fact that religion is more a matter of values and attitudes than it is of factual content." Hansen, the former public school administrator, wrote in his denomination's paper, *The Congregational Minnesota*.

"Could it be that we in the Church are suffering a guilt complex? . . . Perhaps we are subconsciously aware of our failure to measure up to the responsibility that is ours and not that of our public schools to propagate the Christian faith . . ."

SEN. BYRD OFFERS IMPROMPTU SENATE PRAYER

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—It was four o'clock in the morning, and prayer was needed.

It may have been just the technicality that every session of the U. S. Senate must be opened with prayer. Or, after the marathon filibuster against the civil rights bill, the legislators may have felt that they were "standin' in the need of prayer."

At any rate, when it was discovered that Chaplain Frederick Brown Harris was home in bed, the lawmakers frantically looked around for someone to pray. In the chair, as president pro tem was Sen. Robert C. Byrd (Dem.—W. Va.), an experienced Baptist Sunday School teacher. He rose and led the Senate in a prayer which was described as being as eloquent and well-phrased as any that has been offered by clergymen in that chamber. He petitioned that the Senate be reminded "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

The unusual situation had developed during the early morning session in the midst of the Southern filibuster. Perturbed at repeated quorum calls, which were summoning senators out of bed, Sen. Lyndon Johnson (Dem.—Tex.) Senate major-

ity leader, had moved that the Senate adjourn for seven minutes.

When the Senate reconvened, this meant that the clerk would have to read the journal of proceedings which had accumulated for nearly three weeks, a task which required an hour and a half and let nearly everyone go back to bed.

Just before the journal-reading was launched, the parliamentarian began to send up frantic signals. The senators had overlooked the standing rule that every session of the Senate must open with prayer.

Since this was technically a new session beginning at 4:05 a. m., the lawmakers began to look around. That's when their eyes fell on Sen. Byrd.

EACH DAY: 2,500 FAMILIES BROKEN IN U. S.

NEW YORK (EP)—Each day, some 2,500 homes are broken daily in this country. The reason? Msgr. George A. Kelly, director of the Family Life Bureau in the New York Roman Catholic Archdiocese, said it is because of their denial of marriage as a sacred sacrament.

At their annual Communion breakfast, some 200 Columbiettes of the New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus, heard him declare that in the U. S. "there are 1,000 families broken up through divorce, another 1,000 through separation, and another 500 through desertions."

"One reason for this is that the family is no longer held in high repute," the monsignor said. "For the evils of family life," he suggested "education for marriage, inspiration to do right after education, and organization to help all families to do right."

POSTAGE BOOST FOR RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS ASKED

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—U. S. Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has requested Congress to raise postage rates for religious and other non-profit periodicals entered as second-class matter. The new recommended rate would more than double the postage bill of small publications weighing less than 1-½ ounces and would have varying effects on larger magazines, depending on the volume of advertising and the centrality of their publishing location

with respect to the majority of their subscribers.

An increase is also recommended by postal authorities for third class matter which would impose on church groups another 25 percent increase on the bulk mailings of printed matter. The present rate of one cent each on "non-profit organization" mailings is scheduled to rise to one and one-quarter cents on July 1. Summerfield wants the new rate to be one and one-half cents apiece by July 1, 1961.

Book rates for fourth class educational materials would jump from the present nine cents per pound plus five cents for each additional pound, to 10 cents for the first pound and six cents for each additional pound.

Other announcements are expected as Postmaster Summerfield continues to make his bids to Congress for postage hikes.

BILLY GRAHAM TO CRUSADE IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA (EP)—The City of Brotherly Love will host Evangelist Billy Graham in 1961, it was announced here recently.

Philadelphia area ministers will meet on May 4 to plan Graham's first visit to the eastern Pa. city.

The evangelistic crusade will be held during the eight weeks between August 13 and October 8, with nightly meetings at Convention Hall and several Sunday afternoon stadium mass meetings.

A committee of one hundred clergymen are Graham's strong supporters, but the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches has decided not to support Graham officially.

KENTUCKY PASTORS, LAYMEN EXPOSE HOME-TOWN GAMBLING

NEWPORT, Ky. (EP)—Now the story can be told: last year a group of Protestant ministers and respected laymen infiltrated various bars around this northern Kentucky city, shot craps, played roulette, put bets on horses and bought liquor after hours.

Last Feb., the ministers and parishioners, representing the Social Action Committee of the Newport Ministerial Association, took their findings before the Campbell County Grand Jury to demand the impeachment of Newport's mayor, city manager, police chief, chief of detectives, liquor administrators and all

four city commissioners for their failure to uphold Newport's laws against gambling and the other vices uncovered by the Christians.

The March 26, 1960 issue of *The Saturday Evening Post* tells the event in full with a report by James A. Maxwell on how Newport flourishes "as one of the nation's biggest illegal gambling centers..."

The grand jury paid little attention to the ministers' indictments. It concluded, says author Maxwell: "Man-kind, having been born in sin, will ever be prey to the temptations of sin."

Across town in the city jail, an inmate snapped open a paper and read these words. With a sigh he said, "I wish those guys had been thinkin' that way when they had me up there on a burglary rap..."

In spite of the clergymen's complaints, Newport was having business as usual, but Christian Seifried, chairman of the city's Social Action Committee, said confidently: "We know we can't change things overnight, but eventually we'll win."

ASK FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR PAROCHIAL, PRIVATE SCHOOLS

ALBANY, N. Y. (EP)—The Democratic State Committee of New York has urged Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller to sign a bill requiring school districts to provide free bus transportation to parochial and private school children.

The measure would "provide for equal treatment under law for all taxpayers in the state," say committee members. According to them it is a matter of "basic civil rights."

By providing their own transportation for 800,000 students, private and parochial schools save New York taxpayers more than \$400,000,000 a year, the committee points out.

"As children of taxpayers, who pay the same taxes that the parents of public school children pay," the committee stated, these students "are entitled at least to this small benefit."

The new law now before the governor would increase from eight to ten miles the distance that school districts at present may transport non-public school children. It also makes such transportation mandatory rather than optional for districts providing bus service for public school pupils.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

ARGENTINA HOLDS ITS THIRD SPIRITUAL RETREAT

AFTER VARIOUS PREPARATIONS and conquering some difficulties, the Brethren Church of Villa Constitucion held its Third Spiritual Retreat in a picturesque area on the outskirts of our city. In this opportunity we had the privilege of having among us the enthusiastic youth of the Nunez and Gerli churches in Buenos Aires and from Barrio Talleres of our city.

In that, that belongs to the spiritual, the preponderant part of our retreat, we depended upon the valuable co-operation of the preachers **Rev. Kenneth Solomon, Ernesto Alberti, Juan Arregin, Oscar Vena, and Gayetano Moreno**, who had charge of wonderful studies that served for edification and spiritual benefit for our lives. Brother **John Rowsey** spoke to us of the work and outreach of the radio work that is being done from Nunez.

Also our program contained moments for sports, games, socials, hikes, free time, and things that brought much enthusiasm, in that we could appreciate the fellowship and the Christian love that we experienced in this place.

We would complete the day in the light of the fire, under the stars, thinking on the wonderful things the Lord had done for us, and we had to give thanks with all of our hearts.

In the three days that we spent there with the marvels of nature, surrounded by true friends, we felt with more force the presence of God and we noted something that impelled us to look for His company and to serve Him with all our heart.

To finish, the Studies, the conversations, the Songs, and the moments of relaxation are unforgettable remembrances that will accompany us always.

—Lidia Ramos
Villa Constitucion, Argentina

REMEMBER—NATIONAL BRETHREN CONFERENCE
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In your BYC meetings, do you get tired of having the same type of recreation meeting after meeting? If you do, why not try varying your re-creation. Here are some helps and Principles for Christian fun.

1. **VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE.** This holds true for BYC fun as well as it does for many things in life. If you always play "Spin the milk bottle" for a half hour at every party pretty soon people will get tired of "spinning." New games need to be introduced at every party. Don't play a game once and forget about it

but don't wear it out either. Play a few familiar games and a few new ones at each party. Vary the menu so no game wears out its welcome. Your BYC might want to consider some of these as special types of parties: Swimming party, roller skating party, bowling party, picnic outing, backwards party, a progressive party. Various holidays lend themselves to special party features.

2. **IS IT FUN FOR EVERYONE?** This question must be asked about any game that is chosen. Any time you notice a game is not fun for some of the folks a new game should be introduced. Games where everyone participates and takes an active part are most likely to be appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Games should be chosen with everyone in mind. If a game would only interest a few persons then it should not be used for the total group at a party. There is quite a temptation, if you especially like a given game yourself, to keep playing it even though others may not share your enthusiasm.

3. **IS IT EMBARRASSING TO ANY PERSONS?** Sometimes games that seem innocent and unembarrassing to you may prove embarrassing to someone else. For example, a game where you feel an object with stocking feet may prove embarrassing if there is a hole in a sock. Guard against any game that might embarrass some of your members. Truly good recreation sets people at ease rather than on edge.

4. **IS IT FUN WITH A CHRISTIAN FLAVOR?** The BYC has a definite advantage over many groups. Because of its distinctive Christian nature it can provide a bang-up good time without an unpleasant after taste.

The Christian doesn't have to resort to anything that isn't Christian to have fun. He can have more fun than anyone and without the after effects. The "Come as You Are Parties" have proven this conclusively to a good number of non-Christian youth who never knew before how much fun you could have at the church.

QUESTIONS TO ASK OF YOUR RECREATION.

1. Why is recreation important to you?
2. In what ways is recreation of the right kind good for a person?
3. Should the church encourage parties and social good times at the church?

GIVE REASONS FOR YOUR ANSWER.

—Adapted from FRIENDS magazine.

"I long for the day when people will say the words, 'teen-ager' as it it were a person and not a disease!"
—Friends Magazine.

Many things in 1960 will not be of our choosing because they are in the reality not of our choosing.

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Have you let loose the hurtful habit, the crippling compromise, the unsundered ambition, the stubborn resentment to which you have been clinging?

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

A TRUE WITNESS DELIVERETH SOULS

Truly, the prayer of every Christian witness should be:

"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love that soul through me;
That I may humbly do my part
To win that soul for Thee."

The "cool Christian" who is never burdened for the lost and dying sinner; the Christian who takes no time to point the way through the wilderness, will never know the peace of obedience; the overwhelming, unspeakable joy that faithful witnessing always brings. How comforting is this precious promise: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not," Galatians 6:9. The Christian, who, in the midst of persecution, continues as a loyal, loving witness—will some day be gloriously rewarded for his steadfastness. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. If every Christian truly loved the sinner, what a "born again" world this would be! "A true witness delivereth souls." Proverbs 14:25. This is my prayer:

ONE WISH

Dear Lord, if I could have one wish,
I know what it would be.
I'd ask that everyone on earth
Would give their hearts to Thee.

And every morning, everyone
Would speak to You and say:
"Good Morning, God!
Come walk with me, along the road today!"

Oh, wouldn't it be wonderful
If everyone we knew
Were dedicated Christians—
Not just the 'Faithful Few'?

How very, very happy
All men in Christ would be,
To live and love for Jesus' sake;
To worship only Thee!

The churches in our city,
State and nation, too—
And all around this big, old world,
Would have no empty pews.

Can You possibly imagine
This awe-inspiring sight:
A traffic jam at Your church
Every Sunday night?

Again at Mid-Week Service,
A multitude for prayer?

And folks for whom we're praying now,
Kneeling with us there?

Oh, Glory to Thee, Father!
And Praise unto Thy Son!
If faithful witnesses we'd be,
The world would soon be won!

Dear Lord, hear now my only wish,
My earnest, heartfelt plea:
That Christians everywhere would bring
A precious soul to Thee.

Mrs. Richard Stahl,
Huntington, Indiana

A CHRISTIAN LADY

She was a lady—a Christian lady,
And lived in the higher realms of noble
Womanhood, sun-crowned with true godliness.
Her jewels were not rubies, pearls and gold
Worn on her person just to make a show.
They were truth and virtue and purity,
Far more to be desired than great riches,
Or popularity without true worth.

She clothed her body in neat apparel
That she might not expose her person to
The eyes of men. She demanded respect
At home, abroad, and wherever she went.
Her affections were set on God and right.
She sought no charms nor momentary thrills
Where Satan dazzles his alluring lights
And sounds his mellow music to deceive.

To her, a spotless character was more
Than money, wealth and beautiful mansions;
More than learning and a business career;
More than marriage for luxury or for fame;
More than the cherished goal of great success,
Or a laurel crown for some achievement,
Bestowed by great ceremonies that draw
The applauding throngs to proclaim her praise.

Her rules of conduct, quite sublime and grand,
Are found in the Book of all books—God's Book—
The Bible, which has made Christian ladies,
Noble women, pure brides, true and sweet wives,
And real mothers across the years of time.
Living the life of a Christian lady
She blessed the world and left her mark behind
That points to God, heaven, angels and home.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour
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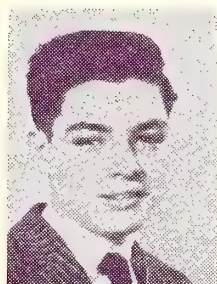
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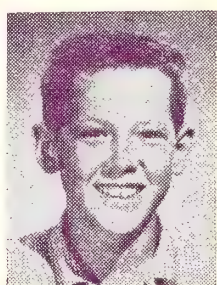
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HIDDEN VALUES

"It's only an ugly stone,"

He said, as he passed it by;
But following him came a wiser man,
With a more discerning eye,
And he picked up the ugly stone
And carried it off to town,
Where polishing soon revealed
A blood-red ruby's crown.

"It's only a poison weed,"

Said one with a careless air;
But along came one with enquiring
mind,
And a secret-probing flair,
And the weed was soon revealed
As an antidote to pain,
A blessing to all mankind,
Instead of a curse and bane.

"He's only a worthless knave,"

The villagers all said;
And they judged him and condemned,
For the sinful life he led;
But a greater Judge than they
Cleansed the erring mortal's heart,
And the knave became a man
Who played a Christian's part.
—Selected.

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If your conception of sin doesn't
call sin sin, your opinion was hatched
in hell, and if you don't repent of that,
you'll be pulled into hell with it.

THIS IS TODAY

Today is here. I will start with a smile, and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize. I refuse to waste my valuable time.

Today has one thing in which I know I am equal with others—time. All of us draw the same salary in seconds, minutes, hours.

Today I will not waste my time, because the minutes I wasted yesterday are as lost as a vanished thought.

Today I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen. I am going to spend my time making things happen.

Today I am determined to study to improve myself, for tomorrow I may be wanted, and I must not be found lacking.

Today I am determined to do things I should do. I firmly determine to stop doing the things I should not do.

Today I will not imagine what I would do if things were different. They are not different. I will make success with what material I have.

Today I will stop saying, "If I had time." For I never will "find time" for anything—if I want time I must take it.

Today, I will act toward other people as though this might be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes.

—Selected.

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If some people would believe God as much as they doubt Him they could be giants of faith instead of dwarfs.



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STANDING TALL

I would go up to the hills today,
To a beautiful waterfall;
Up where the trees are a green bouquet,
And God is standing tall.

But there are duties and tasks to start,
So putting aside the call,
I will hold God close within my heart

And I myself will stand tall.

—Enola Chamberlin.

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Ere thou sleepest gently lay
Every troubles thought away.
Put off worry and distress,
As thou puttest off thy dress.
Drop thy burden and thy care
In the quiet arms of prayer.

—Henry van Dyke.

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"The altar means fire—burning and purification and insulation for one purpose only, the destruction of every affinity that God has not started and of every attachment that is not an attachment in God."

The Editor's Pulpit

Staying Young

THE SAYING GOES that if you want to stay young work with young people, and if you want to get old try to keep up with them. Both of these ideas are true, and anyone who has worked with youth could testify to the truth. It would be the opinion of this writer that the Brethren Church wants to stay young for it has worked with young people. Likewise our church has tried to keep up with the young people. At this point the original statement breaks down because we haven't gotten old and tired doing it. Our church has been wise in setting up a youth department and employing a man to keep the youth work progressing over the denomination.

We are a small denomination, we lack finances, and at times vision. Fortunately this is not the case in the matter of young people, for the Brethren Church has had the vision to make youth a vital concern. The results of this concern are obvious. Youth Conference continues to grow. Young men and women interested in full-time Christian service are becoming more numerous. Local churches are setting up youth departments with directors to handle the work. Young people are beginning to take over positions of responsibility in churches and in Conference. District Conferences feel the weight of youth as well. These results and many more can only mean that our future is a bright one.

Now let us look at the other side of the coin. There are still pockets of resistance in various churches. One of these pockets is in the refusal of many people to assume responsibility as youth leaders. Youth organizations of one kind or another are not functioning simply because capable people are too busy satisfying their own pleasures and desires.

Not only are people too busy to assist in youth work, but many are too concerned with their own affairs to support the work financially. A dollar or two in the youth offering eases their conscience until next year. While the same day they will spend twice that much for gasoline just to take a ride.

These pockets of resistance must be cleared out. Each one of us has a responsibility to see

that we are not resisting the work. After this is cared for then each of us must help others support the work of youth. We must support the services where youth are participating. This will show the youth and the "care-nots" that we are behind the work. Then we must help others to see responsibility by assuming it ourselves where we can. And we must pray privately and publicly for youth and youth work. Our enthusiasm for youth will show and will help others to become enthusiastic also. Even such an insignificant thing as driving a car to take youth to a rally can be a real contribution to the work. If you manifest an enthusiasm and a concern others will do the same.

There is a real opportunity right now to work with young people. You can help our Church stay young and vital. Here is what you can do: make your offering to Brethren Youth something of value. Don't sit down and figure out how many people we have in the Church and then figure out your "Share." This assumes that everyone else is going to give his share including all of the "dead wood." That kind of giving is only an escape for real giving. Instead of doing that sit down and figure out how much you can give to keep young people in Sunday school and church, instead of in courts and jails. Remember that Brethren Youth does keep young people in the work of Jesus Christ. That is worth plenty. Keep that in mind when you decide your offering. If you can be satisfied then with one dollar when you could give ten, you just don't care about saving young people.

Our future is tied up in what we do in the year 1960 for our youth. We can refuse to be leaders using one excuse or another. We can stop progress by holding back our financial aid. We can just let youth on its own without any interest or prayer support. Fortunately our Brethren Church has not done this. Generally the picture is bright. Let us keep it that way. Chances are if you have read this far in this article you are working vitally for youth. If you are not then get busy. If you are then help others to see the light. C.R.M.

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LETTER FROM GULAK

... Work is going forward slowly but encouragingly. Recently we have had a number of baptisms in various Higi villages where I supervise as missionary advisor and elder of Ekklesiyar Kwaka (the Higi Church between Lassa and Mitcika). There were 3 at Kankilia, 7 at Bazza, 10 at Kuburjibji; so even though the work among the Margies at Gulak is a bit discouraging, the work at Ekklesiyar Kwaka is encouraging.

Politically there are a number of changes taking place. In the November plebescite the Northern Cameroon (Gulak, Mbororo, Mubi stations are in this section) voted to remain with the British for the time being and not to unite with Nigeria. This was a defeat for the party in power and has brought about some reforms. The complaint has always been that the Fulani people of Yola ruled this area and appointed district chiefs from Yola and not local native people. Now with this political defeat, all the district heads (chiefs) that have been appointed by Yola are being called back into Yola, and local men are being put in their places. However, no district chiefs are being chosen for the time being, but a wakili (or assistant chief) has been appointed.

For the wakila of the Gulak area district M. Risku has been appointed. He is one of the first C.B.M. converts in Africa. He is the hero of "The Peacemaker" (film) and has been living and working for us part time in Mubi and serving on the Provincial Council. This is quite a change from a Muslim to a Christian and might mean the opening up of the work here in the Gulak area. Also Risku is a Wagga (tribe) and has been trying for years to have some CRI work started among his people, but because of Muslim pressure in the area, the people have not been willing to let an evangelist in their area.

What this might mean to the work of the mission in this area remains to be seen. Risku will be in charge for only about 6 months and perhaps less. That is when all the government in the Northern Cameroon section is being made over. Mubi will become a provincial capital, and a resident will live there. There will be a district officer between Mitcika and Gulak. After all the new government is reorganized, new district heads will be elected and unless Risku is elected as district head, he will probably not remain as wakili. We need your prayers for this time of political change.

As yet I haven't heard who will be the Wakili at Mitcika, the district headquarters of the Mbororo Station District, but the movement in the Northern Cameroon area is to have either a Christian or a pagan; they do not want Muslims as their wakilies of district heads.

We have had a number of good letters from people at home. We appreciate them very much. I must close and get this off so that it can go in the mail this week.

Sincerely,
Bob (Bischof)

THIRD SPIRITUAL RETREAT

By the grace of God, the third spiritual retreat was held on February 28, 29 and March 1 in Villa Constitution, where the local church organized the retreat and brought it to a happy completion.

For the retreat we depended upon the cooperation of brethren from the churches of Nunez and Gerli. Pastor Kenneth Solomon, Ernesto Alberti, and Juan Arregin, who had the responsibility of speaking to us from the Holy Word.

The person who guided, conducted, and directed (I would say brilliantly) was Pastor Ricardo Rivero, a brother that truly has Christ in his heart for only thus could he have accomplished all that he did.

They were marvelous days to live in contact with nature, joying in the blessings and the love of our God. Our hearts are covered with happiness because we have been able to live apart from the noise and bustle of the world, thanks to the love of Christ who died that He might be with us.

Also we had a careful explanation of what the radio work is and how it reaches out by Brother John Rowsey. In the evening in the meeting around the fire, God spoke to us through His servants, and we could appreciate the gifts that God has given to Lea and Abel Herrera, Lea drawing and Abel playing the accordion.

We couldn't pass over the brothers and sisters in charge of the kitchen, who did their work so well, leaving our bodies satisfied with the food they prepared. There were



Mrs. Abel Herrera, Chalk Artist, from the Villa Constitution Church, assisted in the Third Spiritual Retreat

the sports, volley ball, ping pong, and social games in which all took part.

Here given briefly are the detail of the third spiritual retreat. The blessings we received stimulated us to want to return to the fourth retreat, if the Lord permits.—Isaiah 12.

Juan Arregin, Gerli, Argentina

COMING EVENTS

CALVARY, N. J. Evangelistic Meetings—May 9-14—Rev. W. B. Brant, Evangelist.

SCOTTSDALE-TEMPE, ARIZONA. Dedication of new church—May 15, 3:00 P. M.—Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire, Speaker; Rev. H. Francis Berkshire, Pastor.

INDIANA DISTRICT LAYMEN
JOINT MEETING AT NORTH MANCHESTER
May 16th
Supper: 6:30 - 8:00
Program to Follow

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT JESUS?

"Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world." John 4:22.

DURING WORLD WAR II, a young mother was left a widow, bitter, and resenting her experience and lot. Left with two small sons, she determined not to teach her sons any religion. But sometimes God overrules the decisions of men—and women as well—and in this case He did so by sending to this rebellious young mother a nursemaid who was a believer. Left to her own choice in teaching the boys the maid taught the boys to say their prayers and give thanks before meals.

One day the older lad interrogated his mother: "Mummy, did you know about Jesus?" "Yes," she was forced to admit, "I knew!"

A look of complete amazement overspread the face of the little boy. "Then, Mummy," he cried, "why didn't you ever tell us?"

It is to be wondered if many of us would not be compelled to answer as the mother of our study made reply to her child's question.

In law one who has knowledge concerning the commission of a crime and does not divulge that knowledge is considered as guilty as the perpetrator of the misdeed. Likewise one who has opportunity to minister to one in need and fails to do so is "ticketed" as selfish, heartless, cruel. The song about the gypsy lad who was dying, and someone told him the story of Jesus brings the thought of our study, as he cries out, "No one ever told me before."

Since when have you witnessed for Jesus?

A NOTE ABOUT THE EDITOR

At this writing the editor, Rev. Benshoff, is recovering normally and expects to be in the office by May 1st. As you read this he will be working at his job, at least part-time. The doctor has insisted that his return to the office be not before May 1st, and after that in a limited fashion for a short period. We thank God for his recovery and return to the work of our Evangelist Editor. C.R.M.

CULTIVATE YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

There is a great danger today of losing our own souls in our absorption with matters of secondary or temporal importance. We cannot afford to neglect the simple, yet vitally important, exercises of spiritual growth. If we are too busy to provide for the hunger of our hearts, we are far busier than God ever intended we should be. It is of the utmost importance that we cultivate a constant awareness of God in our lives. The voices of this world are constantly clamoring for our attention, but the voice that you and I can ill afford to ignore is this one: "Be still and know that I am God."

There is no substitute for family devotions in maintaining a Christian atmosphere in the home. Personal prayer is a necessity for one's own spiritual growth. Grace at meals reminds us that God provides for our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. Regular Bible reading is a "must" for every Christian. Tithing or regular giving is a convincing evidence of one's discipleship with Christ.

Living every day for Him brings untold joy, indescribable peace and a sense of precious fellowship with our Saviour. Witnessing is the privilege and duty of every believer. Are you emphasizing these Holy Habits in your life?

—Sidney A. Gates.

72nd General Conference
August 15-21, 1960

PHEROMETHA! --

"Let Us Go On!"

Hebrews 6:1

Dr. L. E. Lindower

(From the Scripture—Heb. 5:12—6:12)

Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3 And this will we do, if God permit.

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessings from God:

8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

I PROPOSE OUR TITLE as a Greek watchword — a challenging slogan for the Brethren Church and each Christian — "Pherometha" — "Let us go on." Our Scripture is one of the most

difficult to interpret in the New Testament. May I suggest a simple analysis? This portion from two chapters is a unit, beginning with the admonition "ye ought to be teachers."

Christian life is a spiritual growth. We are born again as babes in Christ. To remain a baby is abnormal. It is just as necessary to grow spiritually as physically and mentally. The early church had the same weakness we possess in the twentieth century. Church members remained Christian babies.

There is no other reason for Christians to remain in this world except the Great Commission. "Make disciples of all the nations." "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." It takes preparation to be a teacher. Otherwise we have the blind leading the blind! This passage puts it in the terms of being able to take meat, of having grown beyond the first principles.

The fundamentals are stated fully and succinctly:

(1) **Repentance from dead works.** The sinner first changes his mind about his own deeds which are the products of being dead in sin.

(2) **Faith toward God.** He turns from himself to God.

(3) **The doctrine of baptisms.** Two baptisms, the inward change by the Spirit, the outward sign in water, result.

(4) **Laying on of hands.** Confirmation dedicates him to the bearing of "the fruit of the Spirit."

(5) **Resurrection from the dead.** Not future, but the present new life, having buried the old man of sin.

(6) **Eternal (age-long) judgment.** A continuing, present judgment and revision of self.

Having experienced the "first principles" provides no stopping place. We have had too much of the practice of bringing new converts through the door of the church and leaving them there. They must **go on** to "perfection." The Greek word indicates the idea of reaching the objective of the process—maturity, adulthood. We must help them to keep on growing.

"**Pherometha**". It is as simple as taking a journey. We equip ourselves. We have a road map. We may overhaul the car. We load up. We start. The Scripture suggests the thing that happens on almost every trip—in many Christian lives. We get on the wrong road. "If they shall fall away," is simply, "to go aside," "to digress," "to deviate."

What do we do when we find ourselves on the wrong road? Must we go back home again, get a new roadmap, overhaul and reload all over again?

This would be silly! So, the point here is:—when we go aside from the Holy Highway, there is no power to take us back again to the first step—repentance—this would involve a new sacrifice. But Christ died once for all—we dare not crucify Him again!

What should we do? It's simple—we find the place where we left the right road and go on from there. The writer to these Hebrew Christians made clear that he expected them to go on, growing under God's spiritual refreshing and bearing fruit. It was a keen disappointment that many had not grown normally.

"Work and labor of love," "ministry to the saints," "teaching" were things that **accompanied** salvation. So, in these days, we may be neglecting the **fruit** of salvation by never getting beyond the first principles! This is evidenced by the tendency of many who feel very spiritual because they constantly harp on the joys of being saved; who think that if the plan of salvation is not reviewed in every meeting it is not Christian!

PHEROMETHA!

The Brethren Church cannot grow or be really a Progressive Brethren denomination until a greater portion of us can grow beyond salvation; put our selfish interests aside; get **beyond** the idea that all we need to do is go to Church and pay off the Lord with our tithes; and really enter into a world of Christian service. It is more than a question of what you can or can't do now, but what can you become, what can you prepare yourself to do for Christ in the midst of this complicated, wayward, suffering world? If you can't do anything you have no business being there.

Is your watchword really "Pherometha?"

Ashland, Ohio.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

"Wherefore laying aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (I Peter 2:1, 2).

It is a part, a very important part, of a Christian's life, that he should grow. As a seed may die while still a plant nucleus even though great potentialities lie within it, so does man if he rejects the life-giving endowments of God. But with God working in man and through man, what power is strong enough to stint the growth of a Christian—of man who is receptive to and yielded to God's own plans for him? Such a person knows no limitations of growth.



FROM THE POCKET TAPE RECORDER

(Hidden in the National Brethren Youth Office)

JANUARY 4, 1960 — MONDAY

Phil Lersch — Welcome to Brethren Youth, Mac. Billy Booth and I are glad to have you with us.

Marlin (Mac) McCann — Thanks! it's a real privilege to be a part of this work. I'm real anxious to get started ... there must be a lot of work to do.

JANUARY 13 — WEDNESDAY:

Mac — You mentioned something the other day about our four biggest jobs right now. What were they again?

Phil — Well, administering the Life Work Recruit Program is one that's pretty well under way right now. Another project will be to plan our publicity for the May Offering appeal for National Brethren Youth. Then we have to get busy with the Summer Workers' assignments and National Youth Conference. All this in addition to our regular responsibilities.

JANUARY 18 — MONDAY:

Phil — I'm kinda stumped on the May Offering Appeal for this year, Mac. We've tried all kinds of gimmicks and slogans the last few years—but the amount given always remains about the same.

Mac — Yea, I know. If all Brethren people would just tithe, we could "can" all these appeals and spend more time planning to carry on the more important phases of the program.

Phil — Guess you're right. Having been around here a few years leads me to believe that some faithful people will give generously—and others will never be interested—regardless of how strong or weak your "publicity appeal" in the *Brethren Evangelist* happens to be.

JANUARY 29 — FRIDAY:

Phil — With the weekend so close, Friday's no day to try for some new ideas—but a couple just hit me. I'm still working on the May publicity. More than anything else, I think we need to inform everyone in the church in the best way possible of two things: (1) The great strides forward the Youth Board has been able to make in the past 10 to 15 years using their past financial gifts, and (2) The even greater need to support our present and future activities.

Mac — Think you're right, and the more everyone knows about the program the better able they will be to pray specifically for its needs.

FEBRUARY 11—THURSDAY:

Mac — Remember what you were saying the other day about letting everyone know as much as possible about our program? The more I think about it—the more I like it.

Phil — Certainly the facts will speak for themselves.

Mac — Yes, and I don't think most people realize half the activities and programs that are promoted by this office. Before coming to work here I thought I had a pretty fair understanding of the Youth Board's work, but jumping right in the middle of it all just about drowns a fella.

Phil — I guess maybe you're right!

Mac — Just look at what you and Beverly and I have been doing the last couple of weeks:

Writing weekly *Evangelist* articles

Finishing College Retreat plans

Processing and mailing the Monthly Newsletter

Publishing the *Brethren Youth Magazine*

Administering Life Work Recruit Mailings

Issuing "Declaration of Intention" cards

Answering calls for supplies (membership cards, goals' posters, speech contest data, etc.)

Filing new Youth Magazine subscriptions

Man O' Man!!!

Phil — Now hold on Mac. You're right—and there's lots more, but let's save some of that dope for the May issue of the *Brethren Evangelist*.

FEBRUARY 16 — TUESDAY:

Phil — How are you comin' along with the daily schedule for Youth Conference next August.

Mac — Real well! I'll work on a few more details and then I'll let you see what you think of it, as compared with former years.

Phil — O. K. Last year the kids ask for a repeat of some things, like:

—Antiphonal singing across the football field

—Discussion groups

—Communion service

Mac — We'll want to be sure to include these repeats along with some of the new "surprises." I'll keep at it.

FEBRUARY 24 — WEDNESDAY:

Phil — I've been surveying the condition of our finances for Summer Crusading this year. It doesn't look too good.

Mac — You mean we may have to cut down on the number of young people we can send out to teach Bible School or do manual labor work? Several have already been accepted. I hope that I'm not the one that has to tell them they can't go now.

Phil — That could happen, Mac, but I'm still trusting that sufficient funds will be available. You see, a couple years ago, the young people chose Summer Crusading as their National Project and they raised several thousand dollars for this program. But now that the Summer Work phase of our program has grown so much, most of that reserve has been exhausted. Why, last summer alone it cost \$3,454.65 in travel expenses and scholarships for our Summer Crusaders and Ambassadors.

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GOOD THINGS DON'T "Just Happen"

Every accomplished musician, engineer, athlete, lawyer, teacher or minister has devoted many hours to becoming adequately trained for his chosen vocation.

The same dedication must be evident in train-

ing for Christian Living. Since our young people often do not realize the Christian preparation they will need, we must provide it for them.

This is being done by National Brethren Youth—as evidenced by the following examples:

NOW — 1960



Learning to Pray
with Mother
(Ashland, Ohio)

LATER — 19??



Prayer and Bible Study
at a Youth Retreat
(S. E. District)

NOW — 1960



Singing in Children's Choir
(Bryan, Ohio)

LATER — 19??



Singing with High School
and Church Groups
(N. Manchester, Indiana)

(From the POCKET TAPE RECORDER — continued)

Mac—Now this year that amount will be taken from the current operating expenses, is that right?

Phil—Uhuh, and that's why we must have a real good May Offering. If everyone would only realize that their money to church does an abundance of good in many areas.

Mac—For example, every dollar to Brethren Youth can assist many phases of church work; Those dollars used for B. Y. Summer Work accomplish all this: (1)

Gives our young people valuable experience in Bible School work, (2) Helps the local Bible School teacher shortage, (3) Provides the gospel message for the children, and (4) Helps pay the workers' college tuition.

MARCH 10 — THURSDAY:

Phil—I got that order out today for the Publicity Materials—to be sent to churches and individuals for Youth Sunday on May 15th.

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GOOD THINGS DON'T "Just Happen"

NOW — 1960



Giving Pennies
(Sunday School and Youth Groups)

LATER — 19??



Giving Abundantly
(Divine Worship)



NOW
1960

"Cutting-Up" in
Bible School

(Manteca, California)

LATER

"Leading-Out" in
Church Work

(Johnstown, Pennsylvania)



(From the POCKET TAPE RECORDER — continued)

Mac — What all did we finally decide to use?

Phil — We may not send church bulletins this year, but every church will receive a bulletin insert and special offering envelopes. Then it might be a good idea to send a special message and an offering envelope to every subscriber to the "Brethren Evangelist."

MARCH 22 — TUESDAY:

Phil — We received a confirmation today from Miss Marjorie Ford of Scripture Press. She will be here again this year on May 7th for the Summer Crusaders' Training Workshop. (Yelling) Hey, Bev, have all the Crusaders been notified about the Training Workshop?

Beverly Summy — Yes, and I think that most all of them will be here, too.

APRIL 6 — WEDNESDAY:

Mac — What would we do around here without Beverly? The more I learn about this work, the more I realize how dependent this office is upon her knowledge of what's going on. She surely cares for all the details efficiently.

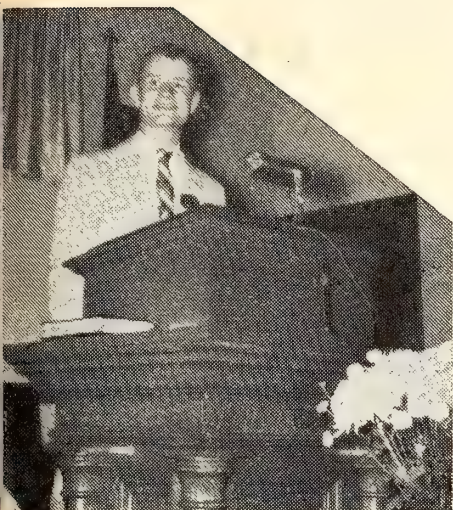
Phil — I envy you Mac! Beginning June 1st, you are going to have Bev as a full-time office secretary. Having her here full-time will make the work of National Brethren Youth more than twice as effective as it has been in the past.

Mac — I really am appreciative of this forward-looking step by the Youth Board. Of course, this emphasizes again the need for more financial support since we'll have two full-time employees instead of just one now.

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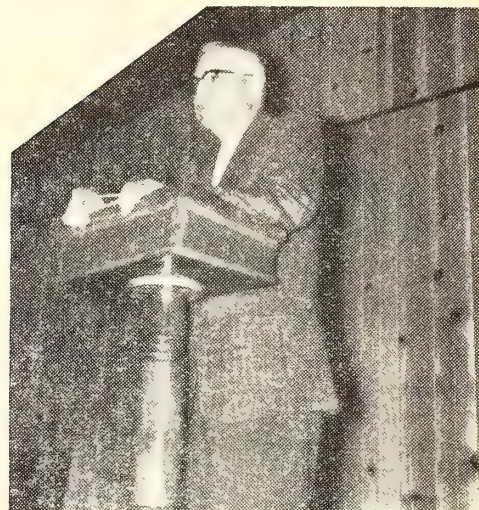
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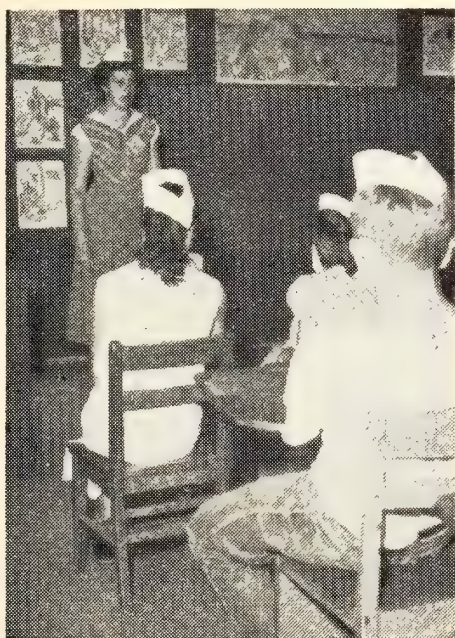
Presiding at Youth Rally
(N. E. Ohio District)

LATER — 19??



Directing a Summer Camp
and Preaching the Gospel
(Central District)

NOW — 1960



Teaching Bible School
as a Summer Crusader
(Krypton, Kentucky)

LATER — 19??



Serving as Missionary
Nurse
(Nigeria, West Africa)

"And they brought young children to him . . . he should teach them . . . suffer the little children . . . come unto me . . . forbid them not . . . such is the kingdom . . . he took them up . . . put his hands upon them . . . blessed them."

—Mark 10:13-16

WHAT *Brethren Youth* IS DOING For Me!



Miss Lois Berkshire

Ashland College Student — from Tiosa Brethren Church

Brethren Youth has given me one of the greatest opportunities which I have had to serve my Lord, that of teaching children of Him.

For the past two summers I have been a Brethren Youth Crusader. I spent one summer at Krypton, Kentucky, and one at Sunshine Acres, Mesa, Arizona.

I feel that each of these experiences has helped me to grow greatly in many ways; especially in spiritual experiences.

I have also gained in ability to work with children, as well as with adult co-workers, and to lead in spiritual activities during these two summers.

Annual Conference is another way in which I have received the benefit of Brethren Youth help. The spiritual lift which is received through the services and through fellowship with other Christian youth is not measurable in words. This would include local and district conferences and meetings, too.

Mr. Steve Gilbert

High School Senior — Bryan, Ohio

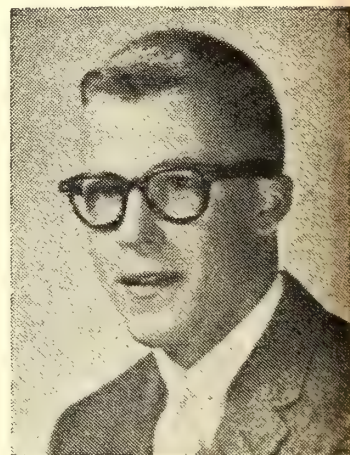
First of all being practical minded, I shall cover a couple of the ways that B. Y. C. is helping me on this level.

Recently in our local meetings, we have been studying Catholicism and why a Catholic should not be president. These lessons have given me a basis for my thoughts and arguments on these timely matters. This has been especially helpful to me as one of the major questions being kicked around concerns the possibility of the next president being Catholic and what external pressures he would be subjected to.

On the district and state level I have had the opportunity to fellowship with

others of my own age which are of my own particular faith. Through district meetings and the winter retreat at Camp Mack I have become acquainted with the long range plan of Brethren Youth. By this I mean that I have seen what the youth of the church—Crusaders, Pastors' Helpers, and others—are doing now and of the plans that are being made now to increase the services of the youth of the church in the near future.

As far as I am concerned B. Y. C. has given me, a growing teenager, everything needed to feed my hungry spiritual life.



(From the POCKET TAPE RECORDER — continued)

APRIL 18—MONDAY:

Phil — (Telephone rings) Hello, Brethren Youth Office ... Yes, St. Clair (Benshoff) ... Sure, we're just finishing up on it and we'll have it over first thing in the morning. So long.

Mac — Does Benshoff want our copy for the special Youth Issue of the "Evangelist?"

Phil — How'd you guess? You know we're pushing the deadline pretty close. It's all ready now anyway.

APRIL 26 — TUESDAY:

Phil — Well, now that we've gotten our stuff in for the "Evangelist" and distributed the churches' supplies at

Pastor's Conference—there's nothing to do but sit back and wait for the results.

Mac — Sit back, nothing! What kind of a dreamer have you become all of a sudden? We still have a Training Workshop to plan, assignments to make for Summer Workers, and the Youth Conference Program to finish—and don't forget the next issue of the Youth Magazine is about due. (To the wall) He's getting absent-minded and lazy in his old age!

The End

WHAT Brethren Youth

HAS DONE For Me!



Rev. Robert Keplinger
Pastor

Trinity Brethren Church
Canton, Ohio

It was through the National Brethren Youth Organization that I received some of the most valuable training and preparation for the active ministry.

Believe it or not, the hardest task that confronted me in college was to give a three-minute speech before the class. One of my favorite past times was singing, but of course, never in public. However, through traveling with the Ambassador Quartet, under the auspices of Brethren Youth, I had my first opportunity to begin developing the art of public speaking and opportunity to further develop my voice, which I am told is one of my greatest assets.

The people in my church are well aware of the experience that I had when traveling with the Brethren Youth Program for it is a constant source of illustration and challenge for others. Those days were very rich in spiritual

development and growth and have greatly aided my ministry.

As I took part in the Brethren Youth Program I also received a total picture of the Brethren Church, as we traveled from coast to coast visiting small churches and large churches. I realized the great calling of the Brethren Church and made my final decision with God's help to enter the active ministry. It is the personal conviction of both my wife and me that had it not been for our relationship with National Brethren Youth as Crusaders and Ambassadors we would not have gained much of the help and encouragement which has played such a great part in our successful ministry for Jesus Christ and for the Brethren Church.

May the Lord continue to bless and use Brethren Youth as His instrument for helping and encouraging youth in all walks of life.

What has being an advisor of Brethren Youth done for me? Many things! And it has many rewards.

First, it is a blessing to me to see young people grow spiritually—to see them give their lives completely to Jesus Christ and mean it. Secondly, it is a challenge to me to help in planning activities that will not only be interesting and informative, but entertaining and worthwhile as well.

It is an inspiration to see our Crusaders develop into such fine young men and women and assume their duties in the local church; and from there go on to college to train for their chosen work.

Mrs. Forrest Albright
Housewife — Advisor

First Brethren Church
N. Georgetown Ohio

What joy to know that two of our young people have given their lives in full time Christian work. Just knowing that I may have had some small part in shaping their lives is reward enough for any time spent or any discouragements faced.

Being an advisor is a blessing, a challenge, and an inspiration. But it is more than that! It is my duty. The poet has well said,

"Only one life
Twill soon be past.
Only what's done
For Christ will last."

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We Take This Opportunity To Thank You For Your Help

A STEP FORWARD



THE NECESSITY OF BEING TRAINED for the particular work you choose has been stressed “exceedingly abundantly” in recent months by every public writer, speaker and educator. Realizing this need for being properly oriented and trained for a job, the National Brethren Youth Board feels very fortunate to be able to employ Miss Beverly Summy as a full-time office secretary in June, 1960.

Beverly has been working in the National Youth Office on a part-time basis for nearly three years, as she has been attending Ashland College. Upon her graduation in June, she will assume more duties and responsibilities in the youth program. These years of learning many of the aspects of the youth program, and helping as she learned, have prepared her perfectly for this full-time position.

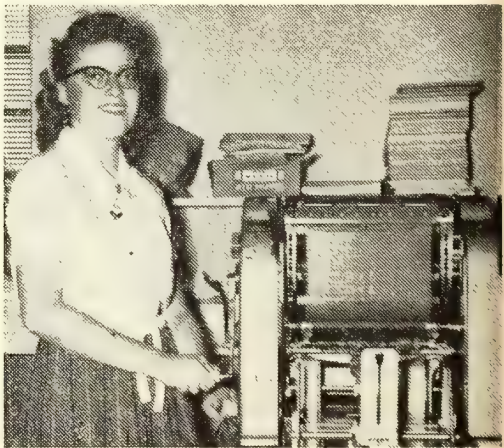
She received her high school education in Warsaw, Indiana, where she was very active in the Warsaw Brethren Church. Since graduation, she has been attending Ashland College and has continued to be active in Gospel Team work, dramatics, and speech courses. Her parents have also moved to Ashland and her father, Mr. Ray Summy, is a valuable member of the Building and Grounds Staff at the college.

Miss Beverly SummyAt The Mimeograph

Having had Beverly even as a part-time secretary has greatly assisted me in the administration of the youth program the past few years. Her efficiency and willingness to work have lightened many a load and enabled us to get many items in the mail on time. I am quite sure that as she is able to devote more time to this work, Brethren Youth, and Brethren young people, will continue to benefit from her contributions and grow accordingly closer to the work of Christ and His Church.

This “Step Forward” by the Youth Board is one more cause for you to support this phase of our Denominational Program with a good offering for Brethren Youth this May. The results and value to you and your church will deserve your faithful giving.

—Phil Lersch



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| FROM: Saying, "Thank You" to a young person, | FROM: Establishing a Christian Home, |
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HAVE YOU FOUND YOUR PLACE OF USEFULNESS?

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum

**A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958**



Where we went any distance, some ancient castle loomed up on a hill top somewhere. The Ludwigsburg castle in Ludwigsburg was immense and beautiful, with gorgeous flower gardens. There was an understanding during the war that it was not to be bombed. We were anxious to get some pictures of typical German homes in the villages. Since Bob could not get off, Genevieve drove us around. The typical setup was, barn-house, manure pile, flower boxes and pump, all together. There may have been a reason for placing the flower boxes in the windows. Tuesday we traveled around visiting various localities. We passed by the edge of the Black Forest in Bavaria. It is in Bavaria that the passion play will be held at Ommeramergau in 1960.

Wednesday, August 13, we left Ludwigsburg about 10:00 headed for various cities, and finally Frankfurt. Drove down the beautiful Neckar valley. Drove to the old historic city of Heidelberg, viewing the famous castle on the hill. This was a flourishing city in the 13th century and houses the famous Heidelberg Tun, a tremendous cask with a stairway built up on one side to permit reaching the top.

We thought of the days when Alexander Mack lived in this beautiful city. From the Autobahn, not far from Mannheim, we looked over to the old city of Worms, population 56,000, where in 1521 the famous Diet of Worms issued its edict against Martin Luther. From there we visited the old Rhine Valley city of Weisbaden which is noted for many things, among which is its gambling casino. From there we went to the Frankfurt airport.

Genevieve and family stayed with us until 7:45 when we took the Air France plane for Paris. We were no sooner on the ship when we were served the evening meal. It was very welcome. We saw Paris by night as we flew

over the Eiffel Tower to Orley airport. Reached there at 9:40. When we landed the TWA agent asked for our tickets. We had expected to leave about 10:00. He said that the ship on which we had been scheduled to leave Paris, was to stop at Shannon, Ireland, and that there would not be seats on it for us. Said that instead we would leave Paris at 1:00 in the morning, flying direct to New York, and getting there one hour sooner. Said we would reach there at 10:00 A. M. New York time. There was nothing else to do and this was very satisfactory.

The waiting room was very comfortable and there were others who were also waiting for this ship. We visited with some who were waiting. Got on the plane at 1:00 and had good seats, with plenty of room to stretch out. It was 3,620 miles from Paris to New York, and we flew it in 15 hours non stop. There were head winds as we came back and our average speed was 240 miles per hour. This was our 46th day from home. Before landing we were given a form to be filled out for Customs. It was 11:15 A. M. New York time when we landed at Idlewild.

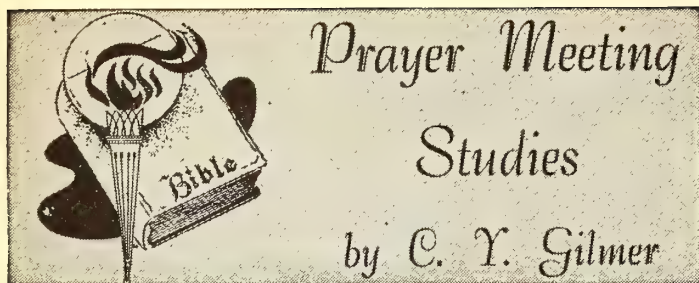
As we were lining up to go through Customs, we were first told that a KIM plane was overdue. Before we got through we were told that it was lost. There were people in the galleries of the port to meet their friends and relatives who were supposedly coming over on this plane. Our Captain evidently knew about the ship going down, but rather than alarm his passengers made no mention of it while we were in the air. In securing a New York paper with the time and route, we found that we had flown over the same territory off the coast of Ireland, and were just a few hours behind it. There was a supposition that a propeller had come off, penetrating the pressurized cabin, causing the ship to blow up, killing all occupants instantly before they ever hit the water.

There were some thirty on the ill-fated plane who had been at Schwarzenau, and some of them our personal friends. Many of our friends and relatives knowing that we were to come back the same day, also knowing that we had been with the Church of the Brethren at Schwarzenau were sure that Mrs. Ankrum and the writer had gone down with the ship. Many communications, calls, etc., came in to Maryland checking on us. Information of our safe arrival and escaping the ill-fated ship were put on the air locally from Hagerstown, and on the front page of the paper.

Part of The Group Making The Tour

L. to R. Mrs. Hilda Carpenter, Robert Hoffman, Delbert Flora, tour director, Mrs. Delbert Flora, Herbert Gilner, Spencer Gentle, Charles Munson, Edwin Boardman, Mrs. Freeman Ankrum, Freeman Ankrum, Mrs. W. H. Miley.





THE BLOOD

"Before I saw the Blood,
'Twas Hell my soul was fearing,
And dark and dreary in my eyes
The future was appearing;
While Conscience told its tale of sin
And caused a weight of woe within.

"But when I saw the Blood,
And looked at Him Who shed it,
By right to peace was seen at once,
And I with transport read it;
I found myself to God brought nigh,
And glory, glory, did I cry!"

—Selected.

THE CLOTHING OF THE FIRST SINNERS necessitated the shedding of blood (Gen. 3:21). It was then that God made promise of a Redeemer (Gen. 3:15). Abel understood that without the shedding of blood there could be no atonement (Gen. 4:4, 5). The Cainites object to the truth in Leviticus 17:11 to this very day. They want no dying Redeemer in their gospel (1 Cor. 15:3). But ancient Noah understood the doctrine of the Blood (Gen. 8:20). Abraham saw Isaac spared by the Lamb of God for sinners slain (Gen. 22:13). In Exodus 12:13 the blood applied spared Israel's first born from the death angel. Not only are we to put the Blood between us and our sins, but we are to eat of the Lamb for strength for our pilgrimage through this world (Ex. 12:11). Jesus taught the same truth in John 6:53-58. Again, we cannot approach God without coming by the Blood (Ex. 29:16). Only thus could Aaron make an atonement (Ex. 30:10). Every sacrificial lamb spoke of Christ taking man's sin punishment (1 Pet. 2:24). Without the Blood applied the uncircumcised ear cannot hear, the hand unsanctified by the Blood can do no work for God, and without the sprinkled Blood no man can walk with God (Lev. 8:23).

"Not saved are we by trying;
From self can come no aid;
'Tis on the Blood relying,
Once for our ransom paid.
'Tis looking unto Jesus,
The Holy One and Just;
'Tis His great work that saves us—
It is not 'try' but 'trust'!

No deeds of ours are needed
To make Christ's merit more;
No frames of mind or feelings
Can add to His great store;
'Tis simply to receive Him,

The Holy One and Just;
'Tis only to believe Him—
It is not 'try' but 'trust'!"

(Jn. 6:28-29)

There is one specific for sin that is a thorough cleanser if rightly applied (1 Jn. 1:7). It is either the wages of sin or God's free gift (Rom. 6:23). Isaiah preached that Christ would die in our stead (Isa. 53:5, 6). Daniel prophesied Christ as the Divine Substitute for man's sin punishment (Daniel 9:26). John the Baptist pointed out God's Lamb for sin's removal (Jn. 1:29). Jesus taught Nicodemus that He would die for sinners (Jn. 3:14-16). Christ came to die for sin according to the visitants on the Mount of Transfiguration (Lu. 9:31). Christ taught that He would lay down His life voluntarily (Jn. 10:17, 18). The Communion He instituted is a memorial of His shed Blood (Matt. 26:28; Mk. 14:24). We are redeemed by His shed Blood (1 Pet. 1:18). The Blood accepted cries out for our pardon (Col. 1:20), but if rejected it cries for our condemnation (Matt. 27:24, 25). The penitent are justified by His Blood (Rom. 5:9). By His Blood they have access to God (Heb. 10:19).

Lesson

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for May 15, 1960

A CHRISTIAN INFLUENCES SOCIETY

Lesson: Matthew 5:10-16; 13:31-35

"A YOUNG PASTOR was packing to move to another charge. As he was finishing, one of his church members came along and commented, 'I see you have everything just about packed up, Pastor.' 'Yes,' replied the minister 'this is the last box.' 'I know something you haven't packed,' said the man. 'Oh?' said the pastor, wondering if he had left some books in his study. 'You can't take the influence you have left in this community, Pastor'."

The Christian bears an influence for good or evil everywhere he goes. It, therefore, behooves him to "walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16).

THE CHRISTIAN IS TO BE A GOOD INFLUENCE BY PROPERLY BEARING PERSECUTION. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 5:10). There is very little persecution today, probably because there is little manifestation of Christian grace. However, there are those who suffer at the hands of the unregenerate. Some of these are persecuted for foolishness' sake! There is no blessing promised to them. Then there are the few who are reviled and ridiculed because of their courageous, Godly stand. Happy are they!

"We are not to seek persecution. We are not to provoke it by strange sentiments or conduct; by violating the laws of civil society, or by modes of speech that are unnecessarily offensive to others. But if, in the honest effort to be Christians, and to live the life of Christians, others persecute and revile us, we are to consider this as a blessing. It is an evidence that we are the children of God, and that He will defend us" (Albert Barnes).

THE CHRISTIAN IS TO EXERT A PRESERVING INFLUENCE UPON THE WORLD. "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?" (Mt. 5:13--R.S.V.).

"Salt gives flavor, and stays corruption. This is an apt picture of the Christian in the world . . . The world thinks the Christian life is insipid, but how insipid the earth would be without the flavor of Christians in it! And corruption, as bad as it is in the world, is being retarded in its progress because Christians are here. Woe to this world when Christians are taken out, and the devil is come down 'having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time' (Rev. 12:12)" (H. M. Freligh).

If the world is tasteless, it's the Christian's fault! If the world is more wicked than it ought to be, it's because Christians have failed in exerting their preserving influence upon it!

THE CHRISTIAN IS TO INFLUENCE THE LIVES OF OTHERS BY OUTWARD TESTIMONY. "Ye are the light of the world" (Mt. 5:14). There is a time for verbal testimony—using the tongue to confess Christ before men. There is also a time of silent testimony—using the transformed life to reflect Christ.

"The apostles, Christian ministers, and all Christians, are lights of the world, because they, by their instructions and example, show what God requires, what is the condition of man, what is the way of duty, peace, and happiness—the way that leads to heaven" (Barnes).

There are two illustrations in our lesson which are meant to show the growth of professing Christendom. The Parable of the Mustard Seed, and the Parable of the Leaven.

In the first, "the least of all seeds," a grain of mustard, when it is grown, "is the greatest among herbs." This writer believes this parable depicts the abnormal growth of the Church from one of lowly beginning to one of worldly power and greatness. It has become a shelter for ungodly and evil men, as represented by the birds which lodge in the branches of the mustard tree.

"Here is pictured the perverted growth of the kingdom in this age (the period between the advents). What began in lowly humility ('herb') becomes through pride and worldly greatness a 'tree.' And thus it becomes a place of refuge and habitation for that which is unclean and destructive. Note: There is a difference between 'lodgers' and 'branches.' Oh, that the tree could

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Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

THOUGHTS FOR THE TEACHER

OVER ONE THOUSAND SUNDAY SCHOOL teachers were asked the question, "What meant most to you in your Sunday school experience before you became a teacher?" Between 85 and 90 per cent of them replied, "A teacher."

An educator tells of a similar group of Sunday school workers who were discussing their own experiences as pupils in the Sunday school. "It was decided that each was to name the most important influence that had come into his life. Without exception each named a person or persons and not abstract truths. One after another could point to some one teacher who, as a person, had done more toward shaping his life than had any other factor." Think back over your own experience. Was this true in your case?

If the experiences of these teachers are typical of all those who attend Sunday school, then this fact has tremendous significance for teaching and learning. In considering the teaching-learning process great emphasis is always given to educational principles and teaching techniques. This emphasis is proper. But the experiences of these teachers would indicate that the single most important factor that influences learning is the **life and personality of the teacher**. This factor has not been sufficiently emphasized in the past.

Dr. C. B. Eavey is certainly correct when he says, "The teacher may teach a little by what he says; he teaches more by what he does, but most by what he is." Perhaps then, the basic need in our Sunday schools is for teachers whose life, whose personality, and whose Christian experience are such as will make the Christian life both desirable and attractive. When our teachers are the kind of teachers whose lives embody the truths that they seek to teach, we will not need to fear for the results.

—Teaching Techniques

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I'D RATHER SEE A LESSON . . .

I'd rather see a lesson than to hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show the way;

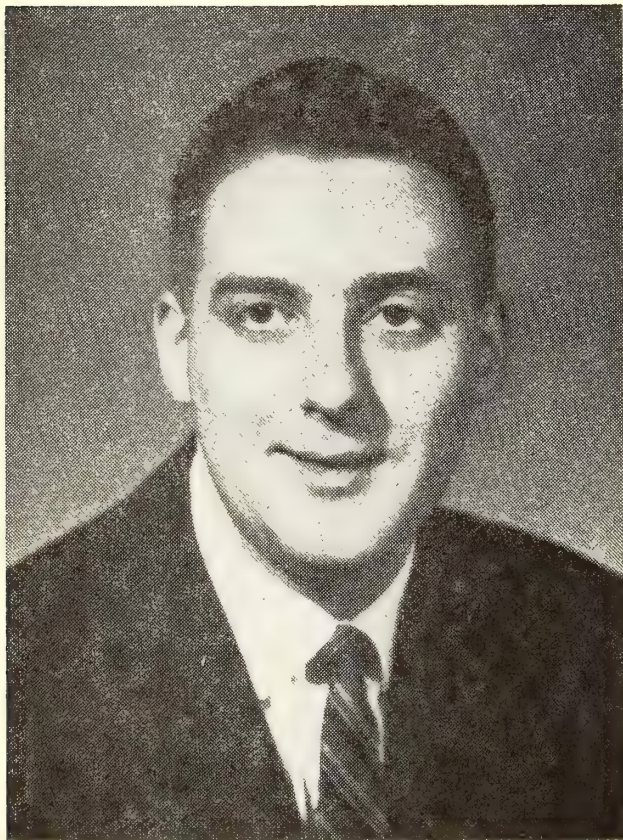
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel's oft' confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the teachers are the men who live their creeds;

For to see good put into action is what everybody needs.
I can soon learn how to do it if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action but your tongue too fast may run;

And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.

—Adapted.

WHAT *Brethren Youth* WILL BE DOING!



Marlin McCann

NEW Brethren Youth DIRECTOR

OVER the past years, Brethren Youth has come a long way in helping the youth of our church. The past Youth Directors have done a marvelous job in leading and guiding the Brethren Youth program. I myself grew up in Brethren Youth. It has helped to guide my life as I have prepared for my life work.

Now as I look forward and try to formulate plans for the future of Brethren Youth, I must keep in mind the purpose of Brethren Youth. Brethren Youth will continue being a living organism for Jesus Christ.

Stewardship plays an important part in the life of the Church and the life of an individual. Brethren Youth has played an important part in

the giving of their project money for the advance of Christ. But this has been mostly money earned through a group effort. What about their own personal giving? How many Brethren Youth actually tithe money that they have earned themselves? It is my hope that more and more Brethren Youth will see the need to become better stewards of the money that God has provided them.

The Life Work Recruit Program is under way now for those who are willing to let God lead them into a livelihood of service as a Minister, Missionary, or some other position related to a Church Board. But what about those who do not feel called to one of these positions? It is my hope that we can set up a service for those who want to go into some kind of Christian Vocation, or want to receive a specialized training. I think that Brethren Youth should help these young people in preparing for their life work.

What will Brethren Youth be doing in the Future? GROWING—with your help and prayers.

—Marlin McCann.

RECENT RALLY REPORTS

KRYPTON, KENTUCKY: Over 100 young people were in attendance at the Kentucky Brethren Youth Rally on April 23rd. This annual spring meeting was again a wonderful time of inspiration and fellowship. National Brethren Youth Director, **Marlin McCann**, was present to direct much of the rally activities and he also brought a sound motion picture which gave a new approach to the rally program. The Ashland College Gospel Team, which had been in Krypton for all the previous week, also helped greatly with the program features.

CANTON, OHIO: The District competition of the Speech Contest, with seven contestants, was the high point of this Northeast Ohio Rally on Sunday afternoon, April 24th. The winners were: First place—**Jayne Drusral** (Smithville, Ohio) and Second place—**Nancy Albright** (North Georgetown, Ohio). Again, all of the speeches were of a high caliber and gave the listeners much to ponder. In the afternoon a color film was shown by a Highway Patrolman on "Teenage Driving." This change of pace for a rally feature was also informative and thought-provoking.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

Have We Lost Our Values?

WE HEAR A LOT about re-evaluating our values these days. Our forefathers were filled with vision and posterity was forever their inspiration to create not only a better world but a better people.

Somewhere along the way we have failed ourselves for we seem to be concerned only with self and posterity is a forgotten word.

Experiences of the soul can be rewarding, but we are reluctant, and yes, a little bit selfish about sharing bits of our lives with those who could be comforted and even led to trust more wholly on God.

God's commandment, "To love thy neighbor as thyself", is being completely ignored. It is very difficult to grow spiritually without full surrender to Christ... this is the reason for the stalemate in many Christian lives. Our values are in a state of confusion and it becomes increasingly difficult to discriminate the truth over evil.

There are many things responsible for this, and, in my opinion the greatest is "Materialism". We have impressed our children with the necessity of having "things" so well

that the true values of character-building are being lost. I have a motto over my kitchen sink which reads, "Jesus Never Fails"! It gives me strength and courage each day and I'm sure this thought will help all of us to put first things first and then automatically our values will fall into their right places again.

"O God, give us the serenity to accept what we cannot change, courage to change what should be changed and wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."—Dr. Reinhold Neibuhr.

Mrs. Dick DeVeny,
Waterloo, Iowa.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

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be shaken until every lodger was finally dislodged!" (H. J. Sutton).

There is not space to elaborate upon the Parable of the Leaven. This writer would differ with those who speak of leaven in this parable as being good. Leaven throughout the Bible is always a type of evil (Mt. 16:6; I Cor. 5:6; Exo. 13:3; Lev. 2:11).

Already we see the Church tolerating evil within its ranks! Unless Christians exert their Godly influence in the manner which God intended, the leaven of sin will permeate it.

World Religious News in Review

BAPTIST COMMITTEE SUGGESTS CHURCH-STATE QUIZ FOR CANDIDATES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—If a suggestion made here by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is adopted, all candidates for public office this year will be asked to state their views on separation of Church and State.

Regardless of their religious affiliation, and whether they candidate for state or national elective posts, the committee said, they should be asked "what their positions are in relation to Church-State matters."

The committee, representing seven major Baptist Conventions in U. S. and Canada, in its semi-annual meeting, instructed its executive director, Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, to "encourage" all Baptist organizations to follow this line.

At the same time, the Baptist committee expressed its position that no religious tests should be required of any public office and that no candidate should be singled out for such questions because of his personal affiliation. But they indicated that "every candidate should understand the meaning and implications of the principle of separation of Church and State," and expressed the view that "the electorate has a right to know about these matters."

BIBLE SOCIETY UNWELCOME AT FAIR

BERLIN, Germany (EP)—Officials of the Leipzig Spring Trade Fair have barred the Evangelical Bible Society of East Berlin from setting up a booth to display its products. In years gone by, the Society's stand has attracted many visitors.

Soviet Zone authorities said a lack of exhibition space was the cause of the ban. The Evangelical Bible Society of East Berlin is one of the chief Bible producing agencies of East Germany.

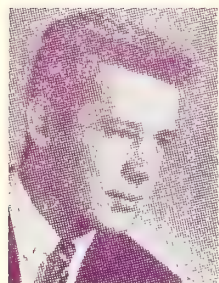
"VOICE OF THE ARCTIC" DEDICATED

NOME, Alaska (EP)—On the edge of America's "Last Frontier," a new missionary radio station has been dedicated to the preaching of the Gospel. It is Station KICY, "The Voice of the Arctic," sponsored by the Evangelical Covenant Church of America.

KICY is the only radio station within a radius of 500 miles, and broadcasts with a five kilowatt transmitter with an assigned frequency of 850 kilocycles.

Along with its religious programming, KICY airs news, music, editorial commentary on public events and carries commercial advertising. One hour each day the station beams programs to Eskimos in their native language.

The station is owned and operated by the Arctic Broadcasting Association, a subsidiary corporation of the Covenant Church.



FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

would you have ventured a guess that by 1960 . . .



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Brotherhood	National Director
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Youth Rallies	Builders
Retreats	Summer Crusaders
Covenants	Youth Prayer Groups
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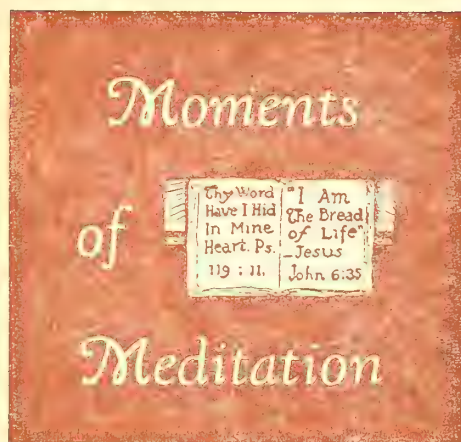


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For 1960: "BRETHREN ADVANCE in EVANGELISM"



\$1,000 A SOUL

Suppose someone were to offer me \$1,000 for every soul I might try to win to Christ. Would I endeavor to lead more souls to Christ than I am doing now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of blunders or ridicule what I hesitate to do, or shrink from doing now, in obedience to God's command? Is my love of money stronger than my love for God or for souls? How feeble then is my love to God. Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul-winner!—Evangelical Visitor.

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Convicted through a talk with a Christian worker, a mother confessed, "We never talk about God in our home, and He is the very One we should talk about. My seventeen-year-old daughter talks about clothes. My fourteen-year-old son talks about food. I talk about my home." Is there enough talk about God in your home?

—The Gospel Minister.

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There is no room in all the infinite future for a single deed that ought to be done now. Don't do it next week, do it this week. The better society does not come by dreaming, you must do some hard work.

THE TRUE CHRISTIAN

It has been said, "The true Christian is not a person who thanks God that he is better than other men, but who desires in all humility to be better than he is." It is not a Christian attitude that one should be proud or "showy" in his Christianity. Christ Himself was great in humbleness. He urged humbleness in others... "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

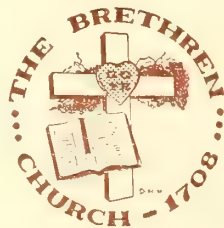
Christian men and women of today are to be strong in the faith—loving, serving and declaring Christ, but being humble in their actions and examples.

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LEST WE LIMIT GOD

God alone can save the world, but He does not choose to save the world alone. The power of salvation is God's, but He is depending upon men to tell the story of His love. Upon ordinary men, too. Upon the commonplace type of men and women His burden of testimony rests. If they are true, His kingdom will be extended; if they fail Him, eternity alone will reveal the extent of the tragedy. But an ignorant fisherman was the divine agent at Pentecost; a little lad helped the Master feed the multitude, a stranger from out of the country carried the cross to the victory of Calvary.

God alone can save the world—true! But God cannot save the world alone. He needs YOU!



"Make it a point to do something every day that you don't want to do. That is the golden rule of acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain."

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HOW TO KILL YOUR CHURCH

1. Don't come.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. When you come, come with a frown.
4. At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"
5. Never accept office. It is better to stay outside and criticize.
6. Visit other churches about half the time to show your pastor that you are not tied down to him.
7. Let the pastor earn his money; let him do all the work.
8. Sit pretty well back and never sing. If you have to sing, sing out of tune and behind everybody else.
9. Never pay in advance, especially for religion. Wait until you get your money's worth, and then wait a bit longer.
10. Never encourage the preacher; if you like a sermon, keep mum about it. Many a preacher has been ruined by flattery. Don't let his blood be on your head.
11. It is good to tell your pastor's failings to any strangers that may happen in; they might be a long time finding them out.
12. Of course, you can't be expected to get new members for the church with such a pastor as he is.
13. If your church unfortunately happens to be harmonious, call it apathy or indifference or lack of zeal or anything under the sun except what it is.
14. If there happens to be a few zealous workers in the church, make a tremendous protest against the church being run by a clique.—Sel.

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The Editor's Pulpit

When God Opens Our Eyes

THE FAMILIAR HYMN words come to mind as we think of God opening our eyes:

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hand the wonderful key
That shall unclasp, and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine.

This hymn goes on to ask for the opening of the ears to hear the voice of truth from God; also it asks that the mouth might be opened in order to bear the news of salvation to others. Climaxing the entire petition in the hymn is the prayer for the opening of the heart, knowing that only as the heart is opened to the infilling anew of the power of the Spirit, can the love of God flow forth from our lives.

How does God open our eyes, and why is it so essential that we have our eyes opened? We have heard of spiritual darkness and spiritual blindness. The way of life is then a life apart from God, in darkness of sin. Christ, the Light of the World comes in and brings light and life—eternal life.

But that is just the first step. Essential, yes, for if Christ does not come into the heart, anything else is in vain. The "opening of eyes" we are thinking of is that known as a spiritual awakening. Sometimes our vision is limited. It best can be described by thinking of a person getting up in the morning seeing only the dull gray gloom of his own uninspired thoughts as he faces a dreary day. Give that person a reason for living, let him find the answer to his gloom by seeking to help someone else, and you have an opening of his eyes. He can raise his sights and see the sunshine.

You may ask, "Well, how does the gloom of early morning turn into the brightness of the day?" Looking into God's Word, talking to Him in prayer and silently waiting in His presence

His will to see, can certainly bring about an opening of our eyes by our Lord so that we can see what He wants us to see. This is not the first time you have read or heard something about the value and need for early morning devotions. But we challenge you that if you are neglecting this early morning time with God, you are missing the greatest opportunity to have your spiritual eyes opened.

How many Christian people—church workers—seem to find so little interest in the things of God as found in His Word? Some will even assert that they can find no help from the Bible. Yet, if the Word of God is approached in the right spirit, every line of every verse can bring forth new spiritual truths, strength and light.

Spiritual "eye opening" comes as a result of waiting upon God—reading His Word and in prayer. Perhaps the blindness of our eyes has caused us to follow patterns of living which were not in accord with God's way. Perhaps we are failing to help others as we should. Perhaps our Christian service is being done in a spirit of "just doing it" without thought of the real spiritual meaning of serving God.

With the opening of our spiritual eyes, there will also come the opening of our heart. Love, compassion, concern, service, for and towards others will result. Then, life will be sweeter, more lives will be filled with more Christian joy. More hurt feelings will be forgotten; pride, jealousy, ill-will, will be shoved out of lives.

The end result will be Christian people who are more compatible, more willing to work together to further the cause of Christ, not caring who gets the glory or the credit for the work. Let us seek the will of God for our lives, praying for the opening of our spiritual eyes, that His name might be glorified in our lives. W. S. B.

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More "Firsts" from Sarasota, Florida

A Mission Church is always meeting new things and ever there is a startling list of "firsts." Now we are able to report three more of these firsts: 1. our First revival campaign; 2. our First communion to be held in the church sanctuary (the others have been held elsewhere because of lack of facilities); and 3. our First constitution. These are important advances since the coming of our new pastor, the Reverend J. D. Hamel. One of these is on the material side, and the other two are on the spiritual side. We will take them up on the material side first.

Our First Constitution

Ever since Brother Hamel's arrival, emphasis has been laid on the necessity of having a working and reliable constitution under which to proceed. How true is the saying, "What is everybody's business is nobody's business." Consequently, the duly-elected Constitution Committee began its work. It proved to be a rather monumental task, but this committee worked diligently for a number of sessions and finally came up with what we believe to be one of the best in the Brethren Church. This constitution will be adopted at the April quarterly business meeting. A Sunday school constitution has been prepared and will soon be adopted by the Sunday

School Board. These constitutions will give the much-needed guidance which is so essential to the proper conduct of the affairs of the church.

And now to turn to the spiritual side of the work of the church, we report the First revival to be conducted in our church.

Our "Key To Life" Revival Campaign

Brother Hamel began to prepare for this campaign even before he arrived on the field, and since his coming, every service has pointed toward this much-needed phase of the work of the church. When the dates were set (March 20 through April 3), the calling, the prayer services, and the work publicizing the meeting—all aimed at the desired results of such a campaign.

Since this was to be the first evangelistic effort to be held after the church was started, it was problematical just what the attendance might be for week-night services—none had ever been held for any duration. But the final count showed that a total of 1,674 had attended, with an overall average attendance of 105. The largest attendance was 174 and the smallest, 65. The results were two first-time confessions, two transferring from another denomination, and twenty rededications of life to the Master. Along with this, the membership was drawn more closely together and the bonds of fellowship made sweeter and more lasting. New prospects were constantly being found, and we feel that under the power of the Holy Spirit the force of revival and evangelism will continue for many days to come.

Twenty-five persons did not miss a single service, and a number more missed only one night. The choir of eighteen voices was in its place at each service. Bob Barnhardt, our faithful organist, who is a busy business man, missed only two services. With him at the organ, Mrs. Carl Mohler at the piano (which was recently purchased and paid for under the sponsorship of the Fellowship Adult Sunday school Class), Mrs. Jean Hamel with her violin, and the pastor with his trumpet, the music was a fine contribution to these services.

The children, as well as the adults, were thrilled by the "magic" object lessons brought on various evenings by Reverend O. C. Lemert (our co-laborer in the beginning of the church organization), Dr. Richardson, and the pastor. Many children were present each evening.

Our community, as well as our city at large, is beginning to feel the impact of the Sarasota Brethren Church and to accept the fact that here is a church with a Biblical message and with a pastor who preaches "the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible."

At the closing service on Sunday evening, something singularly appropriate was brought to light. As the writer of this report was asked to have charge of the



Reverend Hamel presents amplified New Testament to the winners of the Host and Hostess attendance campaign during "Key to Life" revival, as F. C. Vanator looks on. The winners were Jere Henderson (first week); Maurice Faust (second week).



The original group was present at the closing service of the Sarasota Revival. Left to right: Reverend Lemert, Mrs. Lemert, Mrs. Vanator, Mrs. Mohler, Carl Mohler, Mrs. H. B. Richmond, Maurice Foust, Mrs. E. J. Foust, E. J. Foust, Reverend Vanator.

devotions, the thought came to him that in the audience were the original members who joined in holding the first service ever held in Florida by our Brethren group. So, at the close of the devotions, he asked them to stand. They were as follows: Reverend and Mrs. O. C. Lemert, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Faust and son, Maurice, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mohler, Mrs. H. B. Richmond, and Reverend and Mrs. Fred C. Vanator. Brother Hamel insisted that pictures of this group be taken at the close of the service. This was done. The group felt great joy in the service because they are still a part of the work which they helped to organize. They have watched the attendance grow from the original ten to as high as 225 during the winter months and keep well toward the 100 mark during the summer.

Our Communion

On Palm Sunday preparation was concluded for our first communion to be held in the church sanctuary. The tables were set up across the back of the auditorium and the chairs left in place at the front of the room. As the people arrived, they were seated quietly for meditation and prayer. Our reostatically-controlled lighting system permitted a beautiful candle light effect, which brought the altar—set up as a worship center—into relief, and the picture of the “Supper” thereon fixed our minds on the real meaning of the service.

As the time arrived for the service, Brother Hamel brought brief devotions which turned our thoughts inward in preparation. He then asked the people to take their places at the tables. Brother Barnhardt played softly on the organ during the entire service, interspersing announced hymns, appropriate to the time.

Brother Hamel was assisted in the conduct of the service by the undersigned; and acting in the capacity of

deacons and deaconesses were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beeghly of Ashland, Ohio, who have kindly assisted in each of our former communions; Mr. and Mrs. George Giltner; and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kehler. This was our largest communion, despite the fact that Easter was late this year and many of our northern winter attendants had already gone home. The communicants numbered 73, fifty-one of which were resident members. Our former high was 70. As we left the church at the close of the service, each one felt that he had been drawn closer to the Lord than ever before.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday dawned bright and clear. As we started to the service we wondered just how many would be present—since there had been a great number of sunrise services in our city. But we rejoiced beyond measure when we learned through our head usher, Brother Claude Gardner, that there were 177 at the morning worship service. At the evening hour, the choir joined the Brethren Crusaders in providing a lovely candle-light service, at which time there were fifty-two present. Two beautiful film strips were shown in connection with this program.

The services are past, but the work is only begun. Plans for our summer advance are already in the making. Work will not stop when the summer months are here. “On To Greater Heights For Christ” will be our watchword for the days ahead. Continue with us in prayer for this summer advance.—Fred C. Vanator.

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New \$10 Club memberships received during March and April include the following:

- Robert JonesSouth Bend, Indiana
- Mr. & Mrs. James Wise & Mr. and Mrs. Laverne LeMaster (combined)
- Howe, Indiana, (Brighton Church)
- Dana HartongRoann, Indiana
- Mr. and Mrs. Blair McDowellVinc
- Mr. Dave SticklerSouth Bend, Indiana

These additions bring our total membership to 986, and we are still trying for 2,000 members. You can help us to reach our goal if you will join this church-extension effort. Ten dollars, once or twice a year, is so little to pay for something that means so much to others and that is so lasting in results.

Why not enable us to print your name on this page with next month's new members?

Let's make it a long list!

PASTOR NEEDED

The First Brethren Church at Oak Hill, West Virginia, will be in need of a pastor after July 27th. Anyone interested please write.

Myrtle Nuckels, Corr. Sec.,
1005 1/2 Summerlee Ave.,
Oak Hill, West Virginia.

EVANGELISM

by Rev. J. D. Hamel

THE CHURCH

NEEDS PREACHERS

IF THE DIGNITY of the ministry and of the religious life is so great, why do so many Christian parents object to their boy or girl leaving for the seminary or college? Christ chooses their home and their boy or girl for His special loving attention and supernatural call. How thrilled would these same parents be if the President of the United States or even some Hollywood star would knock on their door and ask to spend the night! Yet, the Visitor who seeks admission is Christ Himself inviting Johnnie or Joan to His special service as a minister, or a missionary. Then, the polite and ingratiating "Come on in" changes to a firm and resolute "Get out!" It doesn't happen in just these words, no, but in reality, there are objections and refusal.

This article is for those parents, very often well meaning and intelligent and practical, who have lost the sense of spiritual values. These words are for over-protective parents who want to lead their children's lives for them and to make all decisions for them. They encourage their boy to become a physician of bodies; but never a physician of souls. They even suggest that their boy become a learned scientist but never a teacher of the highest science, religion. They point with pride to the fact that their daughter might be a candidate for Miss America; yet the real Miss Americas are the women who lead youngsters closer to God. Their scale of values and their ideals are topsy-turvy, caused by the

naturalism and the materialism of a world that tends to stamp out the spiritual and the supernatural.

If parents value the future of their children and seek their highest good here below, they should accede to their desires when they are approached by their son or daughter to go into the mission field or the ministry. Parents may be losing the physical presence of a son or a daughter, but they are losing these young people to God. Parents must always put the will of God before their own will. It is Christ who calls your son and daughter to HIS special service.

OBJECTION NUMBER 1. The most frequently heard parental objection is, "Let him see more of life." There are two sides of life, the good side and the bad side.

Now, which side of life do parents who say this want their children to see more of? The bad side? God forbid. The good side? The Lord issues His call to these tender souls asking for their pure lives in His service. He wants the choicest lambs of the flock. He wants your boy. Why do some parents hold out on Christ and picket His love?

OBJECTION NUMBER 2. A second objection runs like this, "He is too young; he doesn't know his own mind." If Christ at 12 was "about His Father's business," then a 14 year old boy isn't too young to become a life recruit. If Christ calls him at that age, is he too young? At 14 he

is too young to be a minister. I fully agree. But before he enters the Seminary he has at least 5 years to know his own mind. A 14 year old boy comes home and says he wants to be an engineer like dad. Parents beam and think he has made a mature choice; he definitely knows his own mind and the whole neighborhood hears about it. But let the same boy come home and say, "I want to go study for the ministry," and this boy suddenly becomes too young, too immature to know what he's saying.

Why this inconsistency? Parents do not want their boys to go study for the higher life. Other objections are so silly and selfish in motive that a mere mention of them will suffice to destroy their validity. "He doesn't love us any more." "Where have we failed?" "Who'll run our business after we die?" "We'll miss him too much." "What if he doesn't stick it out?" "You're throwing your life and talents away." "Why bury yourself in a seminary?" And so on.

Christ offers parents a "break" when He chooses one of their young people for Christian service, the ministry, or the mission field. Parents who love their children dearly but who love God more, will fall on their knees, thank God for this great favor and blessing, and will lovingly allow their Johnnie and Mary to join His service. The brightest jewels in the parents' heavenly crown will be their sons and daughters whom they willingly offered to the service of God.

The crying need of the hour is for ministers! "We need more pastors," is the urgent call today from many quarters. Our Church has been assigned quite a few locations for new churches in housing developments, but it lacks the men to place there. More of our larger congregations could well use assistant pastors. Smaller churches stand vacant for months. Fields abroad beckon. Certain clerymen would like to retire, but churches cannot always find replacements. Each year death takes its toll of the Church's Shepherds.

In the next ten to fifty years who is going to fill all these places except boys and young men growing up in our midst today? "Come over and help us!" is the pleading Macedonian call that comes from many places in the Brethren Church.

How are young men actually called of the Lord to go into the Gospel ministry? A few years ago an interesting discovery was made by Professor Ralph A. Felton of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. To determine the factors

which influence young men to prepare for the ministry, questionnaires were sent to students in 57 theological seminaries and "pre-sem's" in church-related colleges in 20 major denominations in 48 states. Replies from 1,978 students indicate how young men become interested in the ministry. Here are the persons who first suggested to them to prepare for service as ministers:

	Percent
Minister	34
Mother	17.4
Father	11.2
Evangelist	6.4
College teacher	5.8
Sunday School teacher	5
Missionary	4.3
College friend	4.3
Wife	3.9
Girl friend	2.5
High school teacher	2.3
High school friend	2.1
Vocational guidance teacher8
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We notice that God used PASTORS to invite about ONE-THIRD of the STUDENTS to consider going into the ministry. Much more could be done by clergymen to encourage young men in this respect. Possibly the greatest secret in getting recruits is to ask young men to "help along." Some young men become interested in the work of the church by helping the minister in part of his work. When a young man discovers that God can use him and that his helpfulness produces results, he is encouraged to let God prepare him for greater service.

You will observe that God used LAYMEN to influence TWO-THIRDS OF THE STUDENTS to prepare to become pastors. How church people treat their ministers and what they say about them and to them influences many a young man's attitude one way or another toward the ministry. Christ's love constrains a person to be an active witness for Him, whatever his occupation may be.

More THAN ONE-FOURTH OF THE STUDENTS who replied to the questionnaire indicated that God had laid it upon the hearts of their PARENTS to suggest the ministry as an occupation. The example and attitude of parents exerts a tremendous influence upon young people to suggest the ministry as an occupation. The

example and attitude of parents exerts a tremendous influence upon young people to think of Christian service. Home training and family devotional life are the outstanding factors that make young people willing to be chosen of God.

Private devotions, personal Bible reading, contacts with pastors, Sunday school teachers, missionaries and theological students, as well as regular church attendance, Bible camps and church conventions—all these exert vital influence in inspiring young men to dedicate their lives in the service of the Church.

At what time do young men start thinking of the Gospel ministry? From the questionnaire replies it was revealed that 63 per cent of the theological students began thinking of becoming ministers when they were in pastor's classes, or in JUNIOR OR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, while 31 per cent made their final decision to go into the ministry while still in HIGH SCHOOL.

Vocational guidance counsellors, Christian high school teachers, youth workers and Bible class instructors could well make far greater use of their God-given opportunities to invite young men to consider becoming clergymen.

The decision to enter the ministry is not a single event, but a process extending over some months or years. In school a young man starts thinking of what he wants to become. Fortunate is he who begins to wonder what GOD wants him to be, and dares to pray, "Lord, what shall I do?"

He who gave himself for our salvation once said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." When Christ calls men, He also prepares them. "God always gives the very best to those who leave the choice with Him." A man will become truly happy only as he allows himself to become adjusted to the will and the work of God. Said Dwight L. Moody, "Give your life to God. He can do more with it than you can!"

The man who fully accepts the leadership of God will find that the call to the ministry is a privilege which has come to him only by the undeserved grace of God. What other work offers such far-reaching usefulness, to so many people, for so long a time, and beyond time? What other calling so effectively opens a man's eyes to observe God at work in the hearts and lives of His people? What other vocation causes the promises of Christ, His constant presence, and His never-failing providence so completely to come to life in one's own personal experience?

It takes real prayer on the part of all Christians to determine just whom the Holy Spirit wants set apart for the work to which God has called them. God would like to have more intercessors who plead with the Lord of the harvest to send forth those whom HE WANTS to be His workmen. God, who looks upon the heart, sees first of all men who will be FAITHFUL TO HIM! From the cross we can imagine Christ pleading, "This I have done for you! What have you done for Me?"

Sarasota, Florida

KRAFTS RETURN TO THE STATES

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kraft and children (Chuckie, Cheryl and Ricky) arrived in the States on May 2 to begin their furlough. They will spend a month or more visiting relatives and resting, after which they will begin a period of service and training for their continued missionary activity.

The American Bible Society has asked the Krafts to assist in their missionary training program at Toronto, Canada, and at Meadville, Pennsylvania, during the summer, and the Missionary Board has granted permission for them to provide this service. They will, however, be able to attend General Conference in August.

In September they will go to Hartford, Connecticut, to study at the Kennedy School of Missions, for further preparation in their missionary work.

COMING EVENTS

SCOTTSDALE-TEMPE, ARIZONA. Dedication of new church—May 15, 3:00 P. M.—Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire, Speaker; Rev. H. Francis Berkshire, Pastor.

INDIANA DISTRICT LAYMEN JOINT MEETING AT NORTH MANCHESTER

May 16th

Supper: 6:30 - 8:00

Program to Follow

PENNSYLVANIA CAMP JUNIATA CAMP RALLY

Friday, June 3rd 6:30 D. S. T.

Vinco Fellowship House

Supper—\$1.00

Please Send reservations to: Rev. Henry Bates,
R. D. 1, Mineral Point, Penna.

Penna. District Sunday School Board

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. The W. M. S. public service was held the evening of April 24th.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Five new members were received early in April; two by baptism and three by letter.

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. On Easter Sunday, twenty-two new members were received; twenty by baptism and two by letter.

CAMERON, W. VA. Speaker for the April 24th Homecoming and Roll Call Service was Walter C. Wertz.

AKRON, OHIO (FIRESTONE PARK). First services in the recently completed sanctuary were held on March 27th, with dedication services being held on Palm Sunday. Brother Charles R. Munson was the dedication speaker, also being the speaker for a week of Evangelistic services, closing on Easter Sunday.

Three new members were received by baptism during March.

April 24th, Brother J. G. Dodds concluded his pastorate with the Akron Brethren to take up his work with the Muncie Brethren.

SMITHVILLE, OHIO. One new member was received by letter on Easter.

ASHLAND, OHIO (PARK STREET). Brother Phil Lersch writes: "Fifteen believers were baptized and received into the membership of the Park Street Brethren Church during the Easter Season."

WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO. Guest speakers during April were: Professor Bruce Stark of Ashland Seminary, April 10th; Dr. L. E. Lindower, Dean, Ashland College, April 17th; and Brother Clayton Berkshire, Mission Secretary, on April 24th.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Four members were received by baptism on April 24th.

The Laymen's public service, with H. B. Osborne, Napanee Superintendent of Schools, as speaker, was held on April 24th.

ELKHART, INDIANA. Seven were received into membership on Easter; five by baptism and two by letter.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. The St. Joseph County Y. F. C. Singspiration was held in the South Bend church on April 24th.

BURLINGTON, INDIANA. The Boys' Brotherhood public service was held on April 24th.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (ARDMORE). The Junior Sisterhood public service was held on May 1st.

MISHAWAKA, INDIANA. Brother C. A. Stewart has accepted the pastorate of the new church at Mishawaka, beginning his work with them on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

HUNTINGTON, INDIANA. Thirteen new members were received into the church the week preceding Easter.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Brother J. G. Dodds began his work as pastor of the Muncie church on May 1st.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Eight new members were received by baptism on Easter.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS. Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Howard, of our Fort Scott church, upon the arrival, April 16th, of a baby which they have named Shawn Ross Howard.

Brother Howard reports the baptism and reception of three new members into the church on April 10th.

PAPAGO PARK, ARIZONA. Ordination services for deacons and deaconesses, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stiffler, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stuckman, and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Price, were held on April 24th. Brother Vernon D. Grisso brought the ordination message.

TUCSON, ARIZONA. Dick Godwin was the speaker in the Tucson church on April 24th.

THANK YOU, BROTHER MUNSON

A deep debt of gratitude goes to Brother Charles R. Munson for taking time to assume the Editorial duties of the EVANGELIST following the emergency hospitalization of the Editor on March 27th. Though very busy with his own work as Professor in Ashland Seminary, Brother Munson came forward to fill a very great need in a critical hour. Our thanks, again, Brother Munson, for your noble act, and for your very fine service during the past five weeks.

Our thanks also to others who offered time and talents, and who helped in any way to keep the publication of the EVANGELIST going during this period. W. S. B.

APPRECIATION

The Editor of Publications wishes to take this means of expressing our thanks to the Brethren everywhere who remembered us with prayers, with cards and letters, and with visits. Your expressions for a speedy recovery, plus your intercessions at the throne of grace, have definitely helped to get us back on our feet, and back on the job. Again, our sincere, and heartfelt thanks to all. W. S. B.

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OUR COVER PICTURE: Lower Falls and Yellowstone River Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. Don Knight Photo.

The person who has real faith can look at any situation however difficult and seeing it as God sees it, change it.



What's Doing in the Churches



BRETHREN YOUTH IN OAK HILL

The Brethren Youth Program has mushroomed in the past two years. With this need for an active, up-to-date youth program outstanding in the minds of the church leaders, a Youth Board was organized and set in motion.

The duty of the youth board is to promote an active program within the church. Every activity of the youth (including all parties) is under the jurisdiction of the board.

Thursday night was designated as Youth Night. Various activities on these evenings, in addition to the regularly scheduled Bible studies and prayer meetings, include choir practices, discussion periods and social hours. The average attendance for these services has been around 25 teenagers.

One of the first projects and a high point of interest for the boys was the restoration of the minister's Model T Ford. The teenage girls joined in the fun by serving refreshments.

In addition to the Thursday night programs, a general program for the youth is carried out with the three

OAK HILL BRETHREN YOUTH CHOIR

This Choir, which appeared on WOAY-TV, is directed by Kitty Halstead, with Mrs. Bob Madoski as Assistant Director. Paul Fox is Pianist, and Mrs. Joe Kepto is Organist.

seasons of the year. During the months of January through April, monthly skating parties are held at the local rink. The summer months up through August include swimming parties, picnics and various outdoor get-togethers. With the coming of fall, emphasis is stressed in the choir work for the Christmas holidays.

There are two annual events which the youth look forward to with high interest. Since 1958, a semi-formal banquet has been held at the beginning of the school year. Instigated last year with the hope of carrying on annually, the Brethren Youth Choir presented a Christmas program over the Oak Hill CBS television station.

The church basement is the scene for the banquet. Following the meal, the youth enjoy thirty minutes of fun and levity highlighted by the crowning of a Brethren Youth King and Queen. The theme last year was "Stars of Heaven", carried out by an hour's program of religious music. The public is invited to attend. Last year, 60 teenagers were among the 125 persons present.

Miss Kitty Halstead directs the 35-member choir, ranging in ages from 12 to 19. She is assisted by Mrs. Madoski. The choir presents special programs in the church at Christmas and Easter.

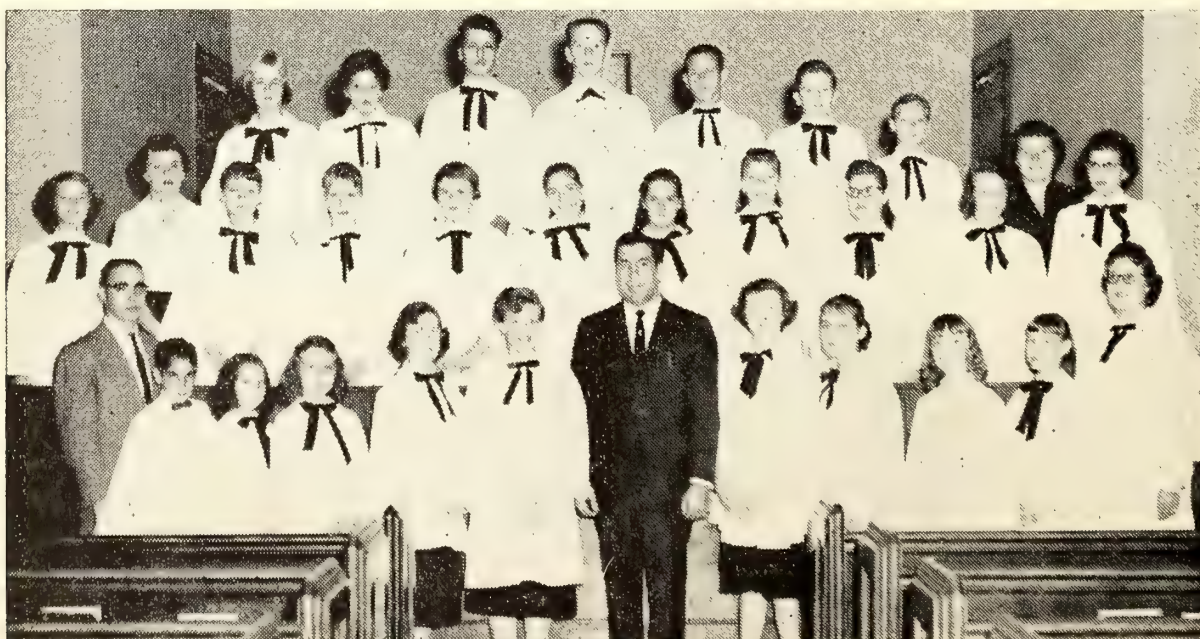
Last year in July, the choir signed a contract for three programs over Oak Hill WOAY-TV entitled "Christmas Carols New and Old". Preparation for last year's Christmas program got underway the middle of October.

This year on Brethren Youth Sunday, the Sunday services will be in charge of the youth. One of the teenage boys will be bringing the message.

This summer, the program will consist of a possible trip to our Kentucky mission. Choir work will begin along with Bible study groups and recreational activities.

A Brethren Youth Workshop will be added this year. The Youth Board is now in the process of setting up this program. It will consist of a series of workshops on subjects such as leadership training, Brethren Doctrine, Christian conduct in social activities, etc.

The purpose of these workshops is that the young people will have a better understanding of how to cope with worldly activities as a Christian witness.



The Church feels that the Brethren Youth program is a MUST to meet the challenge of the future of the church. We also feel the Adult program is a must to serve as a backbone for the youth activities. Their combined choral efforts were a joyous inspiration during the Easter sunrise services this year.

We truly praise the Lord for the way that He has blessed every effort that has been put forth in behalf of the Oak Hill youth work.

Bob Madoski.



NORTHERN INDIANA MINISTERS

At the meeting of the Northern Indiana Ministers and Wives held Monday, March 28th at Brighton Chapel, there were 19 ministers and wives present and one visitor, Rev. Albert Ronk, who was holding evangelistic services at Bryan, Ohio. The fellowship was very fine, the hospitality of John Mills and his good wife was of the best. A very delicious ham dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all present. It was decided to have the next meeting at Shipshewana Lake on Monday afternoon, August 1st, with a carry-in picnic supper.

There was an impromptu brain-storming session on the subject, "How Can We Bring New Life to our Churches?" There seems to be a deep concern among the ministers and wives regarding the indifference and lack of deep spiritual devotion among our people. The following ideas were suggested:

1. A more personal relationship with Christ.
2. We need to establish family altars.
3. Why not try fasting and prayer? (Emphasize prayer very strongly)
4. Board of deacons and deaconesses should set an example of a deep spiritual life.
5. Our Church should not be afraid of a certain amount of sincere emotionalism.
6. Our people should have hunger for the Word of God.
7. Stewardship of Time—We should be willing to give of our time as well as money to the Lord's work.
8. Get people to dedicate time to visitation and to community service, such as hospital work, etc.
9. Quiet Hour—Our people have not taken time for meditation. (Certain time each day)
10. Ministers are too busy to set example in matter of meditation and devotion.
11. Mid-week service for various age groups so entire family can attend.
12. Pastors need help with office work so he will have more time for his devotional life.
13. Church members given cards to call on others. (Could be worked through S. S. Classes)
14. Complete dedication of life to Christ brings desire to work for Christ.
15. How can we bring our people to this dedication? Attending communion service helps to make members more dedicated to Brethren Church.

This was a very profitable discussion period.

J. M. Bowman.

CARLETON, NEBRASKA

Greetings from the Carleton Brethren Church. Just a few lines to let you know that Carleton is still on the map.

On March 27, the Ladies Missionary Society had charge of the evening service. They showed a film strip of Nigeria, with some very good talks that were enjoyed by all.

We have recently taken in five new members in the church by baptism, two of them first-time confessions, four were baptized on Sunday afternoon of March 27, and one on the following Sunday afternoon of April 3, for which we are praising the Lord.

On April 6, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Deeter and son from Topeka, Kansas gave us a very inspiring message on missionary work; along with some colored slides showing mission fields in South America. They also favored us with a very inspiring song. Gary is the grandson of Rev. W. R. Deeter of Topeka, Kansas who served as pastor of this church many years ago.

On April 9, the pastor and his wife, along with five young ladies, motored to Manhattan, Kansas to attend the district youth rally, which was held at the Student Union Building on the college campus. The various churches presented skits and participated in a Bible quiz, followed by a banquet and the evening worship service. There were fifty in attendance and a good time was had by all. Then the road home, followed by some sleepy eyes in the congregation the following morning.

Good Friday Union Services were held in the Carleton Brethren Church with three churches participating. The message and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

The church has called and elected two new Deacons and Deaconesses, who at this time are awaiting ordination service.

The Sisterhood Girls gave the Sunrise Easter service Sunday morning, which was followed by a breakfast in the basement. This was well attended in spite of the rain and muddy roads. The rich fellowship of God and of one another was enjoyed in the many services of the day. We praise the Lord for His blessing. Our prayer is for spiritual growth in all our services to the Lord.

Albert O. Curtright, Pastor.

CAMP BETHANY (OHIO)

Due to the difficulty in the minister's schedule, some changes have been made in the new camp manual concerning managers. The new schedule follows:

Senior Camp—July 17-14

Manager, Rev. Charles Lowmaster

Junior Camp I—July 24-31

Manager, Rev. Robert Keplinger

Intermediate Camp—July 31 - August 7

Manager, Rev. Phil Lersch

Junior Camp II—August 7-13

Manager, Rev. Donald Rowser

All campers should fill out the registration blank and give it to your pastor who will forward them to Rev. Rowser.

THE CENTRAL PLANNING and CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE DENOMINATION

BRETHREN:

Be reminded that by order of General Conference that this year is:

"BRETHREN ADVANCE IN EVANGELISM"

Some SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

1. PREACH Evangelism from the pulpit.
2. TEACH Evangelism in the Sunday School.
3. SERIES of Messages:
 - a. Sunday Evening
 - b. Prayer Meeting
 - c. Bible Class
4. USE Suggested Book:
"BASIC NEW TESTAMENT EVANGELISM" by Faris D. Whitesell, Th.D. (Available at the Brethren Publishing Co., Ashland, Ohio)
You might use Chapters as Sermon Subjects; such as:
"What It Means to Be Lost", Chapter 4
"What It Means to Be Saved", Chapter 6
5. S. S. Superintendent could use Theme for Assembly Program.

6. Brethren Youth could use "Evangelism" as a Sunday Evening Topic.
7. "Evangelism" in V. B. S.
 - a. Use as a Theme
 - b. Use in Assembly Programs
 - c. Use in classes as topics
8. "Evangelism" could be used in Camps
 - a. Classes
 - b. Used in Morning Watch
 - c. Used in Vesper Services
9. Everything in the total program of the S. S. should culminate in winning souls. "Evangelism" is the core of the program.
10. Use "Brethren Advance in Evangelism" as a heading in Sunday Worship bulletins. Also in the Mid-Week Reminders.
Sub-Committee on Evangelism,
The Central Planning and Co-ordinating Committee,

D. B. Flora
J. R. Shultz
W. B. Brant, Chairman

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

KISSED OF GOD

"The peace of God, which passeth understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7.

SUCH A SPIRIT of comradery existed between little Walter and his father that the little fellow found it impossible for him to go to sleep at night if there had been any trouble between him and his "daddy". A visitor in their home tells this story of such an occasion of unrest. The lad had disobeyed, and had been lightly reprimanded by the father. His mother had then put him to bed for the night. But sleep was not for the lad.

Shortly afterward the visitor heard the mother say to her husband, "Daddy, may Walter see you for a mo-

ment?" The father stepped to the son's bedside and took him up in his arms. Walter threw his arms about his father's neck and the father hugged and kissed him, and breathed forgiveness into his little ear, and then tucked him back into his bed. There had been no audible word but father's kiss had sealed the forgiveness and established confidence again for the little fellow. Sleep came easily for the repentant, forgiven child.

An unrepentant soul cannot find peace with God. There is any shadow of uncertainty between us and our Heavenly Father, our pillows are hot, and there are lumps in the mattress when our conscience is guilty. As it was with the little fellow and his "Daddy", so it is with every child of God. We are not, and cannot be, happy and peaceful if there is any shadow of uncertainty as to the relation between us and our Heavenly Father. The most important thing is to maintain right relations between our "Heavenly Father" and ourselves. This does and He will give us the assurance of His love in many fold ways.

We Go Abroad

Rev. Freeman Ankrum



**A Travelog of the Ashland Theological Seminary
Tour to Europe and the Near East—1958**

The Custom officer at New York opened our baggage, saying that he had to open all whether he wanted to do so or not, but spent very little time in his search. He was very friendly. As far as we were concerned, the U. S. A. never looked so good. The helicopter was not flying because of haze and so we crossed from Idlewild to Newark, New Jersey, airport, by bus-taxi-bus. When we got to Newark it seemed as though we were just about home. People were coming and going by the hundreds, and it really impressed upon us the fact that air travel is no small matter, though we hear of crashes from time to time. Our tickets were confirmed by the Allegheny Ticket Agent, and we were told when we would be leaving for Hagerstown. However because of the heavy traffic our ship was unable to leave New York until 8:30 P. M. The pilot of our ship was an old acquaintance from Air-Mail pick-up days. He was Captain Tommy Kinchloe. We visited and talked of old days.

We were a few minutes late in reaching the Hagerstown airport at 10:30 P. M. When we hit the runway we really thought we were back home, and safely so. The trip had been some 14,000 miles by air, and 46 days duration. There were hundreds of miles traveled by bus or busses, many miles by train and Bob took us perhaps a thousand miles or more in his car. The trip covered, England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Egypt, Greece and Germany. There were practically no language problems, and no money problems, or in other words getting anyone to take our money. We had a bus driver to and from Kassel who could not speak English and none of the party could

speak German. Beadle, our Linguist had left the party at Athens, going to Turkey.

We were met at the Hagerstown airport that night by the Harvey Jamison family whose son we had visited at Amberg, Germany, neighbor Roger Sheeley and family, and Gardner Moats and family with our car. They seemed really glad to see us. We need not speak for ourselves, that is taken for granted.

People abroad were helpful, and showed a desire to live and let live. While not getting to Palestine was a great disappointment, getting into Egypt was an excellent substitute because of its Biblical connections. Unfortunately it was too close to the war zone for comfort. We felt that the middle east rather than Russia might be the tinder spot, that required watching. All and in all it was an experience never to be forgotten, and was bolstered by 500 colored slides, to boost memory and keep details in mind. They will enable us to live again those days that somehow got away so quickly, that we still wonder if it was really true.

It may not be out of place to close this travelogue by the use of a poem sent us by Mrs. Ankrum's uncle, S. S. Sanger of San Diego, California.

I am thrilled to set sail for my Home land,
For the land of my love and toil.
Though I thrill at the sight of foreign hills,
The touch of a foreign soil,
Thank God for the dear Home Country,
Unconquered and free and grand,
The land of childhood and loved ones for me—
The skies of my Native Land.



This is the final installment of Brother Ankrum's Travelogue of the 1958 Ashland Seminary Tour to Europe and the Near East. We are grateful to him for taking the time to set down in writing the highlights and interesting sidelights of this tour. W. S. B.

BE YE SEPARATE

The separateness of a Christian—a priest of the King—is not a separateness of conscious superiority, and certainly not a holier-than-thou attitude. Rather it is a separateness of dedication to God and obedience to His commands. What others may do without compunction of conscience, the Christian will say: "So do not I for fear of the Lord." What others may leave undone without a sense of failure, the Christian will do, or at least attempt to do, because he knows that this is God's will for him. Can people tell that you are a Christian without your having to tell them? It is said in the Book of Acts of the Apostles that men took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus.—Stuart R. Oglesby.

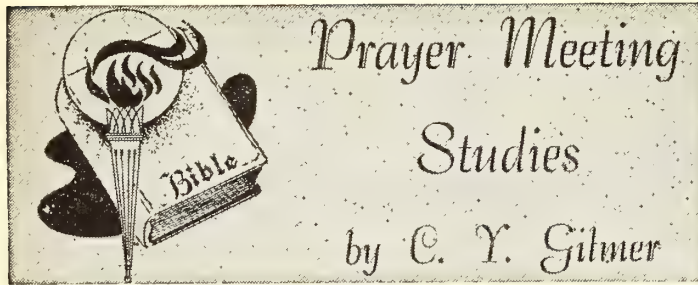
Heaven is not reached at a single bound;

We must build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

We must follow the Christ from day to day;
He has marked the path to the throne of God,
Lifting the soul from its common clod
To climb the steps of the heavenly way.

—J. G. Holland.

**Read your
Brethren Evangelist
every week.**



"Brethren Advance In Evangelism"

SEND DOWN SHOWERS OF REVIVAL

"Saviour, visit Thy plantation,
Send, oh, send a gracious rain;
All will come to desolation,
Unless Thou dost bless again.

"Break the tempter's fatal power,
Turn the stony hearts to flesh,
And begin this very hour,
To revive Thy work afresh.

"Once, O Lord, Thy garden flourished;
Every part looked gay and green,
Then Thy Word our spirits nourished,
Happy seasons we have seen.

"But a drought has since succeeded,
And a sad decline we see.
Lord, Thy help is greatly needed:
Help can only come from Thee.

"Let our mutual love be fervent,
Make us prevalent in prayer;
Let each one esteem Thy Servant,
Shun the world's bewitching snare."

WE ARE TO ASK for showers "of the latter rain" (Zech. 10:1). We are to continue asking until the rain comes (Hos. 10:12). Revival means "life again" (Psa. 85:6). "There shall be showers of blessing" (Ezek. 34:26). The harvest is for those who refuse to be denied (Gal. 6:9). "O, trust Him in the darkness, You cannot trust in vain" (Isa. 41:10, 13). Remember how our Saviour was refreshed in the prayer-battle of the garden (Lu. 22:42-44).

Let the Word be preached without fear or favor (1 Cor. 14:8). Let the Christians be aroused by constant exhortation (Heb. 3:12, 13). Let them humble themselves for the work of the Lord (1 Pet. 5:6). Let there be contrition for revival (Isa. 57:15). Let the well-known revival recipe be obeyed (2 Chron. 7:14). Let there be a relish for the "word of exhortation" (Heb. 13:22) that God may instruct His people (Psa. 25:9). Let forbearing love abound (Eph. 4:2). Let all refuse to be insulted (Psa. 119:165; 1 Pet. 2:21-23). Let there be no imaginings of evil (Zech. 7:10; 8:17). But let there be a self-examination (Psa. 19:12-14), a discerning of the inner man by the search light of the Word (Heb. 4:12). If we cannot take God's Word now, how shall we take it at the judgment seat of Christ (Rom. 14:10-13)? To reject the Word now is to face it later under its judgment (Jn. 12:48). There has to be a genuine penitence before there

can be any comfort (Matt. 5:4). Unconfessed sin soils everything (Eccl. 10:1). It gives the guilty a taste of perdition (Psa. 32:4). But to confess is to have to have God's mercy (Isa. 66:2). "Let the church roll on" by revival (Eph. 5:25-27)!

"Oh! for a gracious and mighty revival,
Blessing the homes of our land;
Oh! for lost souls to be gathered to Jesus,
And follow henceforth His command;
Oh! for the breath of our God to be given,
Hallowing, hushing our hearts;
Oh! for those wondrous outpourings from Heaven,
Which only the Spirit imparts.

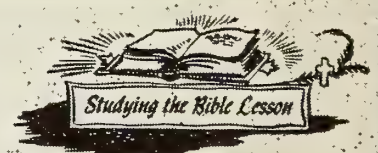
"Oh! for the faith that will take no denial,
Warming our hearts till they fire;
Filling us, thrilling us, till every faculty
Burns with a holy desire;
Filled with a courage, and love, and devotion,
Ready to meet with the foe,
Charged with the story, the dear old, old story,
Jesus, but Jesus, to know."

Lesson.

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for May 22, 1960

SINCERITY IN RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

Lesson: Matthew 6:1-13

IN HER BOOK, *My Spiritual Diary*, Dale Evans Roger writes: "They asked Joan of Arc once if she thought she was 'in a state of grace.' She replied, 'I think so but if I am not, I pray God to put me there, and quickly I feel the same way about grace—and sincerity.'"

The Christian should be sincere in all his actions. Pete admonishes the Saints to lay "aside all malice, and all guile, and **hypocrisies**" (1 Pt. 2:1).

Heart-attitude is more important than **outward religious activity**! Jesus said repeatedly that His Children were not to do as the hypocrite did. The great condemnation heaped upon the hypocrite was because of his **insincerity**.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ALMS

(Mt. 6:1-4)

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." **Alms (good deeds, the bestowing of gifts upon the poor) should not be performed for the purpose of being seen of men!** The giving of alms is good and right. It should be done. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan said: "The proof of human relationship to God in the world is the giving of alms." When, however, gift

are given only to be seen of men, the giver loses his reward.

"He (Jesus) was not condemning the practice of almsgiving, but only the motive behind it. Giving a dime to feed the body of a beggar does not feed the soul of the giver unless he is entirely unselfish in the giving. It must not be given to the sound of a trumpet so that the crowd can see; that is sheer hypocrisy. It must be given, not to advertise 'piety,' but to relieve human need and to promote the glory of God" (Frank S. Mead).

"Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men."

"This is a picture of the popular method of the hour in which Jesus lived... Some Pharisee, intending to distribute gifts, would come to a conspicuous place in the city, and blow a small silver trumpet, at which there would gather round him the maimed, the halt, the blind. Then, with a great show of generosity, he would scatter gifts upon them" (G. Campbell Morgan).

Only the hypocrite performs a good deed to be seen of men!

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING PRAYER

(Mt. 6:5-13)

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men."

Again, Jesus is not condemning the practice of prayer, but rather the wrong purpose of prayer. Even though prayer be for the benefit of MAN, it should be directed toward GOD.

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

"The Greek word (repetitions) has a force but feebly rendered in the English... It might be almost rendered, 'Do not stutter out your prayers, do not babble them over.' The words describe only too faithfully the act of prayer when it becomes mechanical" (E. H. Plumtre).

"After this manner therefore pray ye..." Prayer should follow the Divine Pattern, possessing these elements:

ADORE—Hallowed be Thy name."

RECEIVE—Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

PROTEST—Give us this day our daily bread."

FORGIVE—And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

DELIVERANCE—And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

COGNITION: "For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

THE SUPERINTENDENT PREPARES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE SUCCESS OF A SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSION depends to a great degree upon the preparation the superintendent has made for it. This is true whether he be the General Sunday School Superintendent or a Department Sunday School Superintendent.

Would you like to share with us how one "model" Sunday school superintendent prepares for his Sunday school sessions? All right, let's go!

1. He studies his Sunday school lesson thoroughly so that he knows what the lesson is all about. After all, he can't "feel" the Sunday school unless he is aware of what portion of Scripture is being used to challenge the hearts of the students.

2. He checks to see that all teachers and officers will be present on Sunday morning. He may do this on Saturday just to be sure assistants are alerted and ready in case they are needed.

3. He plans a pre-session prayer period each Sunday morning for all his Sunday school staff, and he is present to pray with them.

4. He works closely with the Sunday school secretary (or secretaries) to be certain all literature and supplies are in readiness and have been properly distributed.

5. He begins Sunday school ON TIME and never allows a "dull moment" to slip in anywhere.

6. He either plans a special feature himself for each Sunday morning or appoints a special program committee for each quarter to plan special features. By doing this he makes his opening Sunday school assemblies "sparkle."

7. He is certain that a pianist, organist and song director will be on time and prepared. The songs to be used in the opening assembly are carefully selected.

8. He strives to be optimistic and enthusiastic in his work as superintendent because he knows his attitudes are "contagious." So that his countenance will reflect an "inner glow," he spends much time in prayer and in the reading of God's Word.

9. He doesn't attempt to do everything in the Sunday school himself. He delegates authority as much as possible, and then he is certain all those who work on his staff know what their duties are.

10. He wins his pastor's deep appreciation because he brings the Sunday school session to a close ON TIME. He doesn't dismiss Sunday school, but allows the Sunday school to "weave" itself into the opening of the Sunday morning worship service.—Leads.

Young Men's and Boys' Brotherhood Program

furnished by Rev. C. Y. Gilmer

LOVE—1 Corinthians 13:4-13

This is presented as a supplement to part V of the study book, "Meditations for Youth," by Walter L. Cook.

"LOVE IS PATIENT"

Longsuffering love is one in the cluster of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). Patience is cultivated through facing trial with an unruffled spirit (Rom. 5:3). By patience we possess our souls (Lu. 21:19). Patience has a perfecting work (Jas. 1:3, 4). "The God of patience" (Rom. 15:5) desires to strengthen us to "all patience" (Col. 1:11) by directing our hearts into the patience of Christ (Rev. 1:9).

"LOVE ... IS KIND"

When others treat us unkindly we take it as a gift from God for His sake to give the kindness of love that understands (Matt. 5:46, 47). Love works no ill (Rom. 13:10), but good to all (Matt. 5:44). Such love is not natural but divine and given to us by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5).

"LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS"

When we have God's love in our hearts for others, in honor we prefer one another (Rom. 12:10), and we rejoice with them when they have cause to be delighted, and we weep with them when they have been stricken with loss (Rom. 12:15). Love does not change (Prov. 17:17). Love does not fail (1 Cor. 13:8). "A friend in need is a friend indeed" (Job 6:14). Read 1 Sam. 18:4.

"LOVE ... IS NOT BOASTFUL"

Love is honest (Col. 3:9). We are to "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15). Love is a debt (Rom. 13:8). Love is true and pure (1 Pet. 1:22). Love is humble, without pretense (Rom. 12:9). The love that speaks the loudest is the love that does the most with the least noise (1 Cor. 13:1).

"LOVE DOES NOT REJOICE IN THE WRONG, BUT REJOICES IN THE RIGHT"

If we love the Lord, we are to hate evil (Psa. 97:10). In this Christ is our great example (Heb. 1:9). A converted person has a new heart (Ezek. 36:26), and he is a new creature with changed affections (2 Cor. 5:17). He now abhors evil and loves that which is good (Rom. 12:9).

"LOVE ... BELIEVES ALL THINGS"

"Love is —

Slow to suspect—quick to trust
Slow to condemn—quick to justify
Slow to offend—quick to defend
Slow to expose—quick to shield
Slow to reprimand—quick to forbear
Slow to belittle—quick to appreciate
Slow to demand—quick to give
Slow to provoke—quick to conciliate
Slow to hinder—quick to help
Slow to resent—quick to forgive

"LOVE ... HOPES ALL THINGS"

That makes it easy to forgive (Eph. 4:32), easy to pray for those who misuse us (Matt. 5:44), easy to turn good for evil (Rom. 12:21).

"SO FAITH, HOPE, LOVE ABIDE, THESE THREE BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE"

If we know Calvary love (Eph. 3:17-19) we shall never lack in faith and hope. Love is all-forgiving (Matt. 18:21, 22), all-forgetting (1 Pet. 4:8), all-conquering (Rom. 12:20), inseparable (Rom. 8:35-39).

"Have Hope. Though clouds environ now,
And gladness hides her face in scorn,
Put thou the shadow from thy brow—
No night but hath its morn.

"Have Faith. Wher'er thy bark is driven—
The calm's disport, the tempest's mirth—
Know this: God rules the host of heaven,
The inhabitants of earth.

"Have Love. Not love alone for one,
But man as man thy brother call;
And scatter like the circling sun
Thy charities on all."

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World Religious News in Review

THE CASE OF THE MISSING PASSBOOKS

The place was South Africa, and the time was late March. The situation was much like the period when men needed the Mark of the Beast spoken of in the Book of Revelation.

Any South African Negro caught without his wallet-size brown passbook containing name, address, photo, fingerprint, tax record, employer's signature along with the imprint "Native" the law said, was liable to instant arrest. The law was passed by the Union of South Africa in an effort to control widespread demonstrations by the country's 10 million Negroes, but instead of controlling the situation, the non-violent demonstrations turned into tragedies of death and injury. Forty-four Negroes were killed and injured by police in Capetown and 254 were killed and injured in Sharpeville (near Johannesburg) for doing nothing more than gathering silently in the streets to protest the passbook law.

On hearing the news, crowds of British citizens in London gathered outside South Africa House to protest the shootings. They chanted: "Murder, murder!"

Dr. Joost de Blank, Anglican Archbishop of Capetown, suggested that the churches set up special commissions of inquiry to look into the situation and to place responsibility for such wholesale slaughter where it belonged.

Roman Catholic Archbishop Owen McCann of Capetown urged an investigation of the shooting of Africans who demonstrated in silent crowds against laws requiring them to carry the passbooks.

Chief Rabbi Israel Abrahams stressed that "the recent events should not be judged in isolation". He said that what happened at Sharpeville and Capetown "has deep roots in the past and menaces the future of South Africa."

The incidents have done several obvious things: they have lifted the

gaze of world attention from America's recent racial trouble started by Negro "sit-ins" at segregated lunch counters in the South; they have caused government and religious leaders in Europe and Africa to better understand the problem in America, and they have given the Communists propaganda material.

And finally, they have opened an era in South Africa's history which will unquestionably win for the Negro a better claim to his country called, ironically, "Free South Africa."

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HOW MUCH DO CHRISTIAN PARENTS INFLUENCE THEIR TEEN-AGERS?

The parents of Christian teen-agers are not having as much influence on their children as one would suppose, according to a recent survey released by Youth for Christ Magazine.

Less than ten per cent of the young people questioned said that their decision to become Christians was made through parental influence. Most of them gave "friends" or "the sermon" as the key factors.

Less than half say they can discuss their personal problems with their parents, and more than two-thirds prefer to go to their friends with their problems. In answer to the question "Why didn't you become a Christian sooner?", 37 percent said they were not given the opportunity, and 17 per cent replied, "I thought I already was a Christian." Only 13 per cent gave "fear and pride" as the reasons.

Temptation ranks first in the list of teen problems, with 53 per cent of the teens naming it. Choosing a career comes second, then studies and spiritual problems other than temptation. Sex problems were named by only 21 per cent and financial by 30 per cent.

Over 90 per cent state that they "like school" and that the teachers are "fair in their dealings." "Are you doing your best as a student?" got an affirmative reply from 61 per

cent of the girls—but from only 42 per cent of the boys.

Asked what they considered to be their parents' biggest mistakes with teens, the youth gave the answers: "They don't understand us or take time to see things through our eyes." "They fail to give us spiritual help."

In connection with this last statement, about one-third of the teens surveyed say that they have a "Family Altar" in their homes.

The American Christian Teen-Ager survey was sponsored by Youth for Christ Magazine, published by Youth for Christ International, Wheaton, Illinois. Nearly 2,000 teen-agers in local YFC programs participated in the survey. (EP).

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NON-MOSLEM BRIDES NOW OKAY FOR MOSLEM MEN

BAGHDAD, Iraq (EP) — For the first time, Moslem men in Iraq can take unto themselves brides of the Christian or Jewish faith. Moslem women, however, are still prohibited from marrying non-Moslem men, according to government decree.

The new law bans polygamy (except by special permission from a Moslem religious court judge) and establishes 18 as the legal age for marriage.

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KHRUSHCHEV: "I MIGHT BE FIRED"

SURABAJA, Indonesia (EP) — During Premier Nikita Khrushchev's visit to Indonesia, President Sukarno asked the Soviet leader to attend a religious service. Khrushchev asked if attending meant participation, and added facetiously, "I might be fired," if made to participate in a religious ceremony.

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400 CATHOLIC PRIESTS NOW IN JAPAN

TOKYO (EP)—The March census of Roman Catholic priests shows that there are now 400 Roman Catholic Priests in Japan. New ordinations in early spring brought the number to its present figure, listing 19 diocesan and 13 regular clergy.

Father Peter Milward, one of the most recently ordained, is believed to be the first English priest ever ordained in Japan.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

**Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann**

PIC of the WEEK



Rev. "Tom" Shoemaker

One of the treats of National Youth Conference this August will be "SINGING WITH A SHOEMAKER"... **Tom Shoemaker** to be exact.

His first area of leadership will be to direct all the group singing for the Youth Conference and for the Ves-

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**Rev. William Fells
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Ashland College
Ashland, Ohio**

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per Service. This means that all conference attendees will be able to benefit from his leadership.

In addition, Tom will conduct a workshop about "Music and Worship" for the young people.

Brethren Youth is fortunate to have this pastor share his experiences in the value of worship with us. Complete your plans now to be in Ashland on August 15th.

WATCH FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE YOUTH CONFERENCE SPEAKER!!!

PASTOR'S CLASS PROGRESS

During one of the sessions of the Brethren Pastor's Conference in Ashland on April 27th the discussion centered upon the subject of the Pastor's Class. Several pastors mentioned the various methods and materials they were using and the comparable value of each.

These results were compiled and have been mailed to every pastor so that the information might be shared and might be mutually helpful.

If you as a reader would be interested in learning more about the place and value of such a Pastor's Class request to see some of the source materials sent to your pastor.

The value, the lasting value, of properly training our young people needs to be receiving more attention by every congregation and pastor. Make it your concern too.

CAMP BETHANY IS INVADED

Twenty-two senior high young people from the Northeast Ohio District and six advisors retreated to **Camp Bethany** for a weekend retreat on April 29th. An opening meal of hot dogs and baked beans was served. Pastor Steiner gave an object lesson at the first vesper service. The campfire was held inside because of the rain, but the rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the retreaters.

John Brownsberger, a member of the Louisville Church and a student at Kent State was the guest speaker. His messages were of great help to the young people present. The messages dealt with how a teenager could witness and win souls to Christ. The youth were very inquisitive as to how they could reach the teenagers of their own age.

As for the lighter moments, foursquare was the popular pastime. Ping-pong also was a game that gathered much enthusiasm. The young people went hiking and played ball (when it wasn't raining). Popcorn and Kool-Aid were the refreshments that were served on the two nights. The retreaters sang very well during the inspirational parts of the retreat.

On Saturday evening the young people talked about some of the things they liked about the Brethren Church and what the Church should do in the future. They agreed that the church should expand in many areas including the college and seminary. They felt that the Life Witness Recruit program was a step in the right direction to encourage young people to find God's direction in their lives. They also felt that the Brethren Church was teaching the doctrines that were closest to the Scriptures.

If your district or even your local church has not had a retreat, why not plan one for your young people now? Great spiritual uplift can be gained for yourself and your young people.

ATTENTION PASTORS:

Example: Pastor Jones moved from Ohio to Kansas last December 1, 1959. In other words, he has moved from the Ohio District to the Mid-west District since both the 1959 Ohio and Mid-west District Conferences. He is now a member of the Mid-west District and will attend the 1960 Mid-west Conference. To be properly seated, he must:

- 1—Present a letter from the Ohio District to attest to his previous good standing with the Ohio Conference.
- 2—Present a letter of good standing from the church in which he is now serving and holds his membership—
or
a letter from the church where his membership is being held.
- 3—Present his Ministerial Credentials from the church he is serving.

Note: The above suggestion comes to you as a matter of encouragement to pastors when transferring from one district to another, to have everything in order regarding their ministerial standing. If you as a pastor have transferred or are contemplating a transfer from one district to another, it would be well to make sure that proper credentials accompany you, in order to avoid any possible embarrassment or difficulty in being seated at your next district conference or at general conference. W. S. B.

PRAYER—ITS NEED, ITS RESULTS, ITS POWER

If Jesus, the sinless Son of God, felt the great need of communion with the Father, how much more should we human beings feel the great need of prayer. Let us consider a few of the many times Jesus prayed. At His baptism; before He launched His evangelistic tour; He prayed all night before choosing and calling the Twelve Apostles; He prayed before He fed the five thousand; He prayed by the sea side; on the mountain; in the Garden of Gethsemane, and also on the cross. Yes, Jesus prayed much during His earthly ministry.

The need in the world today is so great, that every Christian should feel the divine urge to pray. There are calls every day and every hour for prayer. Let the unsaved be a burden to your heart because S-I-N is inviting and runs rampant over the world. So many think nothing of it. We cannot afford to lose our power in prayer, lest we have no testimony before the sinner. We should pray for leaders of our nation, our President, his cabinet, Christian leaders in our churches, Colleges and Seminary, Missionary Board. Pray for our missionaries, our W. M. S. work, and not least our American homes and so we could go on and on. There seems to be no limit to the need, the use and the power of prayer.

When we pray, we should expect our prayers to be answered. We may be asked to answer our own prayers. For instance, when you are praying for a soul to be saved, God may lay it upon your heart to speak to that very person. If so, you should do it. The Holy Spirit will not let you down and the great blessing that comes to you is a surging power in your life. When that person experiences the joy of salvation, there will be unspeakable joy in your heart. We read in Luke 15:7, "There is more joy in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth, than over ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance." It is never too late to begin praying.

Mrs. E. M. Riddle,
Roanoke, Indiana.



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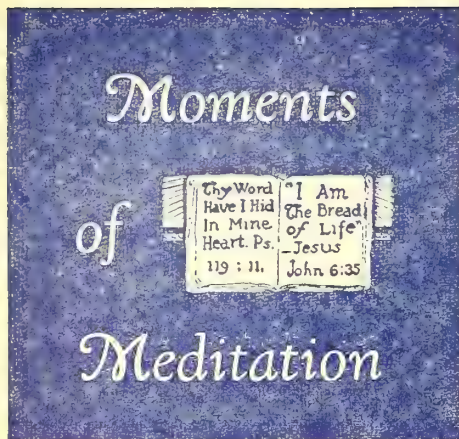
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FIT TO LEAD

Have you a strong body? Have you ever broken a bad habit? Can you exercise self-control when things go wrong? Are you habitually cheerful and free from grouchy spells? Do you really think for yourself? Can you keep your head in an emergency? Do your associates respect you and cooperate with you? Can you maintain discipline without using authority? Can you handle a group of dissatisfied persons successfully? Are you a successful peacemaker? Are you patient in dealing with nervous persons? Are delicate situations ever turned over to you? Do you make and keep friends easily? Can you adjust yourself to strangers easily? Are you free from embarrassment before superiors? Are subordinates at ease in your presence? Do you express ideas without appearing overbearing or narrow-minded? Can you readily interest people? Have you tact? Have you a reasonable amount of self confidence? Have you confidence in your cause? Have you a cooperative and not a competitive spirit? Are you adapted to the group you seek to lead? Are you satisfied? Have you any power of vision? Have you the power of a single mind? Do you wear the white flower of a sin-

cere life? Are you sometimes alone with yourself and God? Can you sense yourself as an agent of God's plan?

If you can answer "yes" to these questions, then you fulfill the qualifications of leadership.—The Christian Conservator.

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HOW'S YOUR I. Q.?

There is something wrong with your knowledge of:

BOTANY—if you have never discovered the True Vine (John 15:1).

GEOLOGY—if you are still ignorant of the Rock of Ages (Deut. 32:4).

CHEMISTRY—if you are unacquainted with the great Catalyzer (2 Peter 3:7).

MATHEMATICS—if you have not considered the breadth and length, and depth and height of the love of Christ Jesus our Lord (Eph. 2:18, 19).

BIOLOGY—unless you can trace life back to its primal cause, "In the beginning God" (Gen. 1:1; John 1:1-4).

PHYSICS—until you have an experiential knowledge of the operation of the Spirit of the Risen Christ (Eph. 3:7, 16, 20).

SOCIOLOGY—if you seek any other cure for sin than that which God has provided through the blood of Jesus Christ His Son (I John 1:9).

ASTRONOMY—unless you are prepared to witness the rising of the Bright and Morning Star (Rev. 22:16). —Sel.



A GIRL'S CONFESSION

A runaway girl having left what she thought were hard-hearted, old-fashioned parents, got as far as the big city of the Pacific coast. After two months she wired her father: "I had rather be a dishwasher in the house of my father than starve in these tents of the ungodly. Wire me transportation."

She is back in her home now, the most contented girl in the neighborhood. She tells her girl friends, "I'm more running away for me. Do you know, our kitchen looks just like heaven!" Our loving Father has taught us to honor our parents, and one of the finest ways we can honor them is by our love and obedience to their wishes. Running away only gets us into trouble, for we can run from a man, but that our heavenly Father has planned for us—the best in the world.

—Selected.

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GOD KNOWS WHAT HE'S ABOUT

When God wants to drill a man and thrill a man, and skill a man,
When God wants to mould a man
To play the noblest part:

When He yearns, with all His heart
To create so great and bold a man—
Watch His methods, watch His way
How He ruthlessly perfects whom
He royally elects.

How He hammers him and hurts him
And with mighty blows converts him
Into trial shapes of clay which only
God can understand.

How He bends, but never breaks,
While His good He undertakes;
But, with every act induces him to
his splendor, out
God knows what He's about!

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The Editor's Pulpit

Attend Your District Conference

IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL SET-UP of The Brethren Church, the areas in which our churches are located are divided into districts. There are seven districts, located geographically, from the east coast to the west coast. In some districts, the churches are located rather far apart; in others, they are closer together.

These districts are organized as separate units of the larger unit known as "The Brethren Church." District Conferences represent a closer geographical relationship to the local church. They are designed to promote their own programs, to help the local churches, and to give impetus to the overall program of The Denomination.

The districts are effective only to the degree to which the local churches support them. In order to facilitate the program of the districts (likewise the local church and Denominational programs) these districts hold Annual Conferences. In these Conferences, local churches have official representation by means of delegates; the number determined by the membership of each local church. Other members and friends have the privilege of attending the Conferences, sharing all the privileges enjoyed by the delegates except voting in business sessions.

Four of our districts hold their Conferences during the summer, two in the fall and one shortly after the first of the year. They vary in length from two days to four. Each district determines the length of its conference, when and where it meets. Delegates to the Conferences are elected by the members of each local congregation.

The information just presented is given with the prayer that it might encourage all of our local churches to send their full quota of delegates to their District Conferences. Local churches should encourage them to attend all of the sessions, perhaps even helping to pay their expenses. Most certainly the local church should be interested enough to see that their delegates attend the sessions and then to bring a report back to the church—not a long, detailed report of what was said in such and such a session—but a complete, concise report of business findings and things passed by the conference affecting

the life of the local church as it relates to the work of the district.

Many District programs have fallen by the wayside because local churches did not understand what was expected of them, made no effort to find out, and, because they did not know, were not in favor of what the district wanted to do. Some of the local churches had delegates at conference—others did not.

General Conference, because of its nature, cannot promote everything which needs to be done, nor which could and should be done. Much of this service for the Church rightly belongs on the district level. Thus it is easily seen that the District Conferences play a very important role in the entire Church program. District Conference organizational leaders are in a very important place as they endeavor to coordinate the local church, its vision and program, into the unified program of the Denomination.

To do the work assigned, district delegates must be present for the sessions of their respective Conferences. In these sessions is the place to raise questions, offer suggestions and make objections where justified. A local church which sends no delegates (except the pastor, maybe), or whose delegates do not attend the sessions, or if they do, fail to maintain an alert interest in what is going on, can scarcely voice an objection to the program adopted by the delegates of that Conference.

We need an awakening on the part of local churches in seeing that they have a full delegate representation at their District Conference—that those delegates know the will of the local church on the issues at hand, and that those delegates shall make their voice heard in the Conference. By this democratic means the program of the district can receive its life-blood; our local churches and likewise the district and the Denomination will prosper and will surge forward in the accomplishment of God's will for us. This year, let all of our local churches elect their delegates to their District Conference, see that they get there, and then receive from them a report on the affairs of the Conference, so that each church can know its responsibilities to the district program for the year to come—W. S. B.

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OUR APPRECIATION

The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church regrets the resignation of Mrs. Myrtle Kessinger at Haddix, Kentucky, where she has worked so diligently for the past sixteen years. She has proved to be a faithful Christian steward, teaching God's Word and ministering to the needs of the people in that area. Mrs. Kessinger has left the work with regret also, because her relations with the people have been mutually gratifying.

Although we are all sorry that she has been obliged to leave the work, we recognize the years of unselfish service she has given to the community in the name of Christ and in behalf of the Brethren Church. We wish for Mrs. Kessinger much joy in the realization of past achievement and in the assurance of reward from the Heavenly Director of Missions.

LETTER FROM GULAK

... This dry season has really been a strange one. Yesterday we had a heavy harmattan (dust-laden wind); they are usually over by the beginning of March. Today you can scarcely see Gulak mountain from here. Several days ago there was some rain west of us and we could smell it in the wind.

We have all been in good health. The children are quite happy and seem to be growing very fast. After I have been away for several days, I can always notice a change in them. Bobby and Barbara have fine times playing together. Bobby is a jolly boy, walking around looking for things to put in his mouth, singing as he goes.

Bea's dispensary work has been heavy during March and so far in April. With so much dust in the air, there have been quite a few meningitis patients. We have

treated more than 30 here at Gulak so far and don't know how many died before they reached here. Fortunately most of those who reached here have responded to treatment and recovered.

Saturday night we were awakened by the death cry. It made Bea's hair go straight and mine stand on end until we realized what it was. There were about five people bringing someone to the dispensary, and the patient died about a quarter of a mile before they reached the dispensary. We thought surely their screams would wake Barbara and Bobby, but they slept right through all of it. The government doctor and his Nigerian assistants have stopped here several times to check the patients.

Just now, as I have been writing this letter, another patient came in. This routine has been rather hard on Bea, as they have to get medicine throughout the night also; but she and the dispenser have been taking turns on night duty.

The majalisa (church district council) met at Sura on March 25 and 26. This is a village 9 miles back in the bush off from the Shaffa Station. The villagers had made a road back; so we were able to drive right back to the village. It was down in a valley, and the road was quite steep in places. It was quite a thrill for some of the Africans to ride down the steep hill in the truck. All of us from the eastern area went by mission lorry.

The Sura Church is an area church. Right at Sura there aren't many compounds. I imagine it must be something like some of the churches in Kentucky. When we arrived there we all wondered where we would sleep but the members of the church had made some grass mat shelters, and we all slept in them.

We ate Army mess-hall style. They had the food out on benches, and we went through on a chow line. Pastor Karbam, who wasn't familiar with a chow line, said that it reminded him of the line of lepers forming to get medicine. We all enjoyed the fellowship together, and we also ate African food—rice with some meat broth and/or difu (the African guinea corn food with meat broth and some beans and greens cooked together). We ate at 10 A. M. and at 6 P. M. Then had tea at 6:30 A. M. and 3:30 P. M. This was a little different from what the Africans usually have. They usually have just some thin porridge which they can drink.

It is always an inspiration to see how the church is moving forward. At this majalisa, two newly organized churches were welcomed into fellowship, and it was decided to organize two new ones before the next majalisa meeting in October. The two new ones to be organized will be Higi churches which will be organized from the Mbororo Station Area Church. One at Brishishiwa will be organized next Sunday and the others, in July, when the deputation will be here to take part.

I guess I'm at the end of my paper again. Greet everyone for me.

Sincerely,
Bob (Bischof)



... And the sheep follow him: for they know his voice
... ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

MAKING OUR HELP MORE HELPFUL

Our Brethren people have been quite faithful over the past years in sending useful materials to Lost Creek and Krypton, Kentucky. They have provided much clothing, some household furnishings, Sunday school materials, greeting cards, etc. These things have helped the program considerably and the workers do appreciate such contributions.

We hope our people will continue providing these items for the Kentucky program; however, there are two requests we should, in all fairness, make:

1. Please remove all names and addresses before sending cards, papers, etc.;
2. Please send things that are in usable condition and clean.

Old Sunday school quarterlies **cannot** be used; Sunday school papers are acceptable **if they are clean** and not mutilated; clothing and household items are quite helpful to the people and to the work, **if they are clean**.

We all realize that our Kentucky workers are attempting to teach—by word and example—improved standards of living; hence it is inconsistent, while urging cleanliness, to offer the people soiled clothing, papers, or other materials. (And, of course, our workers cannot add laundering service to their already over-loaded programs).

Let's all understand this situation thoroughly. We are happy and grateful for the help our people provide in sending materials to Kentucky; but let's be careful to present these things in a condition that will help—not hinder—the work.

Items of General Interest

OAK HILL, W. VA. Brother Bob Madoski has accepted the call to serve the Mulvane, Kansas, Brethren Church, and has resigned as pastor of the Oak Hill Church, effective July 27th.

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA. (SECOND). Fire, caused by defective wiring, caused an estimated \$8,500.00 damage to the Second Brethren Church in Moxham on Monday afternoon, May 9th. Discovered by Pastor Charles Huff, the fire had started in the basement, and burned upwards to the roof in the area back of the platform. Prompt action by the Johnstown Fire Department brought the fire under control. The loss is covered by insurance. It was thought possible to hold services in the sanctuary as usual, but final word was to be given by the fire inspector.

Word also from Johnstown is that Mrs. George H. Jones suffered a fractured heel in a fall and is presently resting at her home at 689 Messenger St., Johnstown, Penna.

ADRIAN, PENNA. (BRUSH VALLEY). Deanna Kay Tinkel, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, came to bless the parsonage family on April 28th. Congratulations to Brother and Sister Paul D. Tinkel on the arrival of this fine baby girl.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. Four new members were received by letter on May 8th.

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Haddix, Kentucky, Brethren Church

Dedicated on April 17th

The dedication of the Haddix Brethren Church was held April 17th.

The pastor, Harold Barnett, gave an interesting message to a good crowd, the people of Haddix are all speaking well of our pastor and we believe a good work will be done.

I am glad to say the church was dedicated free of debt. Praise the Lord! We have a basement for Sunday school classes and a good new furnace to heat it. Thanks to all who sent gifts to make this possible.

I expect to retire from the work here because of my age, I expect to leave this week for my home in Kansas. A God-called, spirit-filled child of God is needed very much to take charge of the work here. There are quite a number of young people here, and someone who can get them interested in the Lord's work is needed. At present we have the only church building in Haddix.

We also have a Mission Cottage of five rooms, kitchen, living room, two bedrooms, and bathroom with running

water. There is an upstairs room, but it was never finished, just floored. The house is furnished, beds and bedding, dishes, cooking utensils, Maytag washing machine, electric apartment-size cook stove, refrigerator, heating stove, dressers, bookcase, desk, and other necessary things.

I wish to thank all who have helped with the work here, many have sent clothing which was a great help, and I know many prayers have gone up to the throne of grace on our behalf. Thanks to all who have given to my support. The Lord has wonderfully blest me in many ways during the sixteen years I have labored here; they have been happy years. Happiness comes through obedience to the will of God.

It is hard to leave my friends here, but we must say God's will be done. I am praying that someone more able to do the work will soon be coming.

In His name,
Mrs. Myrtle Kessinger.

National Goals Program of The Brethren Church

Within the next two or three weeks our pastors or church secretaries will be receiving their National Goals Program report sheets.

Inasmuch as changes which are made in this program from time to time come about through action of General Conference it has been deemed advisable and practical to set June 30th as the closing date of the Goals Program, rather than March 31st, as was formerly the case, in order that church might have more time in which to put this program into operation.

The chairman of the Goals Committee, the undersigned, would appreciate the prompt return of these forms in order that findings, trends, etc., might be catalogued and prepared for presentation to General Conference in August.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer one or two suggestions relative to this program and the filing of a report.

The National Goals Program is designed to give our Brethren Churches a set of goals toward which we can strive—not necessarily goals which churches can attain without putting forth a special effort. The value of such a program lies in the challenge which it presents to the congregations. Such value is lost if the individual church (or the individual who makes out the report) is not honest in evaluating the church's attainments, or if one tries to "stretch the imagination" in order to claim attainment of a certain goal. The goal which reads, for instance, "Every member an active member" implies more than just not having an "inactive membership list." This goal implies that every member of the church is

regular in attendance, faithful in his stewardship, and active in the work of the church.

Similarly, the goal which aims at having "every member tithing his income through the church" means just that. Not taking a cross-section of the congregation and ascertaining what percentage of that group tithes, and then applying that ratio to the entire congregation—but by actual study, finding out how many members do tithe their income through the church, and then by encouraging and instructing the others that they might begin to do this.

Scripture admonishes us to be "not slothful in business," and to "let all things be done decently and in order." May we strive to be businesslike and orderly in our reporting and filing of Goals Program reports.

We would also call to the attention of those who take care of these reports in the various churches, that a number of the goals give opportunity to claim partial credit. If, for instance, three-fifths of your members are active, then you should claim three-fifths credit for that goal; if one-quarter of your members receive *The Brethren Evangelist* then you should claim one-fourth credit for that goal, etc.

We would like to urge all pastors and secretaries to work together on these reports, and let us all strive to be fair and honest as we evaluate our church's attainments in order that we might be able to come to General Conference and give the brethren a fair picture of the accomplishments of the churches of the Brotherhood.

Henry Bates, Chairman,
National Goals Program Committee.

INTERESTING ITEMS

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WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO. During the pre-Easter season, four new members were received by baptism.

NORTH MANCHESTER, INDIANA. Mrs. Dale Smith reports that Rev. and Mrs. Stanton B. Leland were baptized and received into membership in the North Manchester Church on April 21st. Brother Stanton began his pastorate with the North Manchester Church shortly before this.

TEEGARDEN, INDIANA. Five were baptized and received into the fellowship of the church on May 1st. Three were received by letter.

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS. The Laymen's public service was held on May 1st, with Thomas Cleworth as speaker.

TEMPE, ARIZONA (PAPAGO PARK). Brother H. Francis Berkshire reports the baptism of ten new members on May 8th.

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What's Doing in the Churches



ARDMORE BRETHREN CHURCH SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Special pre-Easter services were held in the Ardmore Brethren Church, South Bend, Indiana, March 29th to April 10th. The evangelist was Rev. Virgil Geren, president of the Shadyrest Bible Conference, Chesterfield, New Jersey. He is a talented speaker, completely dedicated to the Lord's work. He and our faithful pastor, Rev. C. William Cole, did much calling. This, combined with much prayer and the faithfulness of the church members, did bring good results. There were eighteen first-time confessions and nine dedications as far as man can see. Only God knows the true results.

Within the past few years a new addition has been added to our church building. This includes more seating space in the main auditorium, new rest rooms and three new class rooms. New cushioned pews for the auditorium were installed in December. The entire upstairs has been newly decorated with new windows and door installed and the floors refinished.

Space does not permit me to go into detail but the Ardmore Brethren Church is progressing, both materially and spiritually. We have a fine group of young people who are loyal in attending all the services, including Wednesday night prayer meeting. The pastor's wife directs both the senior and junior choirs and is a very talented lady. Recently the Brownie and Girl Scout Organization was formed, sponsored by the W. M. S. Wednesday is an extra special day. It's a day of fasting with a prayer service in the afternoon and also in the evening. We have seen many sick and injured folks restored to health and to God we give all the glory and praise.

Mrs. Reah Harman.



VINCO, PENNSYLVANIA

Greetings to the Brethren everywhere from the Stone Church Built Upon the Rock." The Lord has richly blessed the work of the Vinco Brethren Church in recent months, and we would like to share with others the Brotherhood some of the good news from this eastern Pennsylvania mountain-top church.

Attendance-wise these have been good months for our church. The Sunday School attendance is approaching the three hundred average mark—a goal toward which we are striving this year. Morning worship services are very well attended, with every seat in the sanctuary filled, and many Sundays finding our ushers placing folding chairs in the rear of the church. Evening ser-

vices are likewise very well attended—most Sunday evenings finding at least one hundred folks in the service.

Our current "Book of the Week" program—in which the people of the congregation read the assigned book of the Old Testament during the week, and then the pastor preaches on that book on Sunday evening, is being very well received and has helped both in building up our evening attendance and also in church-wide Bible reading. Likewise our monthly Sunday School Class Nights have added interest to the evening services. The time is probably not too far off when it will be necessary for the church to enlarge its sanctuary. Much credit for the growth in attendance, newcomers, new converts, fine enthusiasm, etc., goes to the lay leaders of the church who are willing to spend time in visiting and helping in any other way that the writer might suggest. This is a rapidly growing community and the pastor must depend upon the lay people to help with the follow-up visitation, and to keep him informed of new folks in the area. In both of these phases of the work we have wonderful help.

During the past ten months we have received into the church a total of thirty-nine new members, plus nine others who have been reclaimed. The encouraging fact here is that our attendances reflect this increase. This pastor has never been too much impressed with the fact that a church might receive two or three hundred new members over a given period only to discover that the average attendance is still between two and three hundred.

It has often been suggested that the surest way to build an enthusiastic church at home is to arouse interest in missions. The Vinco Church is a shining example of the truth of this suggestion. The missionary giving of the folks here during the past year (including the money given for the support of our two missionaries Bob Bischof and Kenneth Solomon; the building of another mission school in Nigeria by our two Brotherhoods; our Thanksgiving Home Missions Offering; class gifts to Lost Creek; and our Easter Offering which we are certain will reach our \$2,500.00 goal) totals approximately eleven thousand dollars! This in addition to supporting all of the other denominational offerings well, and in addition to paying off a large portion of the parsonage debt. How do they do it? By putting into practice the Biblical teachings concerning stewardship!

Organization-wise the church is progressing very nicely. The trustees meet monthly and are always on the lookout for means of improving the physical plant; the Deacons have regular monthly meetings, and also take care of visiting prospective members, etc.; the Official Board and Sunday School Cabinet are both progressively minded groups—meeting monthly and always being ready to undertake projects and programs which might help their work. We are now making plans for our Vacation Bible School—always a very successful venture here. We have two Brethren Youth Crusader groups meeting on Sunday evenings and on Wednesday evenings for their own Prayer Meeting. Two Boys' Brotherhoods, two Sisterhoods, three Missionary Societies, a Laymen's Organization, plus many organized classes which meet regularly keep our church calendar pretty

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NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

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well filled—which again is a good sign both in the church and to the community.

The desire on the part of this congregation to hear the Word proclaimed in its simplicity and its fullness, and their many words of encouragement to the preacher, makes this a most wonderful group of people to face from week to week as we stand behind the sacred desk.

With Paul we say "we have not already attained," but rather feel that this is just the beginning. Pastor and congregation alike ask the prayers of the Brotherhood continually in order that we might be guided in our work in this challenging growing, missionary-minded church. Our prayers go out weekly for the Brethren everywhere.

Henry Bates, Pastor.

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Penna. District Sunday School Board

How To Make A Juvenile Delinquent

"If these instructions are carefully followed, we guarantee that your child will become delinquent and subsequently tried in the Juvenile Court. If found not guilty, we shall be glad to return him to you for further training because we are certain to get him eventually. This formula is almost infallible.

The Rules

Don't give your son any religious or spiritual training. Just take care of his bodily needs.

Don't be respectful of womanhood or of the law and government in his presence. Belittle "dames" and the courts, the police, public officials, the school, the church, and business. "It's all a racket!"

Never look for the real cause for untruthfulness in your child. You might discover that he learned the art of lying from you.

Never try to answer the endless "Whys" and "Hows" of your children because it pays to be ignorant.

Be sure to humiliate your child in the presence of his friends. It adds to his respect for you.

If conflict in wills arises between you and your child, don't try to reason with him, . . . just knock him down. Your father was the boss of his home and the kids may as well learn the "hard" way.

Don't have any constructive discipline with your wife or husband in the child's presence so that the child will learn on whom to depend.

Be sure to criticize departed guests in the presence of your child. He will respect your integrity.

Never give your child a reason for the commands laid upon him. Let him guess. It's much easier.

Don't consider his educational and emotional development a parental responsibility. What are schools for, anyhow?

Don't let him discuss his plans, problems, or pleasures with you. Just be too busy, so he won't develop affection or security or trust in you.

Don't open your home to his companions; they will muss up the place. And don't be concerned where he spends his free time.

Don't give him an allowance, because he might learn how to save or spend. Don't ask him to give to community needs or services. Just "dig down" yourself. That's the easiest way.

Don't be calm and poised. Be shocked. Explode when he tells you he has done something wrong. Then he won't confide in you the next time.

Don't be a pal of him. Go alone to your sports and entertainment. He would only be in the way.

Always buy your children the most expensive games and toys because if you get them something simple they might have to use their own imagination and who wants that side of a child developed?

Never let your child forget that only for you he would not have a roof over his head. You will become a pain in the neck to your child, and he loves to hear about the many sacrifices you make for him.

Be sure and keep your home from being a center. Make it a dumping ground for your grouches. Your child will love your thoughtfulness.

Always accuse your daughter of being promiscuous with every date she goes out with so that she will be impressed with the fact that you were a "good woman" when you went out with the boys.

Always leave your car key in the car. This encourages stealing, and since 98 percent of the car thefts are caused by this method, it proves that you are doing your part to encourage delinquency.

Never praise the child for his worth-while efforts because he might take advantage of your efforts and try harder to please you in the future.

Never give your child any affection, and never, never tell him how much you love him. He will get the idea that you are a softy.

If you forget all the above, just remember this one: Be a poor example yourself. Tell your child, "Do as I say; it's no one's business what I do." —Judge Philip Gilliam (Judge, Juvenile Court), Denver; William J. Harper (Director of Probation of the County of Westchester), White Plains, N. Y.

"The hour is come . . . but for this cause came I unto this hour." (John 12:23-27)

NOW IS

VICTOR HUGO was right when he said, "There is nothing so powerful in this world as an idea whose time has come."

Emerson said, "We do not conquer our ideas, but we allow our ideas to conquer us."

In the 12th chapter of John the Greeks had come to see Jesus. They had come from far away Athens, the seat of culture and the home of learning. They were well to do, for the poor could not travel so far in those days. They had heard about this miracle-working Saviour, but could not drop the plumb line of their thinking to understand how He could turn water into wine, or how He could spread the table for five thousand and have bread and fish to spare.

Upon their arrival they said to Philip, "Sir, we would see Jesus." They had hoped for a personal interview with Him. Philip went to Andrew, and they together went in to talk to Jesus. They found the Master ready to wash the feet of the disciples, and in answer to their inquiry, He said, "The hour is come."

What hour? The hour when the Son of man was to be offered up. The hour when a cruel cross was to be suspended upon which the Lamb of God was to be offered. Here was one who had come on a mission, one who had a purpose for which He was willing to live and to die. "There is nothing so powerful in this world as an idea whose time has come"—and the Master's time had come. The hour had struck.

The greatest hour of a man's life is when an idea takes hold of him. Dean Wicks of Princeton, watching boys grow up in college, says the sign that a boy has passed from childish stage to that of a man is when he has found some important enterprise and says, "I belong to that" or "That belongs to me."

The men and women who have led mankind around some crucial corner in history were men

and women who found their lives controlled by an idea.

Matthew was collecting taxes. But as Jesus passed by and invited him into the inner circle, Matthew said, "This is for me," and he forsook all to follow Jesus. He went so far that he would not turn back and suffered martyrdom and was slain with the sword in the city of Ethiopia.

Mark was a soldier of Rome, but he heard the gospel and said, "This is for me!" and gave his life as he was dragged through the streets of Alexandria in Egypt until he died. Dr. Lucretius, a Greek physician who wrote the birth certificate of Jesus, was hanged upon an olive tree in Greece for the sake of the gospel. James was thrown from a wing of the temple and beaten to death with a club. Bartholomew was flayed alive. His skin was literally torn from his body by the command of a savage king. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was bound to a cross from which he preached Christ until he died. Jude was slain to death with arrows. Paul was beheaded in Rome by Nero. Peter was crucified upside down on a cross for the sake of Christ. These men and women, their lives controlled by an idea, planted the cross in the lives of thousands even though it cost them their lives.

From Thomas Edison, who gave his great head and brain to illuminate our darkened rooms, to Einstein, who gave us the theory of relativity, to Dr. Jonas Salk, who labored through the night watches to alleviate suffering with his polio vaccine, to the scientists of the world who have penetrated the stratosphere with their missiles—these and many others were men whose lives were controlled by an idea, and those ideas have helped to make the history of our world.

What shall we say of those 36,602 protestant missionaries who today are serving on foreign soil? Of the thousands of Sunday School teach-

THE HOUR

Rev. Charles E. Blair

and workers in America, the pioneer preacher, the Sunday School unions who have gone into the out-of-the-way places, off highways into the highways, teachers who teach but a small group of boys and girls, whose names are never in print and have no songs sung in their honor, but whose lives today are shaping the destiny of mankind and making history as surely as Thomas Edison or Einstein or Dr. Von Braun.

Jesus said, "The hour is come." He referred, of course, to the offering of His life a ransom for the sins of nations yet unborn. I believe that the hour of the Sunday School has arrived. This is our greatest hour. Not only is it the greatest hour in the field of automation and mass production, in collectivism, in intercontinental ballistic missiles, in reaching the moon, but it is also the greatest hour for the Sunday Schools of our land. It is not only the hour of the greatest increase of crime, of juvenile delinquency, of mob gangs and lawlessness, of the number of criminals, but it is our greatest hour in that in this corruption as Christians can be the light of the world and the salt of the earth, and the darker the world, the brighter our light; the more corrupt, the more need for our salt to preserve righteousness. It is not only the greatest hour of the increase of population, higher skyscrapers, longer bridges, of faster planes, but it is the greatest hour for the church of Jesus Christ.

Thank God for the glorious past of the church, her apostles, her martyrs, her missionaries who have held the flaming fagot and given to our day the message of God's grace. With her past as great and glorious as it is, her future is even more promising, for with our modern equipment, with our trained teachers, with our sanctified lesson helps we will not only "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering," but we will "provoke one another unto good works,"

and we will "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but so much the more as we see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:23-25)

We will not just "Hold the fort"—"but so much the more." We will not only be thankful for our increase, but we shall press for greater numbers—

BECAUSE THE DAY IS APPROACHING

The signs point with unerring accuracy today that the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. This is that which must grip us. Anything less than this will cause us to turn aside when the way is rough. This fact of His coming must be that which will grip our lives, which in turn will produce the increase. We will be building on sinking sand if our enthusiasm and our drive, our zeal and our zest are built on anything less than this.

When Victor Hugo says, "There is nothing so powerful in this world as an idea whose time has come," we Christians must realize **OUR TIME HAS COME**, and the idea that must control our lives is the **FACT OF HIS COMING**.

We will never enjoy an increase—our zeal and zest will never be at its peak—there will not be the tip-toe expectancy in our lives to take advantage of this hour unless we . . .

1. Visualize

The prophet said, "Without a vision the people perish." When Jesus viewed the harvest field in the 9th chapter of Matthew He said, "The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few." And the first thing He did when He realized He needed helpers was to give them His vision.

If we are going to accomplish anything, if we are going to do something worthwhile, we must see as the Master saw. If we see only numbers—to try to beat last year's record; if we allow the spirit of carnal competition to grip our lives,

if we are trying to grow to out-do our friends across the city, we will never bring great glory to our Commander in Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ. We must see these people as Jesus saw them, scattered and having no shepherd, fleeced, lacerated, torn by violence, sheep among wolves—and without this vision, the people will perish.

On my first visit to the highlands of Scotland I was impressed with the picturesque wooden fences that separated the small farms. When several years later our low-flying plane landed at an airstrip in that same fertile country, looking out of the window I was surprised to see no wooden fences. Upon asking the stewardess what brought the change, she said, "The fences are still there. It is harvest time." The grain had grown so tall that the fences were not visible.

It is harvest time in our world, and the fences that divide us and separate us must be lost sight of, and we must see this world as Jesus saw it. So much depends upon what we see. If we as Christians see the harvest field as Jesus sees it, our whole lives will be different. Jesus said to see this world as He sees it we must pray. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." We need not only to go to the upper room to organize; we need to go also to the upper room to agonize. For it is on our knees that we receive this vision of a needy world. The nearest thing to the heart of God is a lost world. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." The compassion that moved Jesus will never grip our lives until we seek His face in prayer, for He has promised, "Ask of me, and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance." Oh, how the church needs a vision of a lost world!

2. Organize

When I think of organization, I think first of all of organizing our own individual lives. I am not surprised that some Sunday Schools and some classes are not organized—when our individual lives are not organized.

For years my own life failed to bear fruit for Christ, and I came to realize that my prayer life was a "hit and miss" proposition and that I would go for weeks without witnessing to a soul. My Bible reading was spasmodic. And then I began to discipline myself to spend the first thirty minutes of my day with God, to consistently daily read my Bible and to make a certain number of calls each week to those who were in need of the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour. Only then did my life begin to effectively count for God,



and only then was I able to effectively teach others.

After we have organized our own daily lives, then we must turn to those to whom we minister and help them to organize their lives. This is the way we build the Kingdom. This is the way we teach effectively—teaching others to do as we have learned to do, not just doing as we say but doing as we do. The value of prayer I must learn first; the thrill of witnessing I must first enjoy; I must first develop myself from daily Bible reading, and then help to accomplish the same for those to whom I minister or teach in my class.

I have learned that to organize my people in the ministry of prayer, in the ministry of teaching, training and in visitation—growth will come automatically. Prayer—to undergird and bring the vision; teaching—to all groups, making necessary the departmentalization of the Sunday School; and to have that teaching effective, they must be trained. And then to put the "Go" back into the gospel by a systematic visitation program to reach the unchurched.

3. Deputize

There came a time in the Master's life when because of His great compassion to reach the mass, both in the city and in the village, He needed helpers. In chapter 9 of Matthew He had need of laborers. In Matthew 10 He chose His disciples. He deputized them; He sent them out to do that which He was unable to do. In chapter

16 He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church . . . and I will give to you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

He could have created a spiritual harvesting machine, but He chose to use men. He made a great deal of men. "He gave to the church some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers." Some of our most effective teaching can come in the developing of other lives. This is the duty of the pastor to deputize the general officers, and they in turn deputize the departmental superintendents and teachers, and they deputize the class officers, that all from the least to the greatest together carry out the commission of our Lord.

4. Supervise

This makes necessary the weekly meetings, the monthly workers' conferences, the reports, the check-ups, for responsibility without accountability will not bring maximum results.

All of this, that we might

5. Evangelize

It is said that 60% of our boys and girls are lost from the church in later years. Is this because we have failed in our main duty, and that to win them to Jesus? Paul said to Timothy, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto

salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ." Timothy was taught to have great reverence for the word of God. Oh, how needed this is today! Secondly, he knew the scriptures. Thirdly, the teaching that he received was effectual—it made him wise unto salvation. And fourthly, it created a solid character. He became a soul-winner, a missionary, an evangelist.

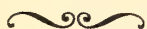
I visited a lady in the hospital. The doctor said she could only live a few hours. I asked her concerning her salvation. She returned a compliment concerning the church, my ministry, the many times that people had befriended her. Again, with a pointed question I asked concerning her salvation. There was a repetition of the same compliments. The people had impressed her with their friendliness and their kindness. Messages from the pastor had been enjoyed, but as far as I know, as she lapsed into unconsciousness and slipped into eternity, there was not a definite experience of the saving grace of Christ.

Our vision, our organization, the energy spent to deputize and to supervise must be with one single objective, and that is to evangelize—to point men to a living Saviour who alone can bring life everlasting!

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MARY HAD A LITTLE BOY

By Blake Martin



Mary had a little boy
His soul was white as snow,
He never went to Bible School—
'Cause Mary wouldn't go!

He never heard the tales of Christ,
That thrill the childish mind;
While other children went to class—
This child was left behind.

And as he grew from babe to youth
She saw to her dismay
A soul that once was snowy white—
Became a dingy gray!

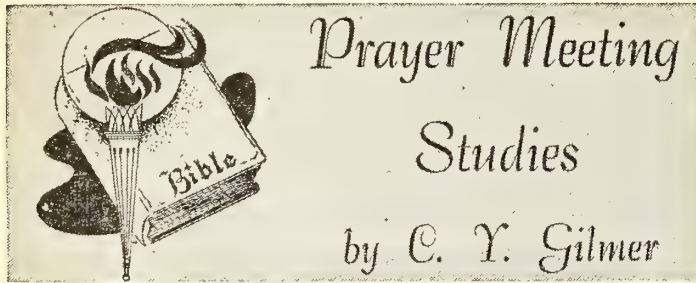
Realizing he was lost

She tried to win him back;
But now the soul that once was white—
Had turned an ugly black!

She even started back to Church
And Bible School, too;
She begged the Preacher: "Isn't there
A thing that we can do?"

The Preacher tried, and failed, and said
"We're just too far behind;
I tried to tell you years ago—
But you would pay no mind!"

And so, another soul was lost,
That once was white as snow;
Bible School would have helped—
But—Mary wouldn't go!



"Brethren Advance in Evangelism"

O LORD, SEND A REVIVAL

Of self I am weary
 My sins I abhor
 I long to be holy
 And pure to the core;
 Oh why do I labor
 On husks to be fed,
 Or spend my poor money
 For what is not bread?
 Thy church, O my Saviour,
 Thy body and bride,
 The saints Thou hast ransomed
 For whom Thou hast died—
 How cold are we growing
 In service and pray'r!
 Our love needs rekindling,
 Our altars repair.
 The world in its sorrow,
 The world needeth Thee;
 Revive Thy disciples
 Beginning in me!
 Endue us with boldness
 Thy grace to proclaim;
 O help us with power
 To speak in Thy Name!
 Thy glorious coming—
 We long for the day!
 But are we preparing
 Thy holy highway?
 Our hand seemeth weakened,
 And feeble the knee;
 O send a revival,
 Beginning in me!

—James M. Gray.

KHRUSHCHEV HAS BEEN INSULTING as Sen-
 nacherib (Isa. 37:16-20). Not leadership in an arms
 race but revival is God's way for a nation's safety (Zech.
 4:6). It is time to seek the Lord for revival (Psa. 14:34).
 Daniel sought revival for Jerusalem through prayer
 (Dan. 9:19). It is a sad day in the life of an individual
 or a people when they lose their sense of right and
 wrong (Jer. 6:16). The need is for world revival (Acts
 2:17).

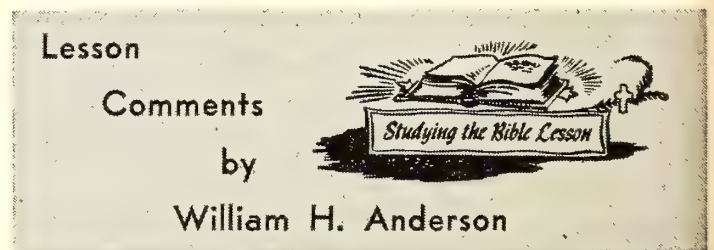
Though we look to the church for revival (Acts 4:31),
 it really originates in the individual members of
 the church (Jn. 7:37-39). One must take his stand as
 an individual (Isa. 50:7). In the unity of such individ-
 uals there is strength (Psa. 50:5).

"Here at the Cross, in this sacred hour,
 Here at the source of reviving power,
 Helpless indeed, I come with my need;
 Lord, for Thy service, fit me I plead!"

Pray for personal enlightenment (Psa. 19:8), spiri-
 tual comfort (Isa. 49:13; 52:9), sanctification to God's
 truth (Jn. 17:17-19), sanctification by cleansing (1 Cor.
 6:11), power in prayer (Lu. 11:1), watchfulness in
 prayer (Matt. 26:41), readiness for the Lord's coming
 (Mk. 13:33), alertness against temptation (Lu. 22:46), a
 knowledge of Christ's resurrection power (Phil. 3:10;
 Eph. 1:17-23; 2:1-7).

Remember, that you are purchased by Christ for Him-
 self (1 Pet. 1:18, 19), the good work begun within you
 by the Holy Spirit (Phil. 1:6), that the seal of the Holy
 Spirit is the badge that tells Whose you are (2 Cor. 1:22;
 Eph. 1:13). Make proper use of your time (Eph. 5:16;
 Col. 4:5) by doing good (Gal. 6:10). Reserve your mind
 and body as the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16,
 17). Know and use God's talents entrusted to you (Matt.
 25:14-30).

"Let none hear you idly saying
 'There is nothing I can do.'
 While the souls of men are dying,
 And the Master calls for you."



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Lesson for May 29, 1960

RICH TOWARD GOD

Lesson: Matthew 6:19-21; 24-34

MR. OLIVER ARTHUR OHMANN, assistant to the
 president of the Standard Oil Company of Ohio,
 put his finger upon the source of much of our trouble
 in America:

"Certainly no people have ever had so much, and
 enjoyed so little real satisfaction... Can it be that
 our god of production has feet of clay? Does industry
 need a new religion—or at least a better one than it
 has had?" (*Harvard Business Review*).

What is our trouble? We are rich in material posses-
 sions, but poverty-stricken in spirit. The Living Christ
 rebuked the Laodicean Church with these words: "Be-
 cause thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods,
 and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art
 wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked"
 (Rev. 3:17).

We need to be Rich Toward God!

**TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD WE MUST BE CON-
 CERNED ABOUT OUR HEAVENLY INVESTMENT.**
 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where
 moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break
 through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures
 in heaven" (Mt. 6:19-20).

The Christian is daily making investments, either for time or for eternity. According to his investments, so shall be his reward. What is invested in earthly goods, shall produce earthly rewards; and what is invested in heavenly treasures shall some day produce heavenly rewards.

“To have treasure in heaven is to possess evidence that its purity and joys will be ours. It is to be heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away” (Dr. Albert Barnes).

TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD WE MUST MAKE GOD OUR MASTER. “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Mt. 6:24).

It's no wonder so many Christians are spiritually poverty-stricken! They try to divide their affection between God and the world. **It cannot be done!**

“The supreme affections can be fixed on only one object. So, says Jesus, the servant of God cannot at the same time obey Him and be avaricious, or seek treasures supremely on earth. One interferes with the other, and one or the other will be, and **must** be, surrendered” (Barnes).

TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD WE MUST NOT BE UNDULY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS TEMPORAL LIFE. “Therefore, I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on” (Mt. 6:25). Williams translates the first part of this verse: “Stop worrying about your life.”

“Of course He does not forbid foresight and prudence; but He would keep us from that carefulness and worry which destroy our peace and hamper our usefulness” (Dr. Charles R. Erdman).

Jesus does not condemn **concern**, but **worry**; not **thought**, but undue **occupation**. There are three reasons why the Christian should not **worry**:

1. **Worry is UNNECESSARY**—“Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?” (Mt. 6:26).
2. **Worry is UNFRUITFUL**—“But which of you by worrying can add a single minute to his life?” (Wms.—Mt. 6:27).
3. **Worry is UNBELIEF**—“Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, . . . shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?” (Mt. 6:30).

TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD WE MUST PUT GOD FIRST AND MAKE GODLY THINGS OUR MOST FERVENT PURSUIT. “But as your first duty keep on looking for His standard of doing right, and for His will, and then all these things will be yours besides” (Wms.—Mt. 6:33).

What WE are to do: “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.”

“Now, says the Master, I have told you not to be anxious about these things (food and raiment). But
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Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by **Jim Rowsey**

MR. SUPERINTENDENT

DO YOU REALIZE that frequently the chief work of the superintendent both of the Sunday school and the various departments is left undone? Our time and energies are often spent in doing the routine work, but the supervision of the school—our chief task—is neglected.

By supervision in the Sunday school, we mean that activity which has for its purpose the improvement of the work of all the teachers and officers to the end that greater results in pupils' lives may be brought about.

Results may be accomplished by improving the teachers themselves, improving the working conditions—the places in which the teachers teach and the materials with which they work—or improving the attitude of the pupils.

Mr. Superintendent how do you spend your time while the teachers are teaching? You should visit the classes—one at a time. Spend the entire morning with the class, and then plan to spend some time in discussion of the period with the teacher at a convenient time during the following week. Yes, it will take a lot of time, but remember, we are doing business for eternity and the souls of men and women as well as boys and girls are at stake.

RESPONSIBILITY

We sometimes have delayed giving people responsibility until they prove themselves faithful, not realizing that as they give themselves in service they will grow in faithfulness. That does not mean we make them teachers or superintendents immediately, but that we assign them some responsibility in harmony with their talent where they can express their devotion to Christ and to the church. Let's begin now to put more people to work helping to get the job done that our Lord gave us to do.

ENTHUSIASM

IF YOU'RE ENTHUSED, YOU'RE SELDOM REFUSED! Nothing succeeds without enthusiasm. A salesman to sell must believe in and be enthused about his product. Be enthused about your Sunday school. By the way, Pastor, you can either be the **KEY** or the **BOTTLE-NECK** for Sunday school growth. Any Pastor with a growing Sunday school will tell you his Sunday school and church are receiving a real blessing because he believes in it and acts the part!

Timely Tips.

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NOTICE TO PASTORS

Many of you have received a second notice concerning the Sunday school Statistical Report. If you have received a second notice, please fill out the report and return it to the Sunday School Board office immediately. We will appreciate your help in this matter greatly.

World Religious News in Review

ADULTS HAVE BETRAYED TEEN-AGERS, EDITOR CLAIMS

If teen-agers in America today are having moral and ethical problems, the adults are primarily to blame.

So states Warren Wiersbe, Editor of *Youth for Christ Magazine*, in an article published in the June issue of his periodical released May 15. Titled "Today's Teens Have Been Betrayed," the article seeks to prove that the younger generation is merely following in the footsteps of the adults.

"Adults are doing an intensive job of brain-washing our young people," Wiersbe states. "Hollywood movies, radio, and TV alone, all controlled by adults, are molding teen-age thinking and morals.

"The average teen-ager spends three hours a day watching TV. What does he see? Violence, sex, beer ads carefully associated with sports, crime, and matinee idols whose private lives are anything but exemplary. Over two-thirds of our teen-agers are avid listeners to local disk jockeys. Now they know about things like payola, and they've discovered that the 'Top Ten Tunes' were picked for the teens, not by them."

Wiersbe points out that there are over 25 different teen publications on the newsstands today, plus other assortment of "sex" magazines which are sold primarily to college-age youth and below. "If we adults are horrified that nearly half of the illegitimate babies born last year were born to teen-age mothers, and that teens are being infected with venereal disease at the rate of 500 a day, then we ought to point to ourselves and take the blame for allowing this paper-and-ink garbage to be printed and sold." (EP)

BRYAN ESSAY ON "FAITH" READ TO SENATE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — The 100th anniversary of the birth of William Jennings Bryan was observed in the U. S. Senate by the recitation of his short, but famous essay on "Faith."

Sen. Robert C. Byrd (Dem.—W. Va.) read the essay to the Senate. It reads:

"Faith is the spiritual extension of the vision; it is the moral sense which reaches out toward the throne of God and takes hold upon those verities which the mind cannot grasp.

"The great things of the world have been accomplished by men and women who had faith enough to attempt the seemingly impossible and to trust to God to open the way.

"Faith is a heart virtue; doubts of the mind will not disturb it if there is faith in the heart.

"Faith in the triumph of truth, because it is truth, has ever been an unfailing source of courage and power. Faith leads us to trust the omnipotence of the Ruler of the Universe, and to put God's promises to the test.

"Faith is as necessary to the heart of the individual as it is necessary to world-wide peace. What can equal the consolation that comes from reliance upon the care of Him who gives beauty to the lily, food to the fowls of the air, and direction to all?"

FIVE MILLION IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — A record total of 5,090,000 U. S. students are enrolled in Catholic parochial schools this year, according to figures just released by the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

This is the first time in history that parochial school enrollment has topped the five million mark.

An official report released by the conference's department of education showed that Catholic elementary and high schools are now educating approximately one-eighth of the nation's children.

Public school enrollment is at the 35.3 million mark, with some 1.5 million children in non-Catholic private schools.

This year's Catholic school enrollment represents an increase of nearly four per cent over last year. Grade school totals show 4,262,100 pupils with 827,000 in Catholic high schools.

KHRUSHCHEV, FILON — "BROTHERS IN JESUS"

PARIS (EP)—During his tour of France, the strong man of Communism greeted Greek Ambassador F. Filon as a "brother in Jesus." Premier Nikita Khrushchev made the statement on the occasion when he was introduced to the Paris diplomatic corps.

"Yes, of course we are," Khrushchev said to the surprised Ambassador. "You brought Christianity to us and we are very grateful."

In another public statement, Khrushchev told his French audience that he disagrees with Christ who taught His disciples to "turn the other cheek." While visiting the historic city of Rouen, France, Khrushchev said, "There is much in Christianity that is common to us Communists. Only I do not agree when (Christ) says when you are hit on the right cheek, turn the left cheek. If I am hit on the left cheek, I hit right back on the right cheek so hard his head may fall off. Christ did well when he chased the money-lenders out of the temple with a whip."

In more private sessions, Khrushchev reportedly told President Charles de Gaulle, a devout Roman Catholic, that he did not believe in God, but that he regretted it.

METHODIST LEADER SAYS "REAL MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH IS ... MINISTRY OF THE LAYMEN"

St. Simon's Island, Ga. (EP)—"The real ministry of the Church is in a large measure the ministry of the laymen." So asserted Dr. Eugene L. Smith of New York, the Chief Executive of Methodist Overseas Missions, in addressing the second quadrennial Methodist Interfield Consultation here.

The ministry of the laymen to the secular world is one which the professional church worker cannot adequately perform, said Dr. Smith. "In the first place," he maintained, "the professionals are not there. And in the second place, the secular world today will not listen to the man and woman who makes his living from religion as it will listen to the non-professional."

The Church's major battlefield is not in its committees and conferences," he continued, "but in the common life of the secular world. Here

is where the vital decisions of the world are being made. Here the Christian layman is the Church, but at best the Church's attention to the essential task of equipping its membership for Christian vocation in the world is tragically inadequate."

CHURCHES OBJECT TO NINE-HOUR TEACHING SCHEDULE

BERLIN (EP)—A nine-hour education schedule will be imposed upon East Berlin School pupils this spring, according to officials of the East German regime.

Church leaders are alarmed by the move. They say the full-day education schedule will deprive the young people of the possibility of an independent development outside of Communist indoctrination and rob the home of its formative influence.

Under the new system, they noted, students will be in school from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. They thus remain the whole day long under the influence of the atheistic Marxist-Leninist ideology.

The new Red plan is seen as spearheading the ultimate introduction of all-day schooling in every Soviet Zone school.

It is in line with the new East German school law which both Protestants and Catholics have denounced as atheistic in character and a violation of freedom of religion and the rights of parents.

NEW DEAD SEA DISCOVERIES

JERUSALEM, Israeli Sector (EP)—One of the biggest and most difficult archeological expeditions ever undertaken in the Holy Land, a two-week search in caves dotting the sheer cliff above the Dead Sea, has unearthed at least one ancient parchment fragment containing a Biblical passage. The expedition, led by Hebrew University archeologists, also produced two groups of fragile twisted papyrus documents or letters, as yet unopened, and also leather jackets worn by Hebrew rebels who fought against the Romans almost 2,000 years ago. Virtually intact, the jackets were the

first of their kind ever uncovered. These and other findings are expected to shed new light on the first centuries of the Christian era.

BENSON CHALLENGES CHURCH TO MEET COMMUNIST DANGER

SALT LAKE CITY (EP)—In the last 40 years, Communism by "trickery and force" has brought more people under its control than "the total number of Christians now living in the entire world—and Christianity has been in existence for more than 2,000 years." So said Secretary of Agriculture Benson, an apostle of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as he addressed a church gathering here.

Speaking at the 130th annual conference of the LDS church, Benson declared that "Communism ceaselessly pursues the disintegration of the American way of life. It strives to use education, science, literature, art, even the churches, to undermine our free society."

Laid to Rest

RENCH. Mrs. G. W. Rench (Grace) of New Paris, Indiana, died at 12:30 P. M. Saturday, Apr. 5, in the Weaver Convalescent Home in Waterford, to which she had been taken only an hour before. She had not been ill previously, but had been confined to her home because of her age. She was born in South Bend on Sept. 15, 1868, and was married on Feb. 22, 1898 to Dr. G. W. Rench who pastored a number of our Brethren churches in his lifetime. His last pastorate was at New Paris, and they retired in New Paris, where he died in 1949. She is survived by a sister-in-law and a nephew. Funeral services were conducted Monday, Apr. 7, in the New Paris First Brethren Church, Rev. Woodrow A. Immel officiating. Burial was made in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Goshen.

Woodrow A. Immel.

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CUNNINGHAM. Mrs. Hattie Culp Cunningham, 89, departed to be with the Lord, Mar. 20th, following an extended illness. Faithful member of the Nappanee Brethren Church, the last of the original charter members. Served her Lord faithfully in many capacities. Funeral services in charge of her pastor, assisted by Rev. William A. Heimach, of the Presbyterian Church. Interment, Union Center Cemetery.

Virgil Ingraham, Pastor.

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MELLINGER. Milo J. Mellinger, Sr., 66, was called to be with the Lord Mar. 27th, following an illness of several months. Survived by his widow, one son, three

daughters and two brothers. Active member of the Nappanee Brethren Church. Funeral services conducted by the pastor; interment, South Union Cemetery.

Virgil Ingraham, Pastor.

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COLEMAN. John R. Coleman, 69, passed away Jan. 26th. Member of the Brethren Church since he was a boy. His father was founder and builder of the Lick Fork Brethren Church near Oak Hill, which building is no longer being used by the Brethren. Funeral services by the writer, with burial at Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Beckly, W. Va.

Bob Madoski, Pastor.

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HUDDLESTON. Mrs. Daisy Huddleston, 84, passed away after a long illness, Mar. 29th. Member of the Brethren Church since she was a young girl. Funeral services by the writer; burial in the family cemetery, Fayetteville, W. Va.

Bob Madoski, Pastor.

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SUMAN. Mrs. Bessie Suman, life-long member of the St. James Brethren Church, died Apr. 6th at the age of 83. Survived by her husband, one son, one brother and one sister. Funeral services by the writer. Burial, Manor Church of the Brethren Cemetery.

Freeman Ankrum.

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SILVERS. Elmer P. Silvers, 71, passed away Apr. 16th. Long-time member of the Ardmore Brethren Church. Survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters and nine grandchildren. Funeral services by the pastor; burial, Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

C. William Cole, Pastor.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

THE CRUSADERS' WORKSHOP

SATURDAY MAY 7th was a busy day in the Youth office and the basement of the Ashland College Chapel. Fourteen Crusaders met for the annual Crusaders Workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to get all of the Summer Workers together in order to make the final assignments for the Vacation Bible Schools and to look over the materials being used in the schools.

Saturday morning was spent in getting acquainted with each other and renewing old acquaintances. The final assignments were given to the Crusaders and then time was spent giving suggestions and instructions for the summer.

A filmstrip was shown entitled, "Signaling for Christ", which dealt with the Scripture Press materials.

After lunch in the Ashland College cafeteria, the Crusaders assembled back at the Chapel basement. The afternoon was spent dealing with the materials each worker would have. Miss Marjorie Ford of Scripture Press was scheduled to be the workshop leader, however she was not able to attend because her plane was grounded in Tucson, Arizona. However, we were happy to have Rev. Earl Swanson from Vermillion, Ohio to assist in the workshop. He gave the Crusaders some very fine ideas on working in the Daily Vacation Bible School, and some suggestions for the use of the materials in each of the departments.

Several local people from the Ashland area came to the Workshop in the afternoon. These people represented churches using Scripture Press materials.

After an evening meal at the Cottage Restaurant, the Crusaders came back to the Chapel once again. Rev. Swanson gave them a very challenging message to close the Workshop. We know that each one of the Summer Workers will be able to do a much more effective job of teaching your youngsters in Vacation Bible School because of the help they received in the workshop.

Following are the Crusaders and the localities in which they will be working this summer:

Kay Albright, Rt. 5, Alliance, Ohio; **June 27-July 10**, Lost Creek, Kentucky; General Work.

Connie Brower, Rt. 1, Roann, Indiana; **June 13-June 24**, Gretna, Ohio; **July 4-15**, Levittown, Pa.; Bible School.

Joyce Byler, 105 S. Church St., New Lebanon, Ohio; **July 4-August 14**, Krypton, Kentucky; **June 20-July 1**, Cumberland, Maryland.

Penelope Fisher, Rt. 1, Wabash, Indiana; **June 13-25**, Lost Creek, Kentucky; **June 27-August 14**, Krypton, Kentucky.

Linda Logan, Rt. 1, Bridgewater, Virginia; **June 20-26**, Lost Creek, Kentucky; **June 27-August 14**, Krypton, Kentucky.

Karen Mahoney, 1814 Glenmore, Elkhart, Indiana; **June 20-July 1**, Muncie, Indiana.

Mary Ann Moog, 620 S. Walnut St., Bryan, Ohio; **July 4-17**, Levittown, Pa.

Alice Oburn, Rt. 1, Covington, Ohio; **June 13-24**, Gretna, Ohio; **June 27-August 14**, Krypton, Kentucky.

Sally Ritchey, Myers Hall, A. C., Ashland, Ohio; **June 20-July 1**, Cumberland, Maryland; **July 4-15**, Levittown, Pa.

Martha Rose, 323 S. Main, Bryan, Ohio; **June 20-July 1**, Muncie, Indiana; **July 4-August 14**, Krypton, Kentucky.

Phyllis Smith, 1117 E. Curtis Ave., Decatur, Illinois; **June 20-July 1**, Muncie, Indiana.

Lois Staley, Rt. 1, Hagerstown, Maryland; **June 20-26**, Lost Creek, Kentucky; **June 27-August 14**, Krypton, Kentucky.

Sharon Berkshire, 523 Samaritan Ave., Ashland, Ohio; **June 13-19**, Lost Creek, Kentucky; **June 20-July 1**, Muncie, Indiana.

Jim Fields, 1909 Gaylord Drive, S. E., Washington 23, D. C.; **July 4-15**, Levittown, Pa.; **July 18-August 14**, Lost Creek, Kentucky.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

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there is something you are to be anxious about, something to seek, something to consume you. There is something that ought to drive you, making every nerve tingle and throb, and every artery flow with force. What is it? The Kingdom of God." (Dr. G. Campbell Morgan)

What GOD will do: "And all these things shall be added unto you."

"Trust them to your Father. Trust them after your toil is over, after your planning is done. After you have sown and reaped and gathered, leave the rest . . . Your father knows, and here is your blank cheque for necessities—"These things shall be added unto you." (Morgan)

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Valley, Pa.	11.00
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Elkhart, Ind. (Quarterly)	25.93
Total	\$ 930.66
Total Previously reported	8,704.93
Total to date,	
May 2, 1960	\$9,635.59

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

TOM COMES OUT OF RETIREMENT

TOM IS A RETIRED FARMER. He went to the city to live in ease. He bought a large full two-story house that set on the corner of a busy thoroughfare. Around the house there is a screened porch. Diagonally across the corner to his left there is a tall, massive, stone church with a high spire, reaching into the very heavens. It is a beautiful church and large is the congregation. Most of them go to church in chauffeured cars or in taxies. Some walk; those who delight in nature, those who need exercise and those who own gold-headed walking canes.

On the corner to his right there is another church; a small frame building that had recently received a new coat of paint. The constituency had donated their time and effort. Upon close inspection many laps and deficiencies in the work can be seen. The people came to this church in 4 or 5 year-old cars, trucks, on scooters and on bicycles. Many walk because of necessity. Occasionally someone comes in a new car and when this happens, it is a real event. After the service everyone has to look it over, inside and out.

It is Sunday morning. The owner of the filling station that is on the opposite corner had recently become a devout Christian, having joined the small church on the corner. His filling station was closed.

Tom is past middle age. He is robust, quite bald, very jovial and is taking the word retire literally and seriously. In his youth he had become a member of a small country church and had attended some, but when he grew to manhood and was married he became very busy making money, so he had long years ago established his religion in his wife's name. He is definitely a dormant Christian.

It is nearing church time. Tom is lying in his lounge chair, has the huge electric fan turned on, his 3 Sunday papers are nearby, his wife has gone to church and he is ready to settle down in comfort.

At the big church the paid organist lustily plays "How Firm a Foundation." The paid choir is singing. Not many of the congregation sings; no particular reason for them to sing, the choir is paid for that. The song ends.

The old piano that stands in the small church (the piano that went through the flood) sends forth its untuneful sounds. All the notes in the bass do not sound but the treble does fairly well, at least the congregation thinks so. Everyone lustily sings "The Lord is in His Holy Temple."

Then it is that Tom remembers that on this day the churches are to have a "Song Fest," and no sermon.

This is the way the story of the songs went as Tom listens, first to the massive, stone church and then to the small frame church:

"Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown?"
"No Not One, No Not One."
"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I stand."
"A Shelter In The Time Of Storm."
"Open My Eyes That I may See."
"Safely Through Another Week."
"I'm Living On The Mountain."
"Have You Counted The Cost?"

Offerings are being lifted. All is silent except the soft music from the instruments. Then the congregation from the small church sings:

"What If It Were To-day?"
and the paid choir from the large church answers
"I'd Surrender All."

The small church sings
"Will You Follow Him?"
And the answer is

"Anywhere, Anywhere."
Both churches are quiet. They are giving the invitations. From the small church Tom hears "Will You Follow Him?" and the large church answers "All The Way."

From the frame church Tom hears "Happy Days," and it is repeated by the paid choir and the congregation in the massive, stone church.

The songs have offered their sermon to Tom. He has come out of retirement and is now a regular attendant at the small, frame church.

Mrs. Edward Lippold,
Bunker Hill, Indiana.

THE MARKS OF A GOOD CHRISTIAN

- One who holds his membership where he lives.
- One who attends all the services of his church if he can possibly do so.
- One who gives regularly and cheerfully to the support of his church.
- One who knows, believes in, and practices the doctrine of the New Testament.
- One who seeks to be a peacemaker in the church and community.
- One who reads his Bible, and prays sincerely to God each day.
- One who seeks the salvation of his kindred, friends, neighbors, and all who are lost to the ends of the earth.
- One who boosts his church and will not see it neglected, harmfully criticized or abused without defense.
- One who submits the majority rule and cooperates for the good of the church.
- One who seeks to improve his Christian life through the reading of good literature.
- One who is always ready to forgive, as Christ forgives us.—Copied.

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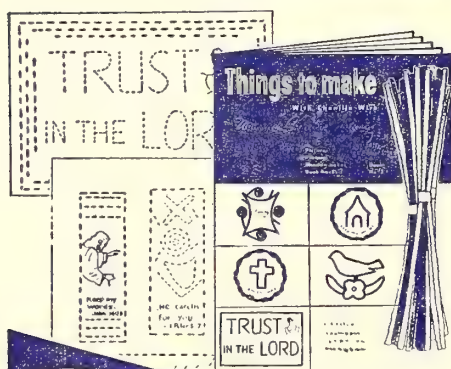


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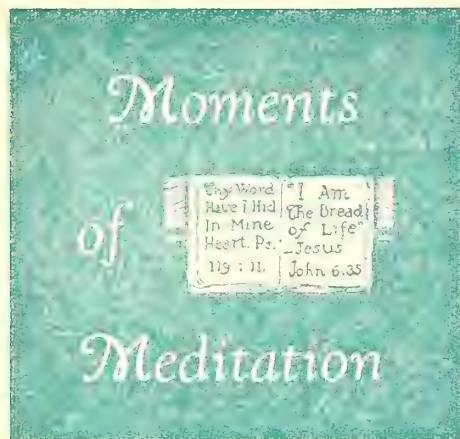
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HEAVEN

One night a girl walking with her father was looking intently at the skies. Her father asked what she was thinking about, and this is what she said: "I was thinking if the wrong side of heaven is so glorious, what must the right side be?" We cannot tell what a glorious place Jesus is preparing for us, but we know it will be a beautiful place. And, best of all, He will be there!

—Unknown.

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MEDITATION

By Lon R. Woodrum

Yesterday is gone,
Tomorrow has not come.
Today I have
But it will soon be yesterday!
And tomorrow soon will be today!
The future soon is present,
The present soon is past.
And soon in the year of days
Becomes eternity!
Be this my faith:
I'll not be hurt
By yesterday,
Or fearful of tomorrow,
If I but dwell with God
In His eternal
NOW!

—Sel.

HOW TO TEST AMUSEMENTS

1. Do they rest and strengthen, or weary and weaken the body?
2. Do they strengthen and rest, or weary and weaken the brain?
3. Do they make resistance to temptation easier or harder?
4. Do they increase or lessen love of virtue, purity, temperance and justice?
5. Do they give inspiration and quicken enthusiasm, or stupefy the intellectual and harden the moral nature?

—Selected.

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FOR SALE

One cross, nearly new. I cannot carry it and keep up with the world and its crowd.

One talent, new except slightly shelf-worn. It has been laid away for years in a napkin.

One five piece set of armor. All pieces are in good shape, only need polishing.

One bundle of Christian opportunities. Contained in this bundle is one of the greatest opportunities in the world, and that is of going to my church every Sunday. Another one is the opportunity of being a soul winner. I seldom use these opportunities so have decided to let them go with the sale.

One badly-used Christian influence. Buyer may be able to repair this influence if carefully handled.

The above-mentioned items are stored in the basement of my home, located on the corner of Careless Avenue and Neglect Street.

Signed,
A Lota Christians.

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It is far more honorable and glorious to carry a cross for Jesus than a crown for the devil.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

I wash the dirt from little feet,
And as I wash I pray,
"Lord, keep them ever pure and true
To walk the narrow way."

I wash the dirt from little hands
And earnestly I ask,
"Lord, may they ever yielded be
To do the humblest task."

I wash the dirt from little knees
And pray, "Lord, may they be
The place where victories are won
And orders sought from Thee."

I scrub the clothes that soil so soon
And pray, "Lord, may her dress
Throughout eternal ages be
The robe of righteousness."

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SOME PARENTS SAY

"We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion."

Why not?

The ads will! The press will!
The radio will! The movies will!
Their neighbors will! Their business will!

Their politicians will!
We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, cattle—shall we ignore our children?

—Selected.

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If lots of people who can't pay their debts would first pay their tithes, God would enable them to pay their debts. Try it conscientiously and see.



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The Editor's Pulpit

Was The Summit Conference Really A Failure?

THE DATE, May 17th; the place, Paris. The hopes of the world rested on what took place on that day and the days to follow as rulers of the four big world powers agreed to meet to talk peace. Gathered there were President Dwight D. Eisenhower of the United States, Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of England, and President Charles de Gaulle of France. These three, along with the leader of the Communist world, a man by the name of Khrushchev, were scheduled for their first meeting on that day.

The day before, Khrushchev had pretty well let it be known that he had his own terms on which the talks were to be held. Referring back to the capture of the U. S. espionage plane, the U2, this self-styled, egotistical Communist dictator insisted on making this incident a major factor in anything taking place in Paris.

When the great hour for the meeting arrived, Khrushchev laid down his terms. We are familiar with them—an apology from our President for the incident of the U2, sure and certain punishment for everyone involved in sending the U2 over Russian territory, and a promise that no such thing would happen again. The worst blow of all seemed to be Khrushchev's suggestion that the talks be suspended until a new president was elected in the United States. The hopelessness of effecting any peace talks was evident. Then came the statement that the Summit Conference had failed.

Yes, it failed to bring about any progress in East-West relations, but in our opinion, if we are willing to learn the lesson, and learn it fast, the Paris Summit Conference was not a failure! What is that lesson? The lesson is that you can't do business with the Communists! Many sober-thinking Americans have known this even before the crushing of the German army between the Allies and the Russians fifteen years ago.

We are mindful of the many and noble efforts on the part of leaders of the western powers, notably our own country, to work peaceably with the Communists. Many concessions have

been made by the western powers. To our knowledge, even in reviewing history back to World War II when Russia was our "ally," there has not been one concession on the part of Communist Russia for the benefit of the free world!

Herbert Philbrook, in his book, "I Led Three Lives," which book was later developed into a television series, certainly gave evidence that Communism was seeking to sabotage and overthrow our American government and way of life. Here is documented, real-life evidence that the Communists are not playing games—that they are playing for keeps. North Korea, Red China, currently operating concentration camps, a program of fear and a failure to cooperate, are all evidence of the dirty work being done by the Communists. A close-up look at their objectives will likewise reveal that they aren't going to waste time making things any easier for us.

We have from time to time pointed out that Communism and Democracy are incompatible. Whereas Democracy insists on government of the people, by the people and for the people—the Christian-bred form of government—yet Communism recognizes only one thing—the State. To them, people and property exist only for the power and the gain of the State. Democracy is based on the rights, worth and privileges of the individual under the laws and blessings of God. Communism recognizes no god except the State. Democratic ideals come from God; Communism from the pits of hell. Let's face it, the two are incompatible.

Does that leave us out on a limb? Are we doomed to the calendar of the Communists when they say they will conquer all of Asia in 1960, all of Africa by 1965, and all of the world by 1972? It leaves us at their mercy **ONLY IF** we fail to remember that our God is more powerful than any force of evil Communism.

So, we are calling upon Brethren, and Christians everywhere, to engage in intercessory prayer that the tide of world opinion which seemed to

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GREETINGS FROM COSTA RICA

Dear Friends in Christ:

As we sit here today writing to you, the dream blends into the reality—we are really in Costa Rica!

On Friday, April 22, at 2 A. M., our turbo-prop Viscount took off from Cleveland Airport. From our altitude of 20,000 feet, the tiny lights below reminded us of an inverted Heaven. Traveling at 310 miles per hour we reached Miami at about 6 A. M. Our luggage was transferred to an airplane of the Lasca Lines (Costa Rican line) and by 7:30 A. M. we were well on our way again.

Our plane made a short stop at a little island which is British controlled (Grand Canyon); then it headed on its way to our home for this year—Costa Rica. As the blue ocean disappeared at the shore line of Costa Rica, we were impressed with the great beauty surrounding us. The low tropical areas rose into high green mountains then plunged down into fertile valleys and finally leveled off onto a plateau of 3,800 feet above sea level, on which San Jose is located. Our twin-engine plane landed at Coco International Airport at about 12:00 noon.

Our "big brother and big sister" were there to meet us and to help us get through customs, since we knew no Spanish—the extent of it being "No entendo Espanol" (I do not understand Spanish) and then going through a few charades of our own creation to make them understand what we meant.

The weather was sunny and warm. The average temperature here is 75-85 degrees during the day and 65-70 through the night. We are now just entering the rainy season of the year; so about 1 or 2 o'clock in the afternoon we have some rain each day.

Our first four days were spent looking for an apartment—we finally found one which was reasonable (???) and comfortable. The cost of living here is extremely high in comparison with that back home. The scenes on the street are really something to try to describe—the oxcarts, horses and bicycles mixed with modern buses, cars and motor scooters.

We have found the Spanish Language School all we had hoped for. More than 1,300 missionaries have been through this school since it was organized. These people are now serving their Lord all over the Spanish-speaking part of the world. At present there are about 160 students from 36 sending bodies. They include ministers, teachers, musicians, pilots, Christian education directors, nurses, doctors, radio technicians and agriculturalists. We have found the school to be both spiritual and well staffed. There are no more than five students in each class.

We attended a large evangelical church service the first Sunday we were here. The service was all in Spanish! We had a blessed fellowship with them even though we understood little of the message. There is a one-ness of spirit which cannot be described. We find it

very easy to love these people in this beautiful land where there seems to be no race discrimination.

One can, however, see the evidences everywhere of a people lost in the superstition and fear which the Roman Catholic Church breeds here in Latin America. The saints and Virgin Mary are venerated above Christ. Images and fetishes are found in the market places, in the shops, and even on the buses and taxis. The personal Christ is not known in most of the lives here. There is a great burden in our hearts for all of these people, for Latin America, and for world missions in general. The people "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" bring to our remembrance the experience the Apostle Paul had as he spoke to the Greeks in the center of the Areopagus (Mars Hill auditorium) and said "Men of Athens, I perceive in every way—on every hand, and with every turn I make, that you are most religious." (Amplified N. T.) Acts 17:22. The Bible teaches that a religion without a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is an alien Gospel.

Please pray for evangelical work among these people and for us as we learn their language, culture, and customs.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Bill and Fran Curtis.

A DAY IN A NIGERIAN DISPENSARY

Mary Ann Moyer Kulp

My work at the school dispensary has brought me into close contact with both the people and the diseases of tropical Africa.

These people I had met heretofore only in books and motion pictures, and many of the diseases I had never known existed.

The Africans at Waka are of two groups: students, both single and married, and the families of our household help. Altogether, there are about 200 students, which number includes 50 women and children.

In Waka Village, the settlement of our domestic help, there are nearly thirty families, some with five or six children. These groups, together with the laborers and masons who are employed to do the continuous building and construction work and the carpenters who make and repair our furniture swell the number of people for whose health the dispensary is responsible to more than 350.

The work is fascinating, baffling, rewarding, frustrating, heartbreaking—and endless. On the whole, the students and the families of those who are married are by this time somewhat aware of the basic principles of sanitation and health.

However, the families of Waka Village and the laborers have had little education. Some have attended classes on health and hygiene and have shown an effort to prac-

tice what they learn; others continue to live according to their old habits.

Malnutrition is a constant source of trouble, and it will be many years before the average Nigerian will be conscious of the importance of proper diet. Anemia is common, particularly in babies and young children, and rickets, too, is often seen.

The flesh-decaying tropical ulcers are probably as common as they are because of the poor nutrition of the Nigerian. Amoebic and other forms of dysentery are rampant because contaminated water is drunk directly from the streams. Schistosomiasis, contracted from bathing in polluted water, is nearly as common.

Malaria and other fevers are always present, although the students receive anti-malarial medication every week, and a few of the village families are buying it for themselves. Skin diseases and all types of worms are everyday matters. Then there are all sorts of ordinary things like colds and coughs, measles and chicken pox, asthma and rheumatic fever, punctuated by an occasional case of leprosy or elephantiasis.

The Waka dispensary consists of a two-room stone building, and is managed by a trained Nigerian dispenser and myself. In one day we treat an average of 75 patients, although in May, during an epidemic of whooping cough and colds, we saw as many as 200 people every day for two weeks.

At 6:30 A. M. the students' wives bring their children and their problems. Little Anna, the ten-month-old daughter of a student who will graduate this year, is thin, listless, and anemic. Her big, dark eyes are solemn as she swallows her vitamins and iron tablets. Timothy, the son of another student, screams, coughs, sputters as we try to pour a crushed aspirin down his throat.

Next come the students, many with knees skinned or ankles sprained while playing football in physical training class. There is Yadawi, who is new at Waka this year. He has had amoebic dysentery. In spite of three weeks spent in our mission hospital at Garkida, he is weak and thin, behind in his school work, and seemingly unable to get ahead of his illnesses.

Later in the morning come the people of Waka Village. The wife of the caretaker of Waka oxen brings her premature baby to be weighed. At birth it was four pounds and ten ounces, and now, six weeks later, it weighs seven pounds. Also comes Pindar, wife of one of the gardeners. Their five-pound premature infant died recently. Here too are Ruth, a three-year-old who is recovering nicely from an intestinal obstruction caused by worms; Wahir, one of the cooks, who is receiving injections for schistosomiasis; Yusubu, bitten by a scorpion; Asta, who is receiving free powdered milk provided by UNICEF for her baby, since she cannot nurse it. Douwda, a one-year-old whose head is covered with boils.

My heart is lifted when I see Bitrus smile at me. He is an eight-month-old child who recently was near death's door with severe diarrhea and vomiting and now has completely recovered. His happy face and his parents' gratitude make my day worthwhile. But then there is poor little Zacharia, his body wasted by fever and spasms of coughing, vomiting and pain. He developed whooping cough in the spring, and, in spite of repeated trips to the

hospital, has grown steadily worse through the months, and we cannot see much hope for him.

The sun slants through the dispensary door, and the day draws to a close. We wash the tin cans used for drinking, refill the empty medicine bottles, and replenish bandages and ulcer dressings. A few latecomers are always certain. Their babies have just developed fever or they have been bitten by something or a chip of wood has gotten into an eye. These cared for, we close the doors with a silent prayer that the Great Physician will aid our poor attempts at healing and that the new day will bring us the wisdom and courage we so sorely need in this place, in this work.

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THE EDITOR'S PULPIT

WAS THE SUMMIT REALLY A FAILURE?

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be going in favor of Russia prior to the Summit gathering, might, as it now seems to be, continue going against them. We urge you to pray that God will use this Summit incident to show the world what Khrushchev and his henchmen really are, at the same time giving our President and the leaders of other western powers the wisdom and power to show that there is a way of living together which is other than fear, hate and despotism.

On this, the eve of Memorial Day, let us be fervent in prayer that God will cause the seeming failure at Paris to work for good to those who love peace. W. S. B.

Items of General Interest

VINCO, PENNSYLVANIA. Brother D. C. White was guest speaker in the Vinco Church at morning and evening services on May 1st.

CANTON, OHIO (TRINITY). Four new members were received recently into church membership by letter.

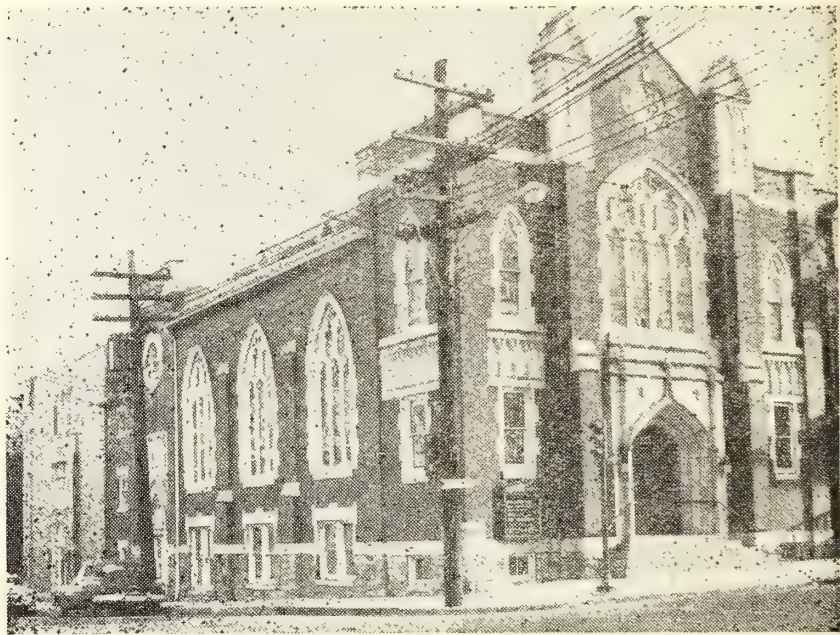
LANARK, ILLINOIS. Five new members were added to the church by baptism recently.

PENNSYLVANIA CAMP JUNIATA CAMP RALLY

Friday, June 3rd.....6:30 D. S. T.
Vinco Fellowship House
Supper—\$1.00

Penna. District Sunday School Board

Program of the
Seventy-Third Conference
of the
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT
of
Brethren Churches
Hagerstown, Maryland
June 14, 15, 1960



HAGERSTOWN FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH,
Antietam and Mulberry Streets

Eastern Daylight Saving Time Observed

THEME:
“GROWING in GRACE, GIFTS, GODLINESS”
* * *
“Let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear.” Hebrews 12:28.
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Conference OrganistMrs. J. R. Shultz
Conference ChoristerMr. John L. Carnochan

CONFERENCE OFFICERS
ModeratorRobert Madoski
Vice ModeratorRobert L. Hoffman
SecretaryBruce C. Shanholtz
Assistant SecretaryMrs. Homer Orndoff
StatisticianHarold Hall
TreasurerGuy H. Tamkin

Tuesday Morning — June 14
10:00 Song ServiceLed by Mr. Carnochan
Appointment of Credential Committee
DevotionsRev. George W. Solomon
Words of WelcomeMr. Roger Gleason
Report of Credential Committee
10:30 Business Session
Election of District Conference Officers
11:00 Congregational Hymn
Vice-Moderator’s Address ...Rev. Robert Hoffman
“Growing in Grace”
12:00 Noon Fellowship Meal
Tuesday Afternoon — June 14
1:30 Congregational Hymn
DevotionsRev. Bruce Shanholtz
1:45 Business Session
Election of District Mission Board
Nomination of Ashland College Trustee
Appointment of Time and Place Committee

2:30 Denominational Board Reports
3:00 Departmental Sessions
Woman’s Missionary Society
Laymen
Brethren Youth
5:30 Evening Dinner Hour
Brethren Youth Banquet
Tuesday Evening — June 14
7:30 DevotionsRev. Freeman Ankrum
Special Music
Moderator’s AddressRev. Bob Madoski
District Brethren Youth Speech Contest
Assignment of Delegates
Benediction
Wednesday Morning — June 15
8:30 Departmental Sessions
Woman’s Missionary Society
Laymen
Brethren Youth

- 9:30 DevotionsMr. Isaac Litton
- Business Session
- District Corporation Meeting
- District Mission Board Report
- Report of Time and Place Committee
- Election of Board Members
- 10:40 Ashland Seminary Development Committee Pro-
gramDr. J. R. Shultz
- 11:00 Brethren Field SecretaryMr. John Porte
- 11:30 MessageRev. Harold Barnett
- "Growing in Gifts"
- 12:00 Noon Fellowship Meal

Wednesday Afternoon — June 15

- 1:30 Congregational Hymn
- MessageRev. Harold Garland
- "Growing in Godliness"
- 2:00 Business Session
- Minutes, Reports, Unfinished Business
- 2:30 General Mission Board Report
- 3:00 Departmental Sessions
- Woman's Missionary Society
- Laymen
- Brethren Youth
- 4:30 Sisterhood and Boy's Brotherhood
- 5:30 Evening Dinner Hour
- W. M. S. - S. M. M. Banquet

Wednesday Evening — June 15

- 7:30 Congregational Hymn
- DevotionsMr. Harold Hall
- Installation of Conference Officers
- Missionary SpeakerRev. Rob Byler
- Closing Hymn
- Benediction

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Theme"Serving Christ With our Time, Talents and Tithes."

Tuesday Afternoon — 3:00

- DevotionsCumberland W. M. S.
- Special Music
- Business Session
- Guest SpeakerRev. Robert Byler

Wednesday Morning — 8:30

- DevotionsMt. Olive W. M. S.
- Special Music
- Business Session
- Goals, Project, Election of Officers

Wednesday Afternoon — 3:00

- Devotions and Special MusicMathias W. M. S.
- Business Session
- Guest SpeakerRev. Robert Byler

Wednesday Evening — 5:30

W. M. S.—S. M. M. Banquet

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SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA

Wednesday Afternoon — 4:30

- DevotionsBy Officers
- Special Music
- Message "Youth Work in Argentina"
- Business Session
- Election of Officers
- Project
- Benediction

BRETHREN LAYMEN'S ORGANIZATION

Tuesday Afternoon — 3:00

- DevotionsSt. James Laymen
- MessageMr. Dale Long

Wednesday Morning — 8:30

- DevotionsHagerstown Laymen
- MessageRev. Robert Byler

Wednesday Afternoon — 3:00

- DevotionsWashington, D. C. Laymen
- MessageMr. John Porte

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

HOW TO SLEEP PEACEFULLY

"I will lay me down in peace, and sleep; for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety." Psalm 4:8.

ON AN INDIANAPOLIS TV station there is a mattress company which advertises a product of their company (a mattress) which they guarantee will enable its user to be able to sleep with perfect comfort. Insomnia (sleeplessness), is a common cause of restlessness. To be perfectly conscious of fatigue, and of the need of relaxation and rest, and yet not to be able to close the eyes and drift off into refreshing sleep, will disturb any and all who have that experience.

Our text offers some suggestions on this subject. One is the habit of committing our lives into God's care ere we lie down to sleep; the other is really trusting that God will take care of us.

Two illustrations will bring the truth to us in concrete form. One story comes from the life of the great English Bishop Riley, who was burned at the stake in Oxford in 1555.

On the night before the cremation the Bishop's brother offered to watch with him through the night. "No, no," replied the Bishop, "that you shall not. For I mind (God willing) to go to bed, and to sleep as quietly tonight as I ever did in my life." And so, having committed his soul to God, the Bishop slept, without care for the fiery trial which awaited him in the morning.

During World War II an old lady in France continued living in a danger zone from which all but she had fled. Friends interrogated the old lady: "How can you sleep through those terrifying nights?" she was asked. "I do not find it difficult because as the Psalmist said, 'He that keepeth thee will not slumber.'" Then she added, "There is no need for both of us to keep awake."

Believing Christians rest in quietness and peace because we are confident of God's keeping power.

What you have is important, what you do is more important, but what you are is the most important.

TRINITY BRETHREN, Canton, Ohio, dedicate New Church



DEDICATION SERVICES for the new Trinity Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio, were held on March 27th, at 3:00 P. M. Dedicatory day services began at 9:15 A. M., with Sunday School, followed by the worship service at 10:20 A. M.

Speaker for the morning and afternoon services was Professor J. Ray Klingensmith, of Ashland Seminary, whose subjects, morning and afternoon respectively, were: "Christ Still Speaks," and "What Mean Ye By These Stones?"

Following is the program of Dedication:

Prelude: "Adoration" Barowski
Piano, Mrs. Joseph Watkins; Organ, Mrs. Edgar Heist
Processional Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"
Litany of Praise
Invocation Prayer
Scripture Lesson: Mr. Joseph Watkins, Church Moderator
Words of Greeting
Acknowledgments and Introductions
Anthem: "'Are Ye Able?' Said The Master" Choir

Key Ceremony:

Mr. Vernon Latta, Chairman, Planning Committee
 Mr. Ralph G. Dix, Jr., Church Architect
 Mr. Harland Clapper, Chairman, Building Committee
 Mr. Louis Cordier, Chairman Trustee Board

Act of Dedication

Prayer of DedicationProfessor, Edwin Boardman,
 Ashland Seminary

Vocal Solo: "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" ..S. Liddle
 Miss Kay Scritchfield

Dedication SermonProfessor Klingensmith
 Dedication Offering

Offertory: "Panis Angelicus".....Cesar Franck
 Piano, Mrs. Robert Keplinger; Organ, Mrs. Edgar Heist
 Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Benediction and Recessional

Open House and refreshments followed the service.

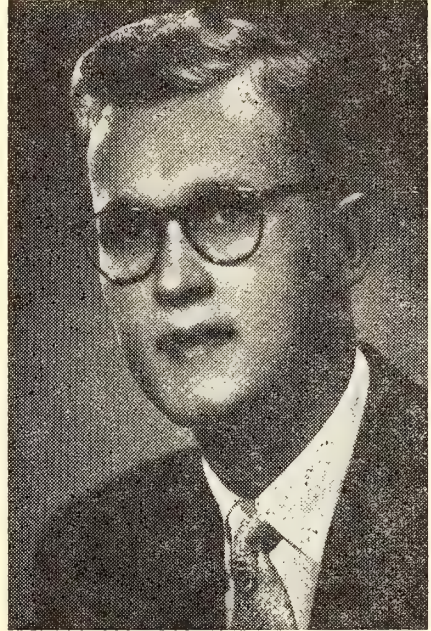
The Dedication Committee was: Joe Watkins, Ed Heist,
 D. Barnes, R. Brant, L. Cordier, Miss Inez Summers, Mrs.
 Helen Witter, Mrs. Winnie Clapper.

Total costs of the new Trinity Brethren Church, including the land, building and furnishings, is \$100,000. Constructed of brick and concrete shadow block, it is of modern design with laminated wooden beams. Above the pitched roof is the motif of a cross.

The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 200, plus an overflow space and choir loft for 30. Also on the main floor is the baptistry, pastor's study and choir, record and storage rooms. The lower level has a large fellowship room which may be entered from a patio. Also on this

level are rest rooms, kitchen, nursery and class rooms. The furnishings are in light oak.

Robert L. Keplinger is the pastor of the Trinity Brethren Congregation since 1954, during which time the plans for selling the old church building at 7th St. and Gibbs Ave., N. E., and plans for relocating at 455 55th St., N. W. and the erection of the present new edifice were made.



REV. ROBERT KEPLINGER

INDOCTRINATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

The General Conference Committee on Indoc-trination Materials has prepared the contents of a book to be used as a Manual of Instruction throughout the Brethren Church. The work was ordered by a resolution of the 1959 session of the Conference last August.

In form, the question and answer method has been used. Questions are asked. The answers are given, with supporting scriptural references. Then editorial comment follows each answer.

In format, the book will be approximately 5 by 8 inches, containing some 150 pages. The printing will be in 10 point type, with references possibly in 8 point. Printing of this size type on a good grade of book paper will be easy to read. The cover will be board with Title and Emblem in two color.

The material is ready for the printers. A minimum edition of 10,000 copies will be ordered. The books will be ready for distribution at the General Conference at Ashland, barring unforeseen hindrances.

The Committee will need funds to pay the publishers. The price of the book will be \$1.00. We

are asking each congregation to order, with cash in advance, at least one copy for every family in the Church. For orders with cash received by July first, the price will be 90 cents. This will not only provide the funds for printing, but will afford an estimate of the quantity to print above 10,000.

Send all orders and money to your Committee Chairman,

A. T. Ronk,
 4211 Rownd Street,
 Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Do not order from the Brethren Book Store before General Conference time as you will cause them the trouble and expense of forwarding to above address.

Your Committee,
 Albert T. Ronk, chairman
 Robert Keplinger,
 Smith Rose,
 Donald Rowser,
 L. E. Lindower.

Moderator's Address

1959 Mid-West

District Conference

"Go, Stand, Speak!"

Rev. Robert G. Holsinger

TO YOU, THE DELEGATES of this 1959 Mid-West Conference, and Friends, I wish to state my appreciation for the privilege of having served as Moderator of this Conference. I also wish to remind you of the rich heritage which we have as Brethren. Our Ordinances are the finest which can be observed. We can be proud of our Church as we have tried to carry out the example and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But I would remind you that to whom much is given—from them also much is expected. By our knowledge of the Scripture, and as those teachings have been applied, we have been blessed. We must continue to obey these teachings and commands of our Lord. Before I go any further, I wish to say that this message is not advocating a Gospel just of WORKS. As a gift without the giver is bare, so our service to our Lord, unless it be rendered by a completely dedicated Christian, is unacceptable to Him. If we love Him, we must serve Him. "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

The theme of our Conference is "Go, Stand, Speak," and that would be the most appropriate title for what I have to say tonight. The title is taken from the twentieth verse of the fifth chapter of the Book of Acts, but the thought is based on the entire chapter, beginning with verse twelve.

After the Day of Pentecost, when the power of the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples, after Peter and John had healed the crippled man who sat at the gate of the temple, after multitudes of the people had believed because of the healing and witnessing of the disciples; the priests could no longer restrain themselves. One evening the priests and the captain of the temple laid hands upon the disciples, and put them in prison, in order to bring them before the Jewish council. Because the Jews were afraid of the people, the disciples were not punished, but they were commanded "not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus." Peter and John, in Acts 4:19-20, said "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

In the thirty-first verse of the fourth chapter, Luke records that "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." In chapter five is recorded that "believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women." I am going to read the passage relating what happened next, Acts 5:12-33, 38-42.

Because the disciples had disobeyed the orders of the Sanhedrin not to teach or speak in Jesus' name, and because of the additional multitudes who were follow-

ing Him; the High Priest and other leaders of the Sadducees knew they were in grave danger of losing their own position and power, so in their fear and anger one night they again laid hold on the disciples and put them in a common prison. What a blow to the group of believers, if these Jewish leaders are able to carry out their design of putting the leaders of the Christians to death—what a tragedy would result. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison and, after leading them out, said, "Be going and, having taken a stand, go on speaking in the Temple to the people the words of this life! And having heard it, they went at dawn into the Temple and began to teach." (This is Lenski's translation of verses nineteen and twenty.)

Sometime during the night an angel appeared in the prison where the disciples were confined, miraculously opened the locked doors from the inside, and himself led the disciples out. The guards saw nothing. Twelve men witnessed this act, saw and heard the angel and knew that it was God's deliverance. Some say that this release amounted to nothing since the group was promptly re-arrested. But they were in a far different position than when they were first arrested the night before. The outcome of this "trial" was turned in favor of the disciples by this miracle. The church needed more time for development before the followers of Christ were to be scattered.

The angel leaves the group with specific directions which in point of boldness, were like an open challenge to the Jewish leaders who had caused their arrest. They are to go and take their stand in the very court of the Temple where they had been preaching constantly, and are to "Continue to utter all the utterances of this life" to the people. It was still night, the Temple gates were still locked. It was too early to carry out the angel's order. But when the gates were opened for the early service at dawn, the disciples entered the temple courts and began their teaching. This was God's answer to the Sadducees. "Rejecting this life" themselves, they were determined to prevent all others from accepting it even as Jesus had said in regard to the Pharisees. Matthew 23:13.

The Sadducees summoned the members of the high court and then also sent a detachment of Temple police to bring the prisoners from the jail. The High Priests and Sadducees think that they have everything in their own hands and are fully determined to crush the entire movement, but they were in for a big surprise. When the guards arrived at the prison they found the doors locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when they opened the door they found no prisoners inside! When the Sadducees learned the news, they wondered greatly as to what the outcome would be, but they were not long in finding out. When the amazement of the council was at its height, just at the right psychological moment, came the even more amazing news that the prisoners were standing in the Temple teaching—in the very same

spot where they had been teaching every day. The captain, with his Temple guards, came and brought the men; not with violence this time because they were afraid of the people.

The chief priest and the Sadducees were determined to take the life of the disciples, but were prevented by the speech made by Gamaliel; a teacher held in high regard by all the people. After his counsel to wait and see if this movement would fail, as others had failed after the death of their leader; the Sadducees were afraid to carry out their plans. As a compromise, they gave each of the twelve thirty-nine lashes, commanded them again not to teach in the name of the Jesus, and let them go. Acts, chapter five, verses forty-one and forty-two relates that they then "Departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. And daily in the Temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

This miracle is certainly proof that God was able, and would assuredly protect and use those who believe on Him. "Go, Stand, and Speak," that was God's command to His disciples then, and it is still His command to His disciples today. We also have the same assurance of God's protecting hand, and, with conditions being as they are, we need more than ever to take a stand, and speak out against the evils that would destroy the church.

In Luke's account of Christ appearing to the disciples after His resurrection (Luke 24:47-49), Christ said "That REPENTANCE and REMISSION of SINS should be preached IN HIS NAME among all nations, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM. "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." It was not easy for the disciples to obey this command. Twice, at the time which we were considering, they had been commanded most forcibly by the Chief Priest not to teach or preach in the Name of Christ, and in addition, they had been given the most severe and shameful beating which the law would allow. The disciples only rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name, and they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. Have any of us ever been called upon to face such opposition and to suffer in this way? What if we would be called upon to experience such a test?

The testing which comes to us comes usually in a very subtle manner. There are even times when we are not aware of it at all. God says that "Whom He loveth He chasteneth," and, "Every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." Thank God for His love and mercy which He has manifested toward us. The danger is—for those who are so held by the power of Satan that they feel no need of God. Those who feel they owe nothing to God. And most of all, for those who put pleasure, and material things first; remembering God only when faced with some need beyond their own strength. There are so many people who are indifferent—in every city and community they are found, even in many churches.

We, who have the message of Christ, the giver of life, do we not have the responsibility of trying to help these; just as much as we do of helping those in other lands who are without Christ? The disciples were commanded to GO, STAND, AND SPEAK the words of this

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life—Where? Beginning at Jerusalem, right at home first, then in Judea; then on to Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the world. We must support foreign missions; please do not get a wrong impression when I place so much emphasis on the local church and individual needs. Unless a Christian is fully yielded to the Lord, and WILLING TO SERVE HIM in any way that is possible; he is not a Christian. Unless a church has a vision, unless it has an outreach, unless it is a body of believers led of the Holy Spirit—it is dead. If a church is not growing, usually it is because it is too self-centered. We must have strong and active churches in this district, in this country—if we are to have an adequate and growing mission program in other countries!

There is so much to combat at home. Delinquency, both of children and of parents. The use of alcohol is becoming an increasingly greater factor in this. Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, head of the clinical sciences department at the University of Illinois said in an address at Denver, Colorado, recently, that "One out of every eight people who begin drinking occasionally or moderately becomes an alcoholic." He also said that "Alcoholism poses one of the greatest threats to the nation's survival." "It has become the number three health problem in the United States."

The ultra-attractive and powerful liquor ads are constantly before the people, in magazines, newspapers, on billboards, on television, and many other ways. Television audiences alone number in the millions. This is only one of the evils. Obscene literature, obscene movies, and many others. Satan is working overtime to entrap all that he can get. And he is able to deceive even the very elect. This is the enemy which must be met, and he must first be met at home. He can be overcome only through the power of Christ. We must take a stand against these things, or before we know it—they will have destroyed us.

Our missionaries return from the field and they tell of some of the urgent needs on the mission fields. We are told that Nigeria is changing fast, and there is a great struggle going on in the heart of the people. It is paganism against Christianity. Christ is being taught, and many are being won for Him. Many others are hungry to hear the Gospel Story. What is the Mid-West District doing to meet this need? Our missionaries must be supported, and more must be sent—while there is still opportunity. If we cannot go ourselves, we can send someone in our place!

The following are some of the things which, I believe, can be done, by the united efforts of our churches. I recommend them to you, the members of this Nineteen-Fifty-Nine Mid-West District Conference. May God give us a vision of the needs, and guide us in working together to meet them.

The specific recommendations I would like to make are these.

1. That each church have a systematic program of training for Sunday School teachers and Christian Leaders. We would not want to call in a doctor for medical treatment unless he had completed a course of training. Nor would we want to send our children to untrained teachers in school. These things are related to things physical, that apply only on this earth. How much more should we be concerned with things that will determine the eternal destiny—of ourselves and of our children.

2. That each church continue to give strong emphasis to our Camping program. Camps have proven to be one of our most effective teaching and reaching agencies. They have given to us most of our younger missionaries, ministers, and Christian leaders in the Brethren Church today.

3. That our churches set up a scholarship fund to help the young people of our District go to Ashland College and Seminary. This could be set up individually by the churches, or as a District; each church contributing to the fund. This could be administered through the District Mission Board, the Camp Board, or some group set up by the Conference.

4. That our churches become 100% Brethren Evangelist Churches, and use all Brethren Publications. It has been said that "An informed church is a growing church." I believe that such an action would result in a stronger church.

5. That each church adopt and cooperate in the National Goals Program of the Brethren Church. Some of the things mentioned are already in the Goals Program. All of the goals are worthy of our effort. Unless we set aims, and try to reach them, very little will be achieved. Let us set our aims high, and do our utmost to reach them.

6. That we try to establish a mission point somewhere in the District this year. Perhaps some system could be worked where each church would supply the pulpit so many times a quarter, with their pastor, or lay workers. If this were not possible, then a Sunday School established would be a start toward a church.

7. That our District co-operate with other Districts of our Denomination in the matter of Licensure and Ordination of Ministers, and with the recommendations of General Conference for uniformity in the churches. First Timothy, chapter five, verse twenty-two, tells us to "Lay hands suddenly upon no man." Some men are unwilling to accept a call to the ministry when it is necessary to enter immediately into ordination. There might be more ministerial recruits if the plan of Licensure before Ordination were adopted; also problems and injustices would be avoided if anyone should feel it necessary to leave the ministry during the period of Licensure. This would be the benefit derived for the men of the District. The problems involved when ministers come into the District would also be avoided.

8. That each church try to meet the goal of fifteen dollars per member this year in giving for the Benevolent work of the Denomination. There are two main reasons for this recommendation. The first is that it is our work and we have an obligation to do our part in getting it done. The second is that unless a church has an outreach, a concern for helping others, it is a dying church.

9. That we co-operate with the Denomination in setting up training classes on New Testament Evangelism, using as a text "New Testament Evangelism" by Dr. Faris Whitesell. This is to be used in place of the Cross Country Conference this year. These recommendations I make that we might better "GO, STAND and SPEAK the words of this life." May God bless us together as we strive to glorify His Name, and go forward in His service.

Falls City, Nebraska.



What's Doing in the Churches



TUCSON, ARIZONA

The Tucson Brethren started out the year 1960 with our annual business meeting on January 3; it was a pot-luck dinner at noon followed by business. There was an unusually good attendance and a fine spirit of cooperation. It was decided at this meeting that we would adopt the unified method of budget giving to our denominational offerings.

The Christian Education Department of the Sunday School presented a series of color-sound films entitled, "THE LIVING CHRIST" on twelve consecutive Sunday evenings between Christmas and Easter. This was a wonderfully inspiring portrayal of the life of Christ given in twelve separate thirty-minute lessons. I say "lessons", because the film presentation was not given for entertainment but for education. Each night we had a different speaker who introduced the film and led a short discussion period afterwards. There was an average attendance of 120 at these evening services which indicates the keen interest. There was never less than 110 nor more than 130. Both young people and adults testified to the fact that the life of Christ was never so real to them before. Because of the expense of the film, and our increased budget this year—many of us were hesitant about approving it for our congregation at this time. The cost was \$18 per night and the free-will offerings were far more than sufficient, leaving a nice amount over for a fund to be applied toward the purchase of our own projector.

On Sunday evening, April 3, the Woman's Missionary Society presented their public service. The filmstrip, "Nigeria Moves Ahead", was used and a book review about Nigeria was very capably presented by Mrs. Janet Rinehart.

Our pastor preached on "The seven last words of Christ from the Cross" during the six Sundays of Lent, closing with the seventh on Palm Sunday evening. The sermons have been inspiring and helped to prepare us for the two highlights of this beautiful season of the year, our spring communion and Easter Sunrise Services.

Our spring Communion was held on Thursday evening of Holy Week. In spite of the fact that several families have left since our last Communion, we had an excellent attendance at this service. As we gathered together for a time of Confession, Cleansing and Consecration, we felt the presence of the Lord and our fellowship with Him and with one another was very sweet.

Once again we were made to feel extremely proud of our Senior Youth as they conducted the best Easter Sunrise Service we have had yet. They chose the same site that they had last year, where the worshippers gathered

around a cave entrance and felt as though we were viewing the Lord's tomb, and then as the sun rose over the mountains in the east, lighting the interior of the cave—it showed us that it was empty. We listened as the young people presented—over a public address system—the story of the Crucifixion and Resurrection in speeches, scripture and song. It was an experience we will not soon forget. After this sunrise inspiration we gathered in a group nearby and had our usual more-than-ample supply of Easter morning ham and eggs, cooked and served on the desert.

The Easter Worship service that followed at the church was the usual Easter "overflow" with excellent music and joyful hearts to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord.

The Sunday after Easter, while our pastor was assisting in the ordination of Deacons and Deaconesses at the new Papago Park Brethren Church, Dick Godwin, one of our newest members to answer the call to the ministry, had charge of the services here in our church. He brought a wonderful message from the subject: "Answering the Call". It was his first sermon and a great start in the Christian ministry. We thank God again and again for the many great decisions for Christ and especially, definite Christian service (in our church) through the past months. While we have many families coming and going to and from our church we still are grateful that it all is within His purpose and so much greater is the outreach and the results of our calling and testimonies.

Janet Shank, Corresponding Sec'y.



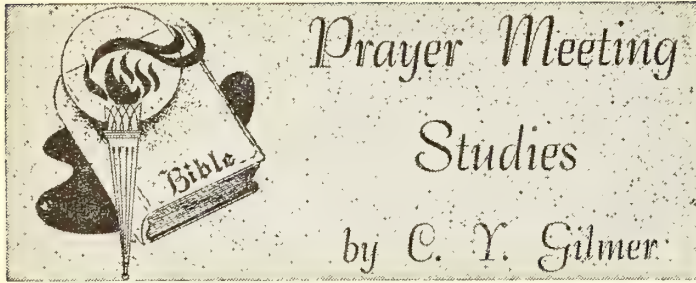
CERRO GORDO, ILLINOIS

April 7-10 were the dates of a Missionary Emphasis Week of the church at Cerro Gordo. The pastor worked along with the W. M. S. and Sisterhood organizations in bringing about this inspirational and informative series of meetings.

The programs included a hearing of the tape recording of our missionaries in South America. The filmstrip, "Nigeria Moves Ahead", was shown on Friday night. This was the Sisterhood public service. Twenty-one dollars was collected to go to their national project. The movie, "Dead Men on Furlough," produced by Bob Pierce and World Vision, Inc., was featured on Saturday night. There was good attendance each night. Twelve dollars was collected for the work of World Vision.

As a climax to the weekend, Clayton Berkshire was our guest speaker on Sunday morning as he spoke to a goodly number of 75 in the worship service. A delegation from Decatur was also present. This was the W. M. S. public service. The Sunday evening service, informal in nature, was held in the parsonage and Clayton showed slides of the work in South America. The W. M. S. provided refreshments after the evening service. A fine time was had by all and a fine spirit pervaded the services. Some guests attended from other churches in the community.

Duane Sholly, Pastor.



"Brethren Advance In Evangelism"

A RE-CONDITIONING FOR SERVICE

... He taketh a towel, and girdeth Himself—He
Of Heaven's hosts, choicest, greatest, bows the knee—
Stoops with dear hands which touch the blind man's eyes,
Filling him with a sudden, glowing, glad surprise;
Hands which, soon stretched and nailed to bear man's sin,
Lowly bathe the feet of those who walked with Him.
Oh soul of mine, this lesson cometh now to thee
Blent with the wealth of Love's immensity.
List what He says through His all-gracious word:
"The servant is not greater than his Lord;
Peter, thou hast no part with Me
If I, thy Lord and Master, wash not thee."
Oh, seeking, serving, saturating Love,
Lowly I bow, and henceforth lowly move.

—Envoy S. Barker.

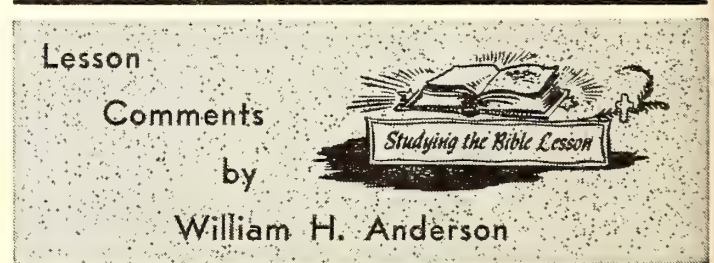
"BLESSED ARE THEY WHO FEEL THEIR SPIRITUAL NEED" (Matt 5:3). Blessed is the child of God who in his inner life desires to be kept pure (1 Tim. 5:22), who is sensitive to the taint of impurity (1 Jn. 3:3) and uncharitableness (1 Pet. 1:15, 22). How discreet it is to detect the suggestion of evil and to take shelter from it in God (2 Tim. 2:22). How much better to guard against undue familiarity (Col. 3:5, 6) and thus escape the heartbreak and judgment that comes from inordinate affection (1 Pet. 2:9-15). The Devil teaches deceitfulness, causing his dupes to think they can cover up their sins and prosper (Prov. 11:17-22; 28:13).

To have the Master wash our feet means that we have to confess our sins for cleansing (1 Cor. 11:31). He forgives only the sins we confess (v. 32). We are to present our sin of unbelief before Him (Heb. 3:9; 4:11). Then it is that we come to believe (Jn. 20:27). Without a confession and forsaking of one's evil ways he will never be an overcomer (Rom. 12:21). Unconfession petrifies the heart (Rom. 2:4-6). This hardness of heart arouses God's grief and anger (Mk. 3:5). The heart is hardened through the deceitfulness of sin (Heb. 3:12, 13). This is so outstanding in self-justification and self-vindication (2 Tim. 3:2-5). Too many, like Peter, are tempted to remain unchanged in their hearts by saying, "Not so, Lord" (Acts 10:13, 14). They are unwilling to have their feet washed (Jn. 13:8).

The washing of the saints' feet aligns us with the Lordship of Jesus (Jn. 13:13-16). Spiritual cleansing is a prerequisite to the infilling of the Holy Spirit for good works (Eph. 5:18). There is a battle between the Spirit and the flesh (Gal. 5:17). Paul, to preach, and to save himself from being a castaway, kept his body under subjection (1 Cor. 9:27). The body is not for sinning but for a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1, 2). Just as Christ presented

His body a sacrifice and offering (Heb. 10:5-10) so must we present our bodies in sacrificial service (Phil. 1:20). Fasting while sinning or living in unconfessed sin effects no good results (Jer. 14:10-12). But fasting connected with godly living will bring prosperity (Zech. 8:18-23). Sincere fasting will drive a spike in the flesh (Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 11:27).

"While we choose we are not willing—
Consecration yieldeth all,
Consecration means obedience to the Spirit's every call.
Meaneth dying—meaneth living
Death to life and life to God;
Meaneth work or patient waiting or submission 'neath
the rod;
Meaneth such a full surrender
We shall never dare to ask
Why God gives our faith such testings or assigns so hard
a task.
We are here to be perfected,
Only God our need can see;
Rarest gems bear hardest grinding,
God's own workmanship are we."



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Lesson for June 5, 1960

LIVING BY THE GOLDEN RULE

Lesson: Matthew 7:1-12

"The Golden Rule! What volumes could be written—have been written—about this. It does not solve every problem; there is no magic in it... Neither is it simply a nice moral or ethical maxim; it is a divine rule of life calling for the help of the One who laid it down (Frank S. Mead).

THERE ARE ACTUALLY four different topics covered in our lesson. They have little apparent connection. We shall discuss them as isolated truths.

JUDGMENT

"Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Mt. 7:1).

There are good reasons why we should not judge one another. First of all, **we shall be judged even as we judge.** "For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged" (R.S.V.). This is to remind us that each of us shall someday stand before the Righteous and True Judge. Judgment, then, is in GOD's hands, not ours. **We are our brother's KEEPER, but not his JUDGE!**

"He does not mean that we should never choose between right and wrong, that we should never know righteous indignation... What He is referring to is not moral or spiritual judgment, arrived at in intelligence and charity, but censorious judgment, quick and

unjustified condemnation, sharp-tongued and bitter and unjust criticism. He is condemning derogatory judgments made in ignorance of the facts and the truth" (Mead).

In the second place, we should not judge one another because in our judgment we are **INCONSISTENT** as well as **UNCHARITABLE**. "Why do you keep watching the tiny speck in your brother's eye, but pay no attention to the girder (a large piece of lumber on which a house is built) in your own? You hypocrite, first get the girder out of your own eye, and then you can see well enough to get the tiny speck out of your brother's eye" (Wms.).

Before judging our brother, let us be willing to first examine our own life. More than that, let us follow the advice of Dr. Mead: "Correct the evil in yourself before you condemn the evil in others . . . Try putting yourself in the neighbor's place before you say anything at all."

"Years ago the Sioux Indians had an impressive ritual. A brave who was about to set forth to visit other tribes would raise his hands toward the skies and pray: 'Great Spirit, help me never to judge another until I have walked two weeks in his moccasins!'" (Clarence W. Hall).

DISCERNMENT

"You must never give the things that are sacred to dogs, and you must never throw your pearls before hogs, for fear they might trample them under their feet and turn and tear you in pieces" (Wms.—Mt. 7:6).

There are times when it is better to keep silent than to speak. Remember what Christ did while before the chief priests, elders, and members of the Jewish Council? They brought charges against Him which they knew and He knew were false. He refused to defend Himself against His persecutors. We read: "But Jesus held His peace" (Mt. 26:63). Again, before Pilate, Christ "answered him to never a word" (Mt. 27:14).

"This does not mean that a Christian should ever lose an opportunity to speak for Christ; he should simply be tactful and intelligent about it, and never subject his faith to fruitless scorn, insult, and abuse" (Mead).

PRAYER

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Mt. 7:7-8).

Prayer is asking. It is a request, not a demand.

Prayer is seeking. It involves a quest. It requires the petitioner to search after the will of God for his life.

Prayer is knocking. In prayer we come to the gate of God's Throne. We lay hold of His promises, until the gate opens and our prayer is answered.

"A-sk, and it shall be given you."

"S-eeek, and ye shall find."

"K-nock, and it shall be opened unto you."

CONDUCT

"Then you must practice dealing with others as you would like for them to deal with you; for this is the

summing up of the law and the prophets" (Wms.—Mt. 7:12).

"Of course, the Golden Rule is purty old, but it ain't never been used much, so I 'low it's jest as good as new."

Let's put the Golden Rule to use that our conduct may always be Christian!

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

Read

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Your Potential Students

Speak Out!

Cradle Roll

"I AM ONE OF OVER 4,000,000 babies born last year. I haven't been to Sunday school yet. Although Daddy is a church member he doesn't go ... or my mother. And I hear I'm to get a little baby brother or sister—one of the four million babies to be born this year. Will you do something about enlisting workers who will visit and enroll hundreds like me in your community? Please come and find me. I need a Christian home."

Nursery

"I HEAR THERE ARE 5,000,000 boys and girls just my size who do not go to any Sunday school. I wish churches would build more Nursery rooms so they could take care of us. I suppose Sunday school would be all right if I didn't have to be in there with those crying babies. I would like to have a room where I could hear my teacher. And then it would help if there were more workers. I wouldn't cry if there was someone to pay attention to me."

Beginner

"I WISH I COULD GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TOO. My friends next door go every Sunday but when I asked my mother and daddy to take me mother said, 'Sunday is the only day we have to sleep.' Why doesn't someone come to see my mother and daddy? Don't they know that there are many little boys and girls like me who would love to come to their Sunday school? One day while I was playing with my friends next door their Sunday school teacher came to see them. She had such a nice smile and she brought them some pretty papers. Why doesn't someone come to see us?"

Primary

"SAY, TEACHER, I wish I could come to your Sunday school every Sunday. Do you always have

such a good time in Sunday school? This was a real puzzle to me. You see, I was on vacation and visited another Sunday school. It was so different from our Sunday school back home. Here they had something interesting to do. All the kids were working on scrapbooks at the beginning of the hour. And then after the story we all drew a picture to illustrate what the teacher had been telling us. We had a chance to talk about it too. Then we made a poster of the things we were going to remember during the week. Say! Was this ever different than back home! Our teacher just talks to us ... that's all."

Junior

"I AM TEN and I like doing something every minute. I collect stamps and rocks I make rockets and I love games like baseball. When I come to Sunday school I need a teacher who lets me learn through doing. I like to study the Bible too, if the teacher makes me feel that God's Word has things to say to me right now. I like the class to be small so we can have a chance to ask questions and talk about things that are important to us."

Junior High

"I'LL ADMIT I face experiences and problems I never faced before. I have trouble understanding my family and in knowing what is right and wrong. Sometimes I think I don't understand myself. I've always gone to Sunday school but now it seems like our church doesn't have anything to help kids like me. Last Sunday someone came out on the street and really gave it to some of us who were standing talking. They said we should be in the opening exercises. Why? There isn't a thing that ever happens that interests us. For one thing, it isn't ever planned and if it were, I don't think it would be for us. A bunch

of old folks sit in the back rows. They try to make us sit up front ... and the singing, is it ever terrible! Tell me, why doesn't our church plan a department for teenagers? Are we really wanted?"

Youth

"I AM PLANNING to be married next June. After we are married I don't think our needs and interests are the same as the single young people. But since we will still be young people, I don't think we would feel at home in that so-called young couples' class. Why, some of their

kids are in high school! I wonder if we'll just drop out of Sunday school."

Adult

"I AM ONE OF 36,000,000 adults not enrolled in any Sunday school. Our observation has been that most churches don't have any classroom space for the adults they have right now, so there doesn't seem to really be any room for us. And yet we represent the greatest soul winning potential in any community. If the churches would provide for us we would bring our children with us."—Teaching Techniques.

World Religious News in Review

COURT FINDS JW GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

MELBORNE, Australia (EP)—Because he refused to give his infant son a blood transfusion last January, a jury here found 29-year-old Alvin Leonard Jehu guilty of manslaughter. His child died of jaundice.

Jehu, a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect, was sentenced to five years in jail, but freed when the jury recommended mercy. The jury urged the court to give hospitals power to treat such cases which may arise in the future, in spite of parents' religious objections, in order to save lives.

Jehu and his wife stoutly defended their action, however, stating that if placed in a similar situation again, they would not allow their children to have a blood transfusion performed.

ADVERTISEMENTS IN CHICAGO PAPER CONTAIN GOSPEL MESSAGE

Readers of daily newspapers in Chicago, as they scan the display advertisements, are encountering some usual advertising copy.

One ad, for example, takes most of a column to declare that: "Money will buy ... a bed, but not sleep ... books, but not brains ... food, but not appetite ... finery, but not beauty ... a house, but not a home ... medicine, but not health ... luxuries, but

not culture ... amusements, but not happiness ... a church pew, but not salvation for your soul."

The ad goes on to say, however, that "what you can't buy, you may receive as a gift, 'For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.' (Romans 6:23)"

The ad is sponsored by the Christian Reformed Laymen's League, and includes a reminder that its readers listen to the "Back to God" Hour on a local radio station. Another ad, sponsored by 465 Lutheran churches in Chicagoland, charges that:

"You are lonely.

"You and everyone else.

"We exist alone. So very much alone. Who knows our innermost yearnings? Our worst fears? Our nagging temptations?

"We are alone ...

"Wife does not know husband as he really is. Husband does not know wife as she really is. Parents do not know their children as they exist individually. Children do not know their parents as they are—deep down—in the innermost recesses of their beings.

"There is one who knows ... who cares ... who urges you, 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.'

"This one is willing to accept you as you are ... where you are ... regardless of your past or your pres-

ent ... regardless of what you might think of yourself.

"This one knows what it means to have heartaches, disappointments, temptations, pain, loneliness.

"This one is Jesus Christ.

"Walk with Him and you'll never walk alone.

"Walk into a Lutheran church this Sunday and meet Christ. Or, seek out a Lutheran pastor now ... and meet this Christ through him."

WORLD JEWRY TOTAL: 12,500,000; IN U. S., 5,367,000

NEW YORK (EP)—There are 12 and one-half million Jews throughout the world, and approximately 5,367,000 of these live in the United States.

So says the new 1960 American Jewish Year Book, published by the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Publication Society.

It reports that there are only nine countries with Jewish communities of 200,000 or more: the United States, the Soviet Union, Israel, Great Britain, Argentina, France, Canada, Romania and Morocco.

It is estimated that between two and three million of the 3,500,000 Jews in Europe are in the Soviet Union and its satellites. The largest East European Jewish community other than the Soviet Union is in Romania, numbering 220,000.

Interesting sidelight: the population of Israel, according to the Yearbook, is about 1,837,000 Jews and 225,000 non-Jews.

A study of the Yearbook totals shows that enrollment in Jewish religious schools in this country is now nearly 554,000, an increase of more than 131 per cent over ten years ago. During that time the Jewish population has grown only about 15 to 20 per cent.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

IT'S NEW—IT'S NEW—IT'S NEW

The Riverside Crusaders

THIS summer, National Brethren Youth will be sponsoring a team of traveling young people from the RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN TRAINING SCHOOL at Lost Creek, Kentucky. This team is another phase of the well-known Brethren Youth Summer work, and will replace the usual Ambassador Quartet for this summer.

The RIVERSIDE CRUSADERS Team consists of three high school girls and their advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Doran Hostetler. The team members are Lula Campbell of Krypton, Kentucky; Reva Williams of Ary, Kentucky; and Paralee Huff of Bonnyman, Kentucky. All three are students at Riverside in either the junior or senior classes.

In reply to our inquiry, Mr. Hostetler writes, "Mainly our program will consist of presenting Riverside Christian Training School to the public. We will tell of present conditions and future hopes. We will also show slides of the grounds and buildings. The girls will provide the special music.

"Our purpose is mainly to let the Brethren people know of the work here since it is their work and to let them know of our needs. We also hope to inspire others into fulltime Christian service."

The team will leave Lost Creek shortly after July 3rd and travel for a period of two or three weeks. Although most of the itinerary has not yet been completed, one stop will be the Ohio District Conference.

We of Brethren Youth feel fortunate to have this working relationship with Riverside this year. It will be well worth hearing this team of workers if they visit in your church.

KEEP WATCHING THIS PAGE FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE YOUTH CONFERENCE SPEAKER. YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THE "mystery man". Come to CONFERENCE August 15-21.

Attention All Junior N. E. Ohio Brethren Youth

There will be a Junior B. Y. Rally at Louisville, Ohio on Saturday, June 4th. Registration will be from 10:00 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. Everything is scheduled on E. D. T. The THEME for the rally is "Jewels For His Crown."

In the forenoon a FILM will be shown. During the afternoon session, Mrs. W. F. Henkel from Malone College will bring a message to the Youth. All Juniors be sure to attend.

"HOW TO" is Theme of Southeastern District Youth Rally

Hagerstown, Maryland was the host church for the spring rally of the Southeastern District Brethren Youth Rally. Over 100 young people and advisors and pastors were registered.

Lois Staley got things rolling by leading in some favorite camp choruses. Rev. George Solomon, host pastor and Linda Wolfe, host president, welcomed everyone to the Rally and introduced Marlin and Lila McCann to the young people.

The young people were then directed to the room where the discussion groups were to be held.

HOW CAN WE STRIVE TO MAKE WIDER OUR AVENUES TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

Rev. Solomon, Linda Wolfe, Gene Geaslen

Prayer and Bible Study were some of the answers given

HOW TO STIR UP INTEREST AMONG THE YOUTH OF OUR CHURCH.

Marlin McCann, Penny Solomon

Some of the problems of the Sunday evening youth meetings were discussed. Ideas were given on advertising, what to do at meetings, and different types of socials.

MONEY-MAKING IDEAS—EXCHANGE OF IDEAS:

Lila McCann, Mrs. Carnahan, Gary Cooper

When you work extra, give your earnings to the youth. Help the Pastor out with typing, etc., and turn your money over to youth. Have bake sale. Paper drive.

HOW CAN WE AS YOUTH SERVE OUR CHURCH:

Rev. Hoffman, Lois Staley

Help the Pastor—free of charge. Teaching in Sunday School Class. Helping out in the Junior BYC meetings

All of the discussion groups were of value to the young people. It is hoped by all that each youth there will take home these suggestions and ideas and put them to work.

Sally McClanahan, the district president from Maurertown, presided over the business meeting. The next rally will be in the fall at the Maurertown, Virginia, church.

A spaghetti supper was served by the ladies of the church. A "professional spaghetti cooker" prepared the spaghetti.

The Washington, D. C. group sang two special numbers, directed by Dr. Shultz. A girls' quartet from Hagerstown also presented two musical numbers. For those interested, a tour of the educational unit was arranged.

The closing service was held in the sanctuary. Marlin spoke to the young people and gave them an object lesson using flashlights.

MIAMI VALLEY BRETHREN YOUTH RALLY (new date and place)

Sunday, June 5th—3:00 P. M.

Gretna Brethren Church,
near Bellefontaine, Ohio.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

COMMUNION

"And God said: Let us make man in our image... And the Lord planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed... to dress it and keep it... and He made a woman and brought her unto the man... and they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day."

God came in the evening to fellowship with the man and the woman. He wanted to talk with them, to walk with them and share in friendship. What blessed experiences God had planned for man. But sin entered into the life of the man and this face to face communion soon ended, for sin separates from God.

We, too, have been promised His Presence if we keep sin and indifference from preventing Him. He loves us first, last and always and we can have the blessing of this love if we want to accept it. When we come to the place in life where we realize we are separated from our God by our sins and we are ready to empty our hearts before Him in repentance, looking up, reaching up, for His forgiveness, His nearness and ready to say, "Here Lord walk and talk with me, as I come seeking you in the garden of prayer, yielded to your will, wanting to speak to you and listen to you."

Yes, God wants fellowship and communion with us, even as we do with Him and our loved ones.

MY GARDEN

"I planted a rose in my garden,
Where nothing was growing at all,
I gave it my tenderest care,
In summer and winter and fall.
It bloomed in the beautiful springtime,
And filled my garden with perfume.
How barren my garden would be
Without that fair rose and its bloom.

A daughter came into my life,
A rose in my garden of love.
I cared for her, there in that garden,
My gift from the great God above.
I made her my pal and my comrade
No greater communion could be,
Than ours, in its sweetness and beauty,
She's sister and daughter to me.

I hope when my hair turns to silver,
And earth and its cares pass away,
Our hearts may grow closer and closer,
As heaven draws nearer each day.
God grant us an endless communion
Above, in Your garden so fair,
The bloom of this earthly communion
Forever and ever, up there."

Mrs. Charles B. Anderson,
Howe, Indiana.

Laid to Rest

JOHNSON. Mrs. Ida Johnson, 83, passed to her eternal reward, Nov. 29, 1959. Member, Trinity Brethren, Canton, for many years. Survived by two sons, three daughters, one brother. Services by the pastor. Interment, Forest Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Robert L. Keplinger, Pastor.

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BRANT. John N. Brant, 86, passed to the life beyond, Mar. 31st. One of the oldest members of Trinity Brethren, Canton. Survived by four sons, three daughters, and their families. Services in charge of the pastor.

Rev. Robert L. Keplinger, Pastor.

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GLOSS. Mrs. William H. Gloss, 84, passed to her eternal reward, Feb. 26th. Charter Member of Trinity Brethren, Canton. Survived by two sons and three daughters. Services by the pastor. Interment, Westlawn Cemetery.

Rev. Robert L. Keplinger, Pastor.

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BLOOM. Richard D. Bloom, 87, died Apr. 20th. Member of the St. James Brethren Church for many years. Survived by two sons, two daughters and one sister. Funeral services by the writer. Interment, Bakersville Cemetery.

Freeman Ankrum.

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ALLEN. Mrs. Maxine Rhoda Brown Allen, 30, passed away Easter Sunday, Apr. 17th. Had been in poor health for several years. Survived by her husband, one daughter, one son, her mother and brothers and sisters. Member of the Newark, Ohio, Brethren Church. Services by her pastor. Interment, Wilson Cemetery just north of Newark.

Thomas A. Shannon, Pastor.

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CONWAY. George Conway, Tiosa, Ind., a member of the Brethren Church for more than 50 years, passed from this life Apr. 27th. Survived by his wife, two sons, and his mother. Services by the undersigned assisted by Rev. Edgar Berkshire.

Earl M. Riddle.

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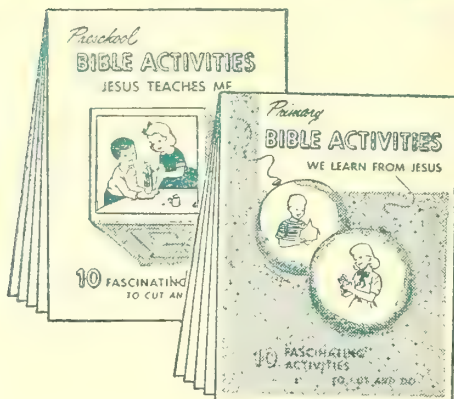
PICKERING. Mrs. Mary E. Pickering died April 29th. Funeral services conducted by her pastor assisted by Elder W. F. Flory. She lived beside the Bethlehem church and was much interested in all of its work. She was a devout Christian. Interment, Woodbine Cemetery, Harrisonburg, Va.

John F. Locke, Pastor.

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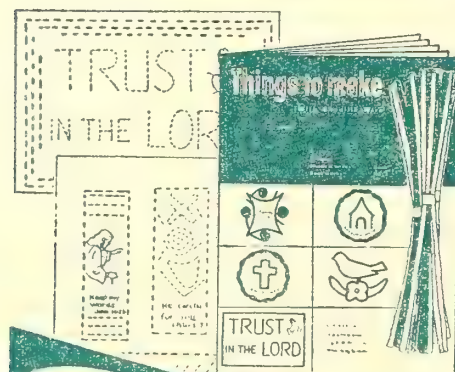
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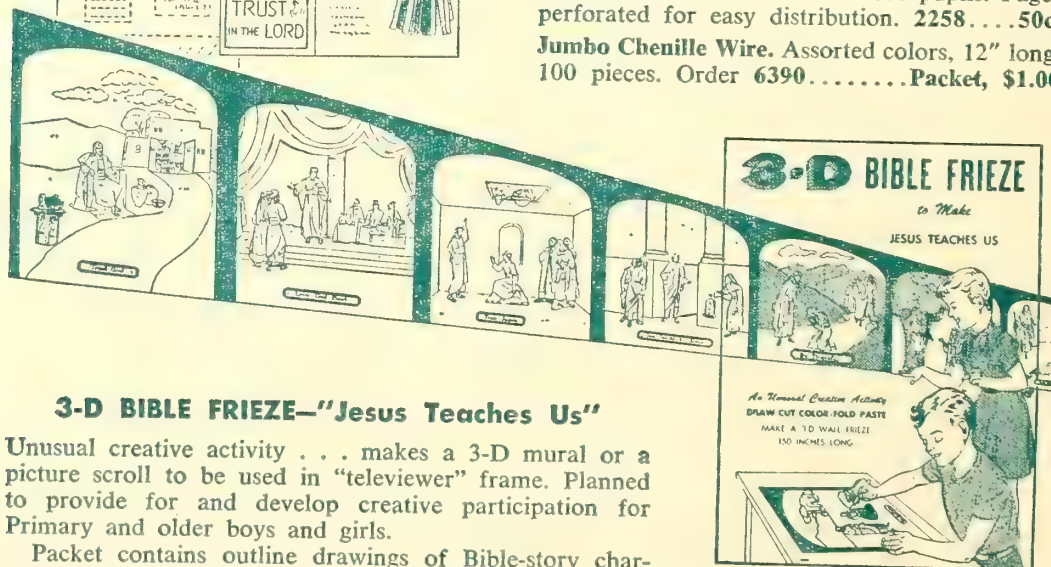


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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHURCH ATTENDANTS

I. Thou shalt not come to service late, nor for the Amen refuse to wait.

II. Thy noisy tongue thou shalt restrain when speaks the organ its refrain.

III. And when the leader says to sing, thou shalt with gladness join right in.

IV. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free, for more must share the pew with thee.

V. The offering plate thou shalt not fear, but give unto the Lord with cheer.

VI. Thou shalt the bulletins peruse and look there for the Church's news.

VII. To the minister thou shalt give heed, nor blame him when thou'rt disagreed.

VIII. Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend, and of a stranger make a friend.

IX. Thou shalt in every way be kind, compassionate, with tender mind.

X. And so by all thy spirit's grace, may God be honored in this place.

—Selected.

WAS THIS ONE TALKING ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL?

I am one who dropped out of your Sunday School.

I walk past the building once in a while and recall that I used to go to Sunday School there.

I meet some friends from time to time and find that they also have ceased to attend.

Occasionally I meet people who continue to go, but never seem able to get from them any reason why I should return.

You who continue to guide the school do not know what caused me to drop out.

Perhaps I needed a friend—and found none.

Or maybe I wanted help to live my life, and did not find it.

At any rate, I dropped out of your Sunday School.

And you did not even try to find out why.—Selected.

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WHAT'S RIGHT WITH THE CHURCH?

Her marvelous MASTER

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Her precious MESSAGE,

The Gospel so fair;

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God's love to declare;

And last, but not least,—

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—Presbyterian Survey.

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The shouter is often the pouter.



WHEN YOU PREACH, REMEMBER

When you enter the pulpit, make no apologies. If you have a message from God, deliver it, or hold your peace. Do not waste time by long prefaces, but say good things from the start, and do not keep on talking after you have done. Better to leave the people longing than loathing. Leave self out of the pulpit, and take Christ in. Do not preach old sermons without warming them over and never stop growing. Do not harp too much on one string, but give the variety of the Bible. Take care of your character, and let God take care of your reputation.

Paul kept the faith, but lost his head, but God will give it back to him, gloriously crowned. A setting star may rise again; but a falling star, never. Do not abuse people for not liking you—perhaps you like yourself too well. Blame them for not loving Jesus. Do not run away from your hearers; and do not scream, for too much noise drowns sense.

Empty vessels ring loudest, and when a man is empty, he often yells. Powder is not shot, and thunder is not lightning. You are not a preacher, no matter whose hands have been laid upon you, unless you know the truth, and are anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Do not scold. Be a friend of sinners, but not of sin. Always preach as well as you can, but do your best for those who come on rainy days. Christ preached marvelously to one woman at the well, and to one rabbi at night.—Selected.

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The Editor's Pulpit

Is Your Child Safe?

WITH THE CLOSING OF SCHOOL at hand, a definite effort is made in many cases to warn children of dangers to be faced during the summer. Often a very special effort is made to warn children about staying away from strangers. In spite of these warnings, there is a steady stream of children who fall into the clutches of sadists and sex maniacs, who kidnap them and take them for automobile rides. Far too many times these victims are attacked, their bodies mutilated; some are murdered.

So, the warning goes out to children to be cautious when around strangers. Most parents exert every effort to see that their children are informed on these things. For the protection of their children, nothing is left undone.

Food and drink for the children are carefully chosen so that they might grow up healthy and strong. We are very careful to prepare for them nourishing meals; we watch them carefully for any signs of sickness or disease. Even when fortunate to be able to travel during the summer, we parents are careful to see that the health of our children is well cared for.

The matter of clothing and of other needs is likewise a matter of concern on the part of parents. We even are interested in whom they have as friends, for we say we don't want them getting into bad company. Their education and the development of social skills and acceptable behavior patterns takes much of our time and interest.

Yes, we want to be sure that our children are taught the good behavior patterns as to eating, clothing and social life. We train them to be careful around strangers. In short, we want them to be safe.

However, take a good look at your children. Summertime is at hand with all the attractions (and dangers) of the great out-of-doors. You have prepared them in how to take care of themselves and to guard against the dangers which would hurt or destroy them. As you look at them can you say you have taught and trained them against ALL the dangers they will face—this summer, and in months and years to come? Remember that there is a person who is

after the heart and soul of your child. This one, Satan, is after your child, and as long as your child lives, Satan will never fully let your child alone. There is power to overcome the strength of the evil one, but always he will dog the steps of your child. Is your child safe from him?

Many promising Sunday school boys and girls have been led astray into the paths of sin because they were not "made safe" from the power of Satan. If you in any way doubt this, go to your Sunday school attendance record files. Get out the records for the past sixteen years. Write down the names of those who were on your Cradle Roll and Beginners' Class books sixteen years ago. How many of them continued to be on your Sunday school records as faithful attendants until this year? Make allowance for those who moved away. What kind of a picture do you get? How many of those of that period years ago actually made their confession of Christ as Savior, and are now actively engaged in the work of your church? What happened to those who no longer come to your church?

Have you taught your own children the spiritual rules of life as a safety measure to guard against evil? Are they being taught to listen to the voice of God? Are they being taught that sin destroys the body and also the soul? Are YOU teaching them the rules of Christian behavior? Some parents, in order that their children might be popular with the other young people are permitting them to engage in worldly amusements at the eventual sacrifice of the child's soul.

Yes, school is about out. Children's Day is at hand. Then a long summer when your children will have much time on their hands. Will this be a summer when your child will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? Or will they become infected with habits of slackness in Bible reading and Prayer? Will Church services be just a memory because "other plans" (made by parents) didn't allow time to go to church? The future welfare of your child, your own happiness and the work of Jesus Christ rests on whether or not you have made your child safe—spiritually—for this summer. W. S. B.

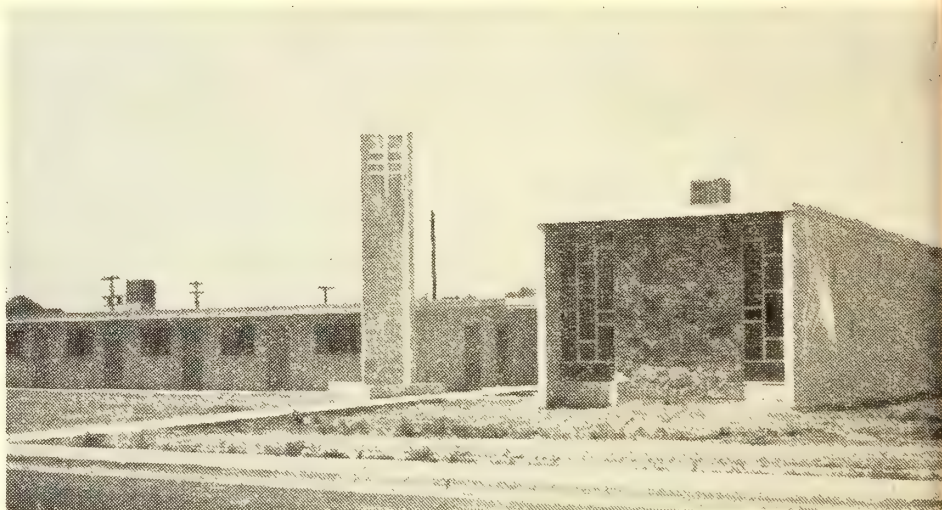
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PAPAGO PARK CHURCH DEDICATED

The Papago Park Brethren Church,
Tempe, Arizona (First Unit)



The first unit of the Papago Park Brethren Church at Tempe, Arizona (in the Phoenix Area) was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, May 15, 1960. Approximately 150 people attended the service, a large group of which were Brethren people from Tucson who drove the 125 miles to lend their enthusiastic support. Several local ministers, the two architects, the general contractor and friends from the surrounding community attended, in addition to the church members and those regularly participating in the local services.

The dedication began with a prelude by Mrs. Vernon Stiffler and the invocation by the pastor, H. Francis Berkshire, after which Reverend Vernon Grisso, pastor of the Brethren Church in Tucson, read the scripture and offered prayer.

Ray Pierson, Carol Berkshire, Clayton Berkshire and Vernon Stiffler provided a lovely number, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," and a number of guests brought greetings. Ray Pierson, a new member of the group, sang "Bless This House."

The dedication address, delivered by W. Clayton Berkshire, general secretary of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church and brother of the new church's pastor, centered the thoughts of all present on the blessings represented in this new church organization and its place of worship as well as the accompanying responsibilities.

Gifts and offerings were presented, with Mrs. Stiffler providing offertory music; then a dedication litany by pastor and people followed. A dedicatory prayer, offered by W. Clayton Berkshire, and a hymn of dedication by the entire group, concluded the service.

A reception was held in the Sunday school assembly room, following the formal dedication service. A number of special gifts were announced during the afternoon program: 60 Samsonite folding chairs, valued at \$300, were given by the Tucson Brethren Church; offering plates, by the Vernon Stiffler family; candle holders by

the Conway Craft and Richard Godwin families of Tucson; \$25 for a table from the Howard Nelson family at Lanark, Illinois; \$50 for juvenile chairs from the Central District S. M. M.; \$50 for an organ fund from the Waterloo W. M. S.

Early in April the Tempe Brethren began to use their building. Their attendance has grown to more than 100 since that time. Some splendid Christian workers have been received into the fellowship and others are being won to Christ. We praise God for His guidance and for the fine development at this place.

ARGENTINE CAMPING EXPERIENCES

(These are testimonies from campers—more or less literal translations)

Mr. Camp Director:

Among the many nice things that this year's camp had and that pleased me very much was the Bible study of Mr. Schrock. (Bible prophecies of Daniel)—

Doris Reinwald—Villa Constitucion

The Bible studies of Mr. Semenchuck were a great blessing to me, and therefore I should wish that each year there be studies of this nature. (On Personal Evangelism and Scripture memorization)—Lidia Remos y Alicia Martin—Villa Constitucion

I liked very much the studies of Mr. Schrock and they were a great blessing to me. I was especially pleased that there was more time this year to go to the river to have more time for meditation.—Elda Loguzzo—Villa Constitucion

I considered of great value the debates, and I think they should be continued as long as the campers consider

them necessary. (to clarify their thinking on Biblical truth and its application to daily life)—Ruth Martin—Villa Constitucion

I give thanks to God for having had the privilege of spending some wonderful days in "Campamento Evangelico Diquecity." I enjoyed constant blessings that have strengthened my body and soul. Having experienced this direct contact with nature, I could not refrain myself from glorifying God for the many wonders that He has created." (Then there are six good comments about camp that follow these remarks.) ... "I consider myself fortunate to be able to express my ideas and if there is any other way that I can help for the future good of the camp, I shall gladly do so for the glory of God." ... "Without adding more, I desire to close, wishing a great blessing for the camp and that year after year it continues as a great blessing to the people of God."—Carlos Frost—Grelí, (Buenos Aires)

This year we had planned two camps—a ten day camp for married couples with their children, and a two-weeks camp for youth and married couples without children. It worked out well. We had about 55 campers and workers in the first camp and 40 campers and directors in the second camp. This total of 95 campers is an increase over last year of 30 campers. We also saw our facilities used by other groups that rented the camp grounds when we weren't using them. I imagine that when we receive all of the reports we will have served an additional 100 or more campers with the facilities and property that the Lord has provided for us. Thus, through the camp as well as through the radio work, the Brethren Mission in Argentina is making a significant contribution to the work of the Lord in Argentina, both denomination-wise and interdenominationally. We thank you for making this possible with your prayers and gifts.—The Camp Commission.

Kenneth Solomon.

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BROTHER BARBER is a 1960 graduate of Ashland Theological Seminary, from the Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He is married to the former Ruth Benshoff. He has received and has accepted the call of the Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Brethren Church to serve as Pastor; he and his family will be moving there later this month.

Items of General Interest

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Brother George W. Solomon reports that 31 new members were received into the fellowship of the Hagerstown church over the Easter season. This column had previously reported 22; we are glad to make this correction, noting correct number received.

LINWOOD, MARYLAND. The W. M. S. held their public service on Sunday evening, May 22nd. Mrs. Freeman Ankrum was the speaker for the service.

ELKHART, INDIANA. The public service for W. M. S. group II was held the evening of May 22nd.

BURLINGTON, INDIANA. Brother Elmer M. Keck reports the addition of two new members recently.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Brother J. G. Dodds, who began his pastorate with the Muncie Brethren on May 1st, writes: "Very active and loyal Brethren in Muncie. Baptized one on Wednesday, May 4th; Communion Sunday, May 8th; Youth Day was held with young people participating in the evening service."

BERLIN, PENNA. Harry Shultz, father of Dr. J. R. Shultz who is pastor of the Washington, D. C., Brethren Church, passed to the life beyond at midnight, Sunday, May 22nd. Survivors in addition to Dr. Shultz, include the widow, a daughter and several brothers. Services were held on May 25th. Mr. Shultz was a member of the Berlin Brethren Church. Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Dr. Shultz and other members of the family; likewise a word of assurance to the reality of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Dr. M. P. Puterbaugh was the guest speaker in the Waterloo church the morning of May 15th.

If Christ is kept on the outside of your heart,
something is wrong on the inside.



1960 GENERAL CONFERENCE
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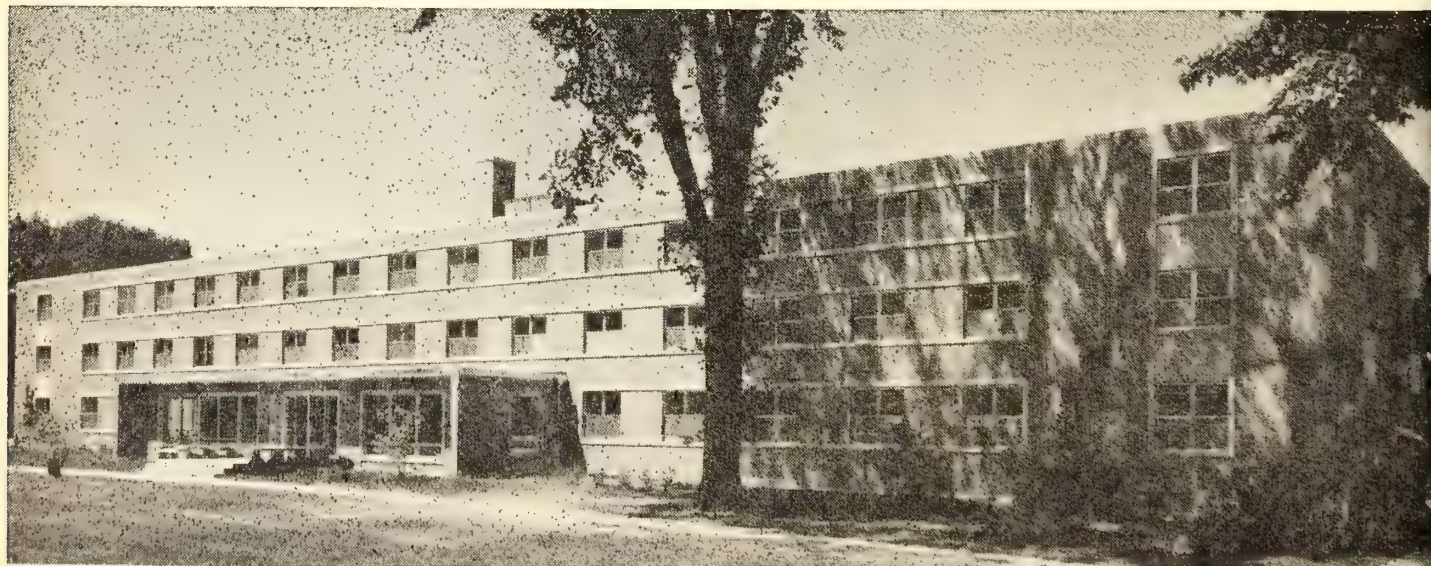
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What's Doing in the Churches



MT. OLIVE, VIRGINIA

The Mt. Olive Brethren Church in Virginia was the recipient recently of a very fine Allen Organ. The electric organ was presented to the church by Mrs. E. H. Michael, Sr. The service of dedication for the organ was held on Easter Sunday morning. Mr. Norman Whitsel was guest organist for the service, and the choir presented two numbers under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Harman. A very fine attendance was present for the services.

The Laymen of the Mt. Olive church continue to be active in doing good. Recently a fine delegation attended the District Rally and heard President John Golby of the National Laymen's Organization speak. At present, our Laymen are embarked on an improvement program for the church parsonage. This is much needed.

A very fine Leadership Training Class meets Sunday evenings before the preaching services.

We are looking forward to Revival Services with Rev. Phillip Lersch in early September.

Daily Vacation Bible School plans call for an evening school this year, and included a class for adults.

Our Brethren Youth, headed by Miss Rebecca Harman, is active with fine adult advisors.

Several Brethren families have visited our services recently. One of those was from Tucson, Arizona; another from Dayton, Ohio. Be sure to do likewise when you come this way.

With love and all good wishes for all the Brethren.
John F. Locke, Pastor.



HUNTINGTON, INDIANA

We want especially to report our revival meeting with Rev. C. A. Stewart, a well-known and a very capable evangelistic preacher, doing the preaching. He began on Monday night, March 28th. The Sunday night before, Rev. W. C. Berkshire showed pictures of the South American mission field. The Roanoke Brethren Church attended as our guests. This was a fine service, the program and fellowship were very fine indeed.

Rev. Stewart may say he is retired, but he still preaches in the same forceful manner. We had a fair attendance at the services; not overflow crowds like in former years. Rev. Stewart and his lovely wife lived with the pastor and wife; it was a delightful fellowship. We closed the meeting on Palm Sunday, baptizing eleven on Sunday afternoon and two more on Wednesday evening. One transferred from a church at Andrews, Indiana. Of this number, seven are heads of families, three men and their wives. All felt that we had a good

meeting. Rev. Stewart is not only a fine evangelistic preacher, but a fine worker for visitation in the field work.

On the first Sunday of the meeting, we had a lovely Dedication Service at 3:00 P. M. We had a new Hammond church organ and two new pianos, one for upstairs and one for the downstairs. It is not that our church is so wealthy, for we are not. Some of our people thought we could not afford to buy a regular church organ, but I recommended that it should be a regular church organ, for it was for a church.

I told them I had a son who might help them some. When I informed him he said he would just pay for the organ, and sent his check for the full amount. Then we had money to buy the two new pianos we needed. Our daily paper gave us a front page picture of the organ with Mrs. Studebaker at the organ, and myself standing nearby. Rev. H. E. Richer and wife, the organist from the Loree Church, Ronald LeMaster, and the Loree Male Quartette, and Rev. Stewart, gave us a fine dedication program to a large audience. It was a joyous time for the Huntington Church. We are not much for novelties in our church work, but constant work will bear fruit.

Claud Studebaker, Pastor.



HUNTINGTON MEETING

After returning from Sarasota, Florida to our home in Nappanee, Indiana, on March 18th we began to make plans for helping Rev. Claud Studebaker in a meeting in Huntington, Indiana, beginning on March 28 and continuing for two weeks, closing on April 3rd.

To the few in our denomination who may not know Rev. Studebaker, let me say he is one of the best pastors anyone would want to work with. He never overlooks an opportunity to contact prospects. This accounts for the success of the meetings. We made many calls during the day and preached every evening and it was quite gratifying to see so many precious souls entering the baptismal fount and becoming children of God and members of the church. The results can only be attributed to the prayers and labors of this wonderful congregation and untiring pastor under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

This is one of the few churches in Indiana where I had never helped in an evangelistic campaign and we found a congregation deeply interested in the Lord's work and ready to move out into His work at every opportunity for the advancement of the Kingdom. They made a wonderful congregation to work with, were very appreciative and showed us no little kindness in entertaining us in their homes and supporting in the services. We are very grateful for their wonderful love gift and every kindness they expressed to us.

We were received into the pastor's home as one of the family where Mrs. Stewart and myself were made very comfortable for the time of our stay in Huntington. The Studebakers are wonderful hosts and did every thing for our comfort and well being. To them and the congregation we want to say thank you and pray God's blessing upon you and your work.

C. A. Stewart.

REPORT OF THE 1959 MID-WEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE 1959 MID-WEST District Conference of the Brethren Church was held October 8, 9, 10, 11, at Morrill, Kansas, under the able leadership of Rev. Robert G. Holsinger, pastor of both the Morrill, Kansas, and Falls City, Nebraska, churches.

At the opening session on Thursday evening, following the song service and devotions, the delegates were welcomed by the moderator, and a roll call of churches was held. Guests of the conference were also introduced. Vice-Moderator Frank W. Garber brought the message of the evening.

Friday morning, the new officers were elected, which report appears in the 1959-60 Brethren Annual on pages 75 and 76. It was voted to have the Constitution and By-Laws of the Mid-West District Conference revised, showing the amendments adopted since the last printing and to have a new supply printed. The morning message was given by Rev. Kenneth Howard.

Reports from representatives of the various denominational boards composed the afternoon's program, with Rev. W. Clayton Berkshire bringing the message to conclude the afternoon's session.

Following the song service, devotions and special music, at the evening service, Moderator Holsinger presented his moderator's address. This address appeared in *The Brethren Evangelist* for May 21, 1960.

Saturday morning's business session brought reports of the district to the delegates and friends. The reports show that there has been much accomplished in the Mid-West District, but also that there is much yet to

be done. The message was brought by Rev. A. O. Curt-right.

National and District reports and discussions took place during the afternoon session. The reading of the minutes closed the business sessions of this conference.

Brother Phil Lersch conducted a Youth Clinic at the evening service. This was followed by Camp Wyandotte pictures for 1959 by Rev. Kenneth Howard.

Sunday Services were in charge of the host church, with our guest speakers teaching some of the classes. Rev. R. K. Blaine gave the message of the morning worship hour. The services for the installation of 1959-60 District Officers was held, following which the new Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Howard, pronounced the benediction.

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of all the delegates and visitors present to thank the Brethren at Morrill for the wonderful hospitality that they afforded us; also to express our appreciation to Moderator Holsinger on the program prepared, to the visiting speakers and our own pastors for the wonderful Holy Spirit-inspired messages given us. Also I thank our heavenly Father for the privilege of again attending and working in another Conference of our churches.

The 1960 Mid-West District Conference will be held at Falls City, Nebraska, October 6, 7, 8, 9. Let's all in the Mid-West District make a special effort and plan now to be among those receiving these good things of the Spirit.

Mrs. Olen C. Davis, Secretary,
Mid-West District Conference.

Symposium Gives Answers on Mixed Marriages

"Be honest now, would you want your daughter to marry a Negro (or white man, as the case may be)?"

U. S. News & World Report for May 9, 1960, reprints answers which a group of churchmen

and theologians had given to that question. The editors of *Social Progress*, a regular publication of the Department of Social Education and Action of the Board of Christian Education of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States

of America, had originally issued the questions and printed many of the replies as a symposium in a recent issue under the title "Would You Want Your Daughter . . . ?"

Following are typical reactions as condensed from the **Social Progress** article as quoted in **U. S. News & World Report**:

Markus Barth of the Federated Theological Faculty, University of Chicago: "All talk and action in favor of racially mixed marriages are sheer doctrinarianism and hypocrisy—unless those speaking and acting are ready and willing to let their daughters—and sons! why does your question discriminate between the two sexes?—marry a black-skinned partner, and to receive that partner as openheartedly, gladly, and hopefully into their family as they would receive a white—or yellow-skinned-son or daughter-in-law.

"Many parents of marriageable children realize, however, that their duties as father and mother are not fulfilled with a more or less courageous willingness to "accept" what they cannot alter; for they will have to defend, to support, to strengthen the marriage of their children; they will not only have to accept it but to make bearable and fruitful the hard plight of eventual grandchildren in their environment . . .

"Wholehearted assent and support to a daughter's or son's entering into and keeping faith within a racially mixed marriage cannot be given from an armchair position at the fireside. It implies a daring start, a reliable companionship on a long and steep and lonely road, perhaps even some smashed windows, if not worse experiences. Faith has always works to do, and a faith confessed by works brings suffering."

Elder G. Hawkins, St. Augustine Presbyterian Church, New York City: "... As a Negro father with two girls who, one hopes, will someday marry, if I were asked about my daughter's marrying white men, I . . . would hedge my answer with the admonition that extra cautions seem to be wise because of the climate and culture in which they must live in America. But I would also assert hope that they fall in love with men who love them regardless of what their race may be."

H. Richard Siciliano of New York City: "Yes, I would want my child to marry a Negro. I know the Negro to be human, a person in need of God's grace equally with me, made with God's stamp upon him and thus equal in respect to his rights and his dignity. If my child should decide to mar-

ry a Negro, this would mean that he also believes this. This would not be an easy marriage, but it would be a good one, blessed of God.

"I know the facts of life, I know the Negro is denied his full freedom, and I know that Negro children are disadvantaged. By making the decision to marry a Negro my child would, in fact, be deciding to become a Negro and raise a Negro family. This is part of my child's heritage of freedom. If he makes this decision honestly and without arrogance, I feel sure he will be accepted by society as he accepts himself, as a Negro. He will be rejected only if he tries to be white sometimes and Negro at other times—the fact of race cannot yet in America be a sometime thing.

"But I am confident that at some time in the future it will be thought of as of no more importance than the color of one's eyes.

Ben L. Rose, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.: "You have asked, 'Would you want your daughter to marry a Negro?' I answer 'No.' I would not want my daughter to marry a Negro, because such a marriage, in the culture in which we now live, would cause too many people too many heartaches.

"My daughter and her Negro husband would find it very difficult to establish a satisfying social life. She would lose most of her friends and would find limited opportunities for making new ones. She and her husband would be subjected to continuous embarrassment, and their children would be placed in many awkward positions. It would be extremely difficult for them to lead normal lives.

"... No, I would not want my daughter to marry a Negro. Not because there would be anything morally or biologically wrong with such a marriage, but because at this time in this country it would result in more heartaches than joy."

Laid to Rest

SCHAMEL. Charles H. Schamel, 75, died May 12th after an illness of some six weeks. Life-long member of the St. James Brethren Church. He was until the last vitally interested in the progress of the church. Served as deacon for many years. Survived by three children, seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren, three sisters and one brother. Services by the writer assisted by Rev. Donald H. Taylor. Interment, Greenlawn Cemetery, Williamsport.

Freeman Ankrum.

The PROMISE of HIS COMING

Acts 1:10, 11

Rev. H. William Fells

WHAT IS A PROMISSORY NOTE? Have you ever signed one? Do you remember what happened as you went through this experience? A promissory note is a piece of paper to which someone has affixed his signature stating that on such and such a date, and in a certain manner, definite things will come to pass. Generally, this has to do with money, and the person signing states that on that date he will pay a definite amount plus interest for value received. There are at least two people involved, plus at least one piece of paper (there may be more), plus a time element.

It is my firm conviction that Jesus has signed a promissory note. The only thing that is changed from the picture described above is that the date has been left in the hands of the Father. Jesus states that even the angels in Heaven do not know the day nor the hour. But, does this change the wording on the note? Does this change the effect the note has on either the person signing, or the person holding the note? Or does it change the payment or settlement that is to be made?

There are notes written with indefinite dates. Many notes make it necessary to have signatures

of those who thereby become known as co-signers. The note that you and I have the privilege of claiming as our own, has the signature of Jesus Christ and the added signatures of His Father and two other "men", who on Ascension Day, forty days after the resurrection, stood on the hill outside Jerusalem and told the disciples and those who observed the Ascension of Jesus that He would return in the same manner in which He had left. They did thereby affix their names to that promissory note.

Let us take our Bibles and read again the thoughts of the Master that would remind us of this promise. Jesus in His last will and testament has told the men who acted as His secretaries to "Write in a book" (Rev. 1:11); "Write the things which thou hast seen" (Rev. 1:19). St. John, in writing his gospel has stated, "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." (John 20:30-31). Jesus did by these statements, through the Holy Spirit and by the hand of St. John, affix His name to the Scrip-

tures, and He did further seal them with the words "These sayings are faithful and true." (Rev. 21:5, and 22:6). The Father's signature is shown to be written by such scriptures as II Timothy 3:16 and Revelation 19:9. "All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is profitable . . ." and "These are the TRUE sayings of God."

Dearly Beloved, if you had a promissory note of ten thousand dollars that had been in effect for a number of years with an indefinite date, would you leave it lie in a safety deposit box, completely forgotten and ignored? Or would you read it, at least once a year, on the anniversary of the date of execution, (Ascension Day of 29 A. D.)? Have you read "The Promise of His Coming" recently in your folder that holds all of the Promissory Notes from God? Read Ezekiel 1:26; Daniel 7:13; Matthew 24:30; 26:64; Luke 21:27; Mark 13:26; John 14:3, 18, 28; Acts 1:11; I Thess. 1:10; 4:16; II Thess. 1:10; and Rev. 1:7, 13; 14:14; 21:7; for these all contain the Promise of His Coming.

It has already been said that no one knows the date but the Father in Heaven, but The Son did say, "When ye see these things come to pass, then look up, for the Day draweth nigh." Are you sure today of what things must come to pass before the Day will draw nigh? Have YOU read Matthew 24 and 25 recently? In several Bibles that were studied by the writer these two chapters were headed by the words "The signs of Christ's coming". Do YOU know them?

If you were to receive a letter from Grandmother or Aunt Suzie that they were coming, even if the definite date were not listed, and you knew that they expected you to be ready to receive company for a day, a week, or a month, no one can tell what preparation would be made at your house. There would be sweeping and dusting, washing and drying, moving and relocating of furniture. Yes, there would probably be some purchasing of new materials, drapes, curtains, or something to make the room as nice as possible for Grandma or Aunt Suzie. Even though you did not know the definite date you would find the train or bus schedule, or even the plane schedule and be ready at a moment's notice to drive to the depot or even many miles to the airport to receive this loved one.

Doesn't it seem strange that we can live so complacently, knowing so little, and seemingly, caring less, about this great event in the life

NEW STAFF WRITER



Rev. H. WILLIAM FELLS

REV. H. WILLIAM FELLS joins THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST as a regular writer, in a Department known as "Special Subjects." Brother Fells will be writing feature articles, about one a month. Already two have appeared, one on the Resurrection of our Lord and the other on the Christian Home. This week's is on the subject, "The Promise of His Coming." Others to come in the next few months include one on spending a Christian vacation, and another on The Liberty of the Christian.

Brother Fells is pastor of the Garber Memorial Brethren Church in Ashland. We welcome him as a regular writer for our church paper. WSB.

of one organization that should mean so much to us, namely the life of the Church? Christ's coming is to change the entire program of the Church and the world, and yet, we, who are considered the Church are not aware of the Promise, the conditions under which it will be met, or any other details.

How do YOU feel about this Promise? It is there, seventeen times; by seven different writers, it is given over a period covering several hundred years. It is signed by the Divine Son of God, and attested to by His Father, and at least two other personalities. But we are not facing reality enough to be prepared for it in our generation.

There are those of the different theologies who tell us that this coming is when He comes to call the individual home, and then they have

other explanations also, but friend, if we are going to translate the Scriptures so literally in one place, then we must be consistent and translate them literally all the way through. And it is my belief that we should translate literally. If it says Jesus washed the disciples' feet and said we should do the same, then we wash feet, not foot. If it says we are to baptize into the Father, **and** into the Son, **and** into the Holy Spirit, then we baptize each believer into a new relationship with each member of the God head. A part of that relationship is an anticipation of the Coming of Christ, and a definite, sincere desire to be ready when that Church-removing, earth-shaking experience comes.

If this Promise is true and to be accepted and used just as the other Promises in this great sheaf of Promissory Notes are true and to be accepted, then let us begin to live the Christian Life like we **DO** accept and believe the promise. In a discussion with the family doctor recently

on how we could each one live more definitely and joyfully, instead of just existing and suffering through one day after another, the doctor made the statement that he had had to form the habit in his own life of looking forward to one or two experiences of that next day that would make him want to live until the moment those experiences come to pass. This made him live with anticipation and doing whatever he had to do with a zest and a feeling that he had not been able to instill in his patients always.

Dear Christian Friend, are you living a happy, joyful life, with zest and feeling, or does each day end with you sinking into bed saying a quick "thank you" that that one is over and requesting the strength you will need for the next one? Could it be that we need to look over the "Accounts Receivable" file, and especially lift out that "Note" promising His coming to receive us unto Himself. What does "The Promise of His Coming" mean to YOU?

THE POWER TO SEE IT THROUGH

The power to see life through to a great conclusion is obviously a matter of patience, and patience is of all virtues one of the most difficult to achieve. Nothing in this world, however, is likely to get on without it, for the world itself is built on patient lines.

A magician will thrill his audience by planting in a pot of earth a seed which, under the waving of his wand, will produce in a moment a fruit-laden tree. But God never makes trees like that. From the solar nebulae to the oak that shades our lawn is a long story, so long that our imaginations weary in trying to measure it. Man, however, likes the magician's way better; he is naturally impatient; as a popular song puts it, he wants what he wants when he wants it, and in consequence he fails to carry on to a fine finish.

A traveler tells us that sunrise in the Tyrolese Alps takes four hours of gradually expanding glory before the sun is fully up, but the traveler also says that a cinema concern has taken a moving picture of the sunrise which is now run off in ninety seconds for the delectation of the crowds. We like things done that way; we wish to condense and hasten the whole process of the

universe; we would cry, "Step lively," to the Eternal.

The only folk who are fit to live and work in this world are folk who have a kind of undiscourable patience. In real life, great gains are made slowly. In real life, Nero sits on the throne and Paul languishes in prison, and many years must pass before people begin calling their dogs Nero and their sons Paul; but that time comes. As God lives, that time will always come.

For the kind of patience which can carry a man through to a great finish in his personal life and in his social devotions is founded on religious faith. That this universe is fundamentally of a moral order, that there are reason and purpose in it, that what ought to be done can be done, that, as Carlyle cried, "No lie can live forever"—these are religious convictions which undergird men and enable them to carry on when carrying on is hard.

As for personal experience, to what triumphant endings has religious faith brought multitudes who have understood its power! If ever anyone had a difficult conclusion to face, it was Jesus. Yet if He had given up in Gethsemane, unable to finish, all His teachings would have been

forgotten, His works of mercy would have dropped into oblivion, and the life divine would have been wasted. His victory lay in His power to say on Calvary, "It is finished."

If ever a man might have been tempted to give up, it was Paul. Yet if in Nero's prison he

had collapsed, unable to finish, all his fine start on the Damascus Road would have gone for nothing, and his long and arduous labor would have lost its fruit. The significance of his life hung on his ability at last to say, "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."—Selected.

Some Things

We Don't Regret

I have never known a man to regret living a Christian life.

I have never known a man to regret being truthful.

I have never known a man to regret being a total abstainer from the use of liquor and tobacco.

I have never known a man to regret being honest with himself, his fellowmen and God.

I have never known a man to regret controlling his temper and tongue.

I have never known a man to regret being a faithful attendant at church and Sunday school.

I have never known a man to regret being clean in his language, conduct and manners.

I have never known a man to regret keeping good company.

I have never known a man to regret being kind to his family, friends and neighbors.

I have never known a man to regret living a life of prayer and faith.

I have never known a man to regret loving God and all mankind.

I have never known a man to regret loving the Holy Bible, reading and studying its sacred truths and living by it across the years of his life.

I have never known a man to regret having a good name and a spotless character.

I have never known a man to regret doing honest work as he worked at the right job.

I have never known a man to regret using his time well, rather than in idleness.

I have never known a man to regret accepting his opportunities to do good as he journeys through life.

I have never known a man to regret keeping his marriage vows sacred and holy.

I have never known a man to regret using good common sense in anything and everything as he pursues life's journey.

I have never known a man to regret saying too little when he is being tempted, tested and tried severely by the enemy.

I have never known a man to regret having a forgiving heart and spirit toward his fellowmen.

I have never known a man to regret living in the will of God.

I have never known a man to regret being an honest, conscientious tither.

I have never known a man to regret forming the best of habits and keeping true to them.

I have never known a man to regret being an honest student and standing on his own merits.

I have never known a man to regret having a family altar in his home and gathering his loved ones around him for prayer.

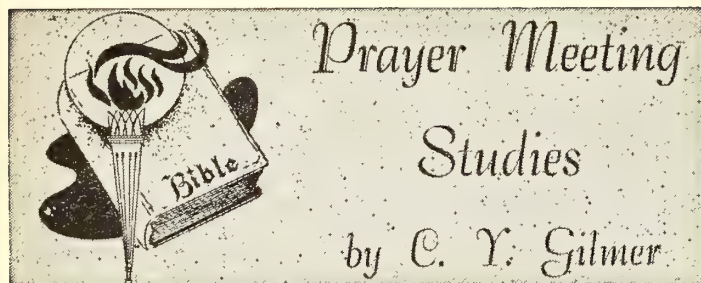
I have never known a man to regret living a truly sanctified life, being a soul-winner and helping as many as he could live for God and heaven.

I have never known a man to regret thanking and praising the Lord right out of an honest heart and soul for salvation and the many blessings of life he receives from His bountiful supply.

I have never known a man to regret singing the best hymns and songs that Christian writers have been able to produce across the decades of time, thereby feasting on such sacred music.

I have never known a man to regret living for God when he comes down to the "valley and shadow of death," realizing that there awaits him a triumphal entrance into the Celestial City where he shall be forever with the redeemed saints of the ages, Amen, and AMEN.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour, Taylorsville, N. C.



MY JEWELS

Mrs. Lofty has her jewels,
 So have I;
 She wears hers upon her bosom—
 But I
 With my blue-eyed laughing babies,
 Trundling by,
 Hide their faces lest she should see
 My sweet cherubs and envy me.

HEAVEN IS FULL OF CHILDREN (Zech. 8:5). In Heaven the salvation of children is assured (Isa. 40:11). The hard-hearted of earth have slain little children or been the cause of their death (Matt. 2:16-18), but such are now safe and free from all sorrow (Rev. 7:16). They had a precious ministry on earth (Lu. 18:15, 16). Their bereft parents have a new interest in Heaven now (2 Sam. 12:23). They shall see them in Heaven if they want to meet them there (1 Thess. 4:13). We should be better here since they left us for the better land (Eccl. 7:3). The death of little ones should incline the hearts of their parents to the Lord (Psa. 116:3, 4).

The Lord has a right to claim His jewels (Mal. 3:17). He gives them, but He receives them again to Himself (Job 1:21). He takes our loved ones because He loves them, too (Psa. 116:15). Jesus was transfigured on the mount that we might know the glory of our loved ones in God's presence (Matt. 17:2). Paul taught that it is far better to be with the Lord (Phil. 1:23). They are in their new home, God's home, and ours (Jn. 14:1-3). In their mortal life they could not always be near, but now in the spirit they hover about us (Heb. 12:1). They are still ours to love while they abide a permanent blessing in our consciousness (Matt. 22:32).

Let us do right by our loved ones while they are yet with us (2 Kgs. 18:33).

TIRED MOTHERS

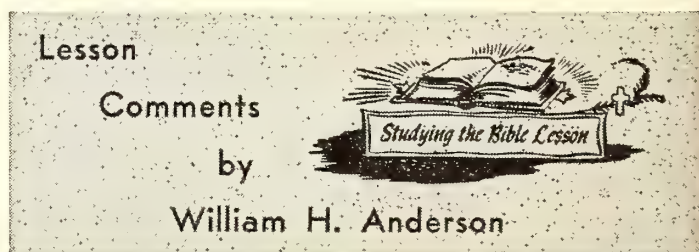
A little elbow leans upon your knee,
 Your tired knee that has so much to bear.
 A child's dear eyes are looking lovingly
 From underneath a thatch of tangled hair.
 Perhaps you do not heed the velvet touch
 Of warm, moist fingers, folding yours so tight;
 You do not prize this blessing overmuch,
 You almost are too tired to pray tonight.

But it is blessedness! A year ago
 I did not see it as I do today—
 We are so dull and thankless; and too slow
 To catch the sunshine till it slips away.
 And now it seems surpassing strange to me
 That while I wore the badge of motherhood,
 I did not kiss more oft and tenderly
 The little child that brought me only good.

I wonder so that mothers ever fret
 At little children clinging to their gown;
 Or that the footprints when the days are wet
 Are ever black enough to make them frown.
 If I could find a little muddy boot,
 Or cap or jacket on my chamber floor;
 If I could kiss a rosy, restless foot,
 And hear it patter in my house once more;

If I could mend a broken cart today,
 Tomorrow make a kite to reach the sky—
 There is no woman in God's world could say
 She was more blissfully content than I.
 But, ah! the dainty pillow next my own
 Is never rumpled by a shining head—
 My singing birdling from its nest is flown;
 The little one I used to kiss is dead.

Mary Louise Riley Smith



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Lesson for June 12, 1960

THE DISCIPLINED LIFE

Lesson: Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 15:11-24

FROM THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER comes the following true account:

"A New York policeman pleaded with a suicide-bent 19-year-old Navy seaman to come down off a girder of Manhattan bridge, 100 feet above the pavement—but to no avail. So the officer got tough!

"If you've got your leave papers," he roared, "hand them over or you'll be in real trouble."

The gob automatically reached for his wallet which contained the papers, and when he did the copper grabbed him, and dragged him to safety.

Discipline can save lives in various ways!"

THE CHRISTIAN WAY REQUIRES DISCIPLINE BECAUSE THE HEAVENLY GATE IS STRAIGHT AND NARROW. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Mt. 7:13-14).

Man is required to make a choice. As a free moral agent, he is not only permitted to do so, but required!

"There are, after all, only two ways in which a man can live: the easy, popular way of self-indulgence and enjoyment and license and pleasure, or the disciplined way. He gets his reward, whichever way he

goes. It would be smart of him if he would look ahead and study the rewards **before** he chooses his road; if he did he would find frustration and defeat at the end of the road marked 'Popular,' and a spiritual joy that is beyond human understanding at the end of the way marked 'Hard.'" (Frank S. Mead).

The way that leads to heaven is straight and narrow—i.e., uncompromising and hard. As Dr. Mead says, "it requires denial and discipline." But it has its reward, for it "leadeth unto life." Tragically enough, Jesus said: "Few there be that find it."

How many Christians have actually chosen the straight and narrow way? Oh yes, we say that we have! But we chafe at any Scriptural injunction that seeks to produce purity and holiness within us. If we were perfectly honest we would have to admit that too many of us look upon the Christian Way as "too demanding" for this day and age!

The alternate way is "wide" and "broad." How easy it is to follow this path! It is attractive and exciting! Consequently, it draws the great mass of humanity. Little does the deceived world know that the broad way "leadeth to destruction."

We do not avoid this broad way, nor do we enter the narrow way, by chance. If we desire salvation and its accompanying rewards we must strive to enter "the strait gate." Thus Jesus said: "Strive to enter in at the strait gate" (Lk. 13:24). This word "strive" is an intense one. Our word "agonize" is derived from it. This same root word is used of Christ's struggles in Gethsemane where we read: "And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly" (Lk. 22:44). Consequently, Jesus would say we must "agonize to enter in at the strait gate." This is where discipline is required.

THE UNGODLY WAY REQUIRES NO DISCIPLINE, BUT ITS COST IS GREATER THAN ITS REWARDS. Notice the undisciplined Prodigal, as found in Luke 15:

1. **He made a wrong choice**—"Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me" (vs. 12). Self-willed, this son desired to have his own way.

2. **Being free of parental restraint, he soon engaged in sinful practices**—"He squandered all his property by living in dissipation" (Wms.—vs. 13). This happened in the "far country."

"Those words, 'the far country,' have always intrigued us. Where was it? It has no name. It could be anywhere. It is the 'land' to which we go when we move away from all that is good and decent and wholesome. It may be a land of lost ideals, of shattered dreams, of drunken selfishness, of frustration, of fallen standards. It can be anywhere a man tries to live far from God" (Mead).

3. **His spiritual destitution led to material want**—"He began to be in want... and no man gave unto him... I perish with hunger" (vs. 14-17).

4. **At long last he "came to himself," and made the right choice**—"I will arise and go to my father" (vs. 18-19). His choice involved:

- a. **Determination**—"I will arise and go..."
- b. **Repentance**—"I have sinned..."
- c. **Humility**—"I... am no more worthy..."

5. **Having made the right choice, he then proceeded to take the right steps**—"And he arose, and came to his father" (vs. 20). The Prodigal's **resolution** to do right would have been in vain but for his right **action**. Many have said, "I will arise and go," but they fail to carry out their resolutions. **Decision without action** is fruitless!

6. **His right choice led him back to the father**—"He... came to his father" (vs. 20-24).

The story of the Prodigal illustrates two important truths:

1. What happens when the **WRONG CHOICE** is made and the **WRONG ROAD** is followed;

2. What happens when the wrong choice is **RECTIFIED** and the **RIGHT WAY** is found!

THE PRODIGAL FOUND THAT THE DISCIPLINED WAY IS THE RIGHT WAY!

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

PARENT-TEACHER'S NIGHT

FREQUENTLY, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS are faced with the problem of getting better acquainted, not with the children but with the parents of their class members. The question is, how to arrange a time and occasion when parents, teachers, children and the pastor can all meet together.

Many Sunday schools are finding their answer to this problem in regular Parent-Teacher meetings. This phase of the Sunday school program requires long-range planning, prayer, preparation, and visitation.

The parent of every Sunday school pupil is invited to attend this gathering. The church should provide baby-sitters, free of charge, for the parents. The special feature of the evening should be promoted extensively by mail and by telephone. Some features to be considered in planning for this meeting are information and inspiration.

The information. After some of your social activities the parents may assemble in the different departmental rooms where they will have the opportunity to become acquainted with the surroundings enjoyed by their children. The materials which your department will be using in the new quarter should be presented to the parents with a brief outline of the lessons to be studied. Supplementary materials should be prepared which the parents can use as additional training in the home, including the memory work for the quarter. The home is the most important influence in the lives of the children, therefore we ought to set up an educational program whereby our Sunday school and church cooperates with the parent in a consistent Christian education program.

The inspiration. Many Sunday schools prefer to have all the parents together for this time of the evening's

program. Movies, filmstrips and skits are often used to convey a message to the parents, however the most profitable evenings seem to include talks, symposiums or panel discussions on various topics of special interest to the teachers and parents. **It should not be a preaching service.** Among possible topics are:

1. My job as a Sunday school teacher—My job as a Christian parent.

2. What a teacher expects of a Christian parent—What a parent expects of a Christian teacher.

3. The objectives of our Sunday school and how the home can help achieve them.

4. Teaching children to pray.

5. Problems of Christian family life today.

A time of singing, especially the well-known hymns will be enjoyed by all. The pastor or a teacher may close the meeting in prayer.

After such a meeting as this one, a father, whose children were new in Sunday school, was heard to remark, "I'm surely sold on this church after seeing what's being done for my children."

World Religious News in Review

FOOD PACT WITH INDIA PRAISED BY CHURCH LEADERS

NEW YORK (EP)—The U. S. has signed an unprecedented food pact under which a total of 17 million tons of U. S. surplus grain will be sold to India during the next four years — and religious leaders are hailing the move as a "bold and practical" and "constructive" step forward in international cooperation.

Signed by President Eisenhower and S. K. Patil, India's Minister for Food and Agriculture, it calls for the biggest single sale of surplus food ever made by the United States.

For 587,000 bushels of wheat and 22,000,000 bags of rice, India will pay the U. S. the equivalent in rupees of \$1,276,000,000.

Of this amount, the U. S. will make available all but \$200,000,000 in rupees to the Indian government for economic development projects—one-half in loans, the rest in grants.

"I can think of no better and more constructive use of American surpluses than this," said Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director of Church World Service. "I only wonder why similar arrangements cannot also be made with other countries."

The agreement "puts America's surplus grain to the best possible use," said the Rev. Bernard A. Confer, executive director of Lutheran World Relief.

And Msgr. Edward E. Swanstrom, Executive Director of the Catholic Relief Services - National Catholic

Welfare Conference, lauded the food pact as "a bold and practical step toward loosening the grip which natural disasters have had on Indian people and helping free them from the prospects of recurrent periods of famine."

PLAN GOSPEL OF JOHN DISTRIBUTION FOR CUBA

One million Gospels of John for Cuba have been promised, by faith, by World Wide Gospel Crusades and Christian Literature, Inc., for a nationwide Gospel distribution campaign.

Dr. B. H. Pearson, president of WGC-CLI, and Dr. Louis Latham of WAVO, Atlanta, recently made a survey trip to Cuba. They found that evangelicals, under the leadership of Dr. Jaime Santamaria, M. D., founder-president of Havana CBMC, had worked out a house to house visitation plan for all Cuba. Zones of responsibility had been set up; every evangelical church was cooperating; thousands were praying; but as yet they had no Scripture to distribute. 100,000 Gospels have now been supplied by WGC-CLI; another 100,000 ordered. (EP)

OPEN BIBLE STANDARD WITH-DRAWS CUBA MISSIONARIES

PIERRE, S. D. (EP)—Because of political conditions in Cuba, the Open Bible Standard Churches, Inc., are temporarily withdrawing their three missionaries from the island,

the group's mission secretary said here.

The Rev. O. Ralph Isbill of Des Moines, Ia., told the South Dakota conference of the evangelical body that families of the three missionaries already have been returned to the U. S. He added it is hoped that all may eventually resume their mission work, which will be carried on by Cuban pastors in the interim.

The government of Cuban Premier Fidel Castro is not hindering the group's missionary work, Isbill said, but he added that it "is certainly fostering anti-American feeling."

Established in 1935, the denomination has a membership of about 25,000 in 265 churches, with headquarters in Des Moines.

VATICAN CLAIMS "RIGHTS" IN POLITICS

ROME (EP)—The Roman Catholic hierarchy has "the right and the duty to intervene" in political maneuverings in order to guide its flock.

So reports the official Vatican newspaper *Osservatore Romano*. The news appeared unsigned on the front page of the paper—a pronouncement that the Vatican press service described as authoritative.

Osservatore Romano asserted that this stern decree is valid for Roman Catholic laymen everywhere—a possible allusion to the United States where Presidential hopeful Sen. John F. Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, has recently stressed his independence from church interference in his political duties.

EPISCOPAL RESOLUTION CALLS FOR ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

LOS ANGELES (EP)—A resolution calling for the abolition of capital punishment throughout the United States was given overwhelming

support here by more than 500 delegates to the 41st annual synod of the Protestant Episcopal Church's Province of the Pacific.

The resolution, sponsored by more than a score of laymen and clergy including four bishops and two canons, urged "legislation in the several states to abolish the death penalty" and asked for new legislation to rehabilitate the offenders.

The reasons cited were that the death penalty "has failed demonstrably to deter capital crimes, to rehabilitate the criminal and to protect society."

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS VOTE RESOLUTION OPPOSING CATHOLIC PRESIDENT

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (EP) — By voice vote, the Southern Baptist Convention has adopted a resolution opposing the election of a Catholic as President of the United States.

"When a public official is inescapably bound by the dogma and demands of the church," said the resolution (which did not mention Sen. John Kennedy by name), "he cannot consistently separate himself from these.

"This is especially true when that church maintains a position in open conflict with our established and constituted American pattern of life as specifically related to religious marriage and the family, the perpetuation of free public schools, and the prohibition against use of public moneys for sectarian purposes.

"Therefore, the implications of a candidate's affiliations, including his church, are of concern to the voter in every election."

Although no voices were heard against the resolution itself, there were some arguments from the floor against taking a stand on the issue.

PROHIBITION TO CONTINUE IN MISSISSIPPI

JACKSON, Miss. (EP) — As the Mississippi Legislature closed its 1960 session on May 5, it refused either to repeal the state's 50-year-old prohibition law or to act to put the 946 federally-licensed whisky retailers out of business.

Mississippi, the last state with a state-wide prohibition law, reportedly collects \$3 million yearly from a so-called "black market" tax on illegal whisky sales.

DISCIPLES MERGE NEGRO, WHITE MISSIONARY GROUPS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (EP)—The all-Negro National Christian Missionary Convention has been merged here with the United Christian Missionary Society in a move toward elimination of racial segregation in the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ.)

Meanwhile, it has been announced that the convention of Negro Disciple churches in Kansas has merged with the convention of white Disciple churches in that state, and that a similar union is underway in Ohio.

The Negro body represents 587 congregations in 27 states with a membership of 82,000. The United Society serves 8,000 churches in the U. S. and Canada with a membership of nearly 2,000,000.

A recent survey showed that 400 to 500 Disciple congregations are bi-racial or multi-racial. Some 2,000 churches have expressed their willingness to welcome persons of other races.

BURMA BUILDS UP FOR BUDDHISM

RANGOON, Burma (EP)—Just as he promised during his campaign for election, Burma's new Prime Minister U Nu has put in motion a program to make Buddhism the state religion.

Former Chief Justice U Thein Maung has been appointed head of an Advisory Commission which will visit more than 40 towns throughout the nation to interview leaders of Christian, Hindu, and Islamic communities as well as Buddhist leaders and legal experts before making a report to the government.

Via these interviews, minority groups can freely express their opinions on the move toward Buddhism. The government promises that none of the religious rights of various groups will be infringed by any action required to make Buddhism the state religion.

BRITAINS LAUNCH "CHRISTIAN ROAD SAFETY" CAMPAIGN

LONDON (EP)—Religious groups in England are putting intense efforts into a five-month "Christian Road Safety" campaign. Amid safe-driving slogans, motorists are being urged to pray before entering their cars and to keep out of the drivers' seat when under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

FULLER STUDENTS CHOOSE NEGRO PRESIDENT

At a recent student body election held at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., John Joyner was elected President of the Associated Students. He is the first Negro to be elected to this post in the history of the school. (EP)

PORTLAND OREGONIAN TO POLICE FILM ADS

SALEM, Ore. (EP) — The largest newspaper in the state of Oregon, the *Portland Oregonian*, has announced that it will decline movie advertising which it regards as morally unfavorable.

Advertising Department of the paper has advised Portland theater owners that the *Oregonian*, will not accept any film ads "which tend to incite behavior contrary to established codes of morality and good taste."

The paper said it would reject ads on the following points: illustrations of persons in compromising situations or in a state of dress or undress that would be considered indecent on the street or beach or any other public place; illustrations portraying a high degree of violence; headings or text tending to stimulate an unnatural or unwholesome attitude or interest in sex violence, narcotic addiction or immorality, or copy using the device of double meanings with the purpose of conveying an impression restricted by these standards; and illustrations, copy or quotations which imply they are part of the movie unless they are, in fact, a part of the film.

NEW RECORD IN CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Despite a drop of 16 per cent from the 1959 level in the construction of housing, church construction continues to set new records.

The report of the census bureau on April construction showed another record month, with a total of \$75 million—a gain of \$1 million from March and a 12 per cent jump from April a year ago.

A study of figures for the first four months of this year shows that total church construction has increased 10 per cent over the same period last year. U. S. construction as a whole is off 6 per cent.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

PIONEERS FOR CHRIST!

North Manchester, Indiana was the "cabin" for the All-Indiana Brethren Youth Rally, held on Saturday, May 21. Trail-blazing through the rain were many churches from Indiana. The North Manchester B. Y. C. got things started off with a "bang" by leading in a singspiration. They also had charge of a special number.

Following is a plan of activities the "pioneers" did while waiting for the stage coaches to pull out for points unknown.

2:15-5:00: Discussions were held on the important topic for all youth of boy-girl relationships. **Marlin McCann** led the discussion on "Conduct on a Date." A few of the ideas brought out were—"be neat and clean" and "do things and activities that are Christian, such as attending Church and B. Y. C. meetings." Qualities that a boy likes to find in a girl, and a girl in a boy were discussed.

Rev. Spencer Gentle led a discussion on "God's Will in Dating." One of the main ideas that was brought out was that you should pray, before you accept a date, where you go on a date, and what you do on a date.

It was decided by all that God's Will must be sought out in dating.

Rev. Herbert Gilmer led the discussion on "And With this Ring." This discussion dealt with the problem of mixed marriages in religion. The main idea was to show the difficulties that arise when a Protestant marries a Catholic.

It was hoped by all that these discussion groups would help the teenager in his dating life and leading up to the time when he would be looking toward marriage.

Between 4:25 and 5:00: a time for summary of each discussion group took place. Each young person had the opportunity of sitting in on all three of the discussion groups.

Just before the Mixer Time, a special number was brought to us by **Martha Rose** of Bryan, Ohio.

MIXER TIME was in charge of **Marlin**. The young people got better acquainted by asking questions about each other. (By the way **Rev. Gilmer**, what size shoe do you wear?)

Another question you might have heard asked was, "Who has green socks on?" I guess nobody did.

6:00-7:00: **BANQUET** in the basement of the "cabin." The ladies of the church did a fine job of cooking this meal. The roast Pig (ham) was certainly enjoyed by everyone. A trio from Center Chapel brought a special number after the meal. **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Stout** and **Jerry Gable** sang for us. The trio from North Manchester that sang in the afternoon was **Alice Kindley, Janice Mishler, and Cynthia Carter**.

7:00: A special number was presented to us by **Pam** and **Ann Miller** of Goshen. A film was shown entitled

"MONKEY BUSINESS". This film was about a teenager who stood up for what he believed. In his school classroom, the problem of evolution came up. The fellow in the film had to find out for himself what both sides of the story were. Because of this investigation, he and several others had their faith strengthened.

At 8:30 **Rev. Hanna** dismissed the activities with prayer, and the pioneers started home in their stage coaches.

JUNIOR N. E. OHIO RALLY

Saturday, June 4, 1960

Louisville, Ohio

Registration: 10:00 A. M. (E.D.T.)

THEME: "Jewels For His Crown"

Forenoon: Film

Afternoon Speaker: Mrs. M. F. Henkel

Let's Rally Together

The Way I Saw It!

You know how it is... everyone always telling ya what a terrible curse ya have placed upon ya jest for bein' a "preacher's kid." Well, I'm one of them underprivileged creatures and I figure it's all in the way ya look at things.

You take last Saturday night (May 21) for example. Most kids my age (just short of 3) had to eat Saturday night leftovers at home and had to be in early to get their baths and go to bed. But not me. No Sir! You know where I was? I was at our church eatin' "Peteza" and drinkin' "Pepzy" with some real big kids!

This was a special kind of party our church planned for the Intermediates and Seniors ... and me, of course. I guess I got to go because my mom was a waitress and my dad ... Well, he's jest clever, I guess. He always finds a way to get to them places where they're havin' something to eat.

Anyway, several of the ladies of the church served these older kids and me all the "Peteza" and "Pepzy" we could hold. I had the time of my life. Now, I'm supposed to eat everything on my plate before I get more. You know, the way most moms and dads make out like you're supposed to do. At home I get spanked for whining when I don't get what I want. But over there at the church the atmosphere was so nice in that candle-light setting that dad kept givin' me more "Pepzy" just to keep me quiet. Try it sometime in public. Them parents ain't as gruff as they make out.

After supper, while the boys were making home-made ice cream, the rest of us played ball on the church lawn. This was fun too, because everyone ran right after my green ball everytime I would throw it. I never had to chase it myself ... like at home.

Then it was time to eat that ice cream. Man, (I mean, Boy) was that good, too. I think we ought to have one of these special parties for the "older" youth every week. Come to think of it, those real big kids seemed to have a real good time, too.

Why don't you have a party like that in your church sometime this summer? And don't forget to invite the "Preacher's kid" either.

—John "Lurch"

Keeper of the Buckskin.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

THE GIFT OF KINDNESS

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK what a small thing it is to address a get-well card or a friendship card to a shut-in? Yet to this shut-in it means more than we realize.

I had a pen pal who lay paralyzed for twenty-one years before death and I felt the least I could do was to send a card or letter quite often. Then one day, when I was feeling blue, a very welcome letter came from this friend with a clipping enclosed. The article was circled, and my friend had penciled "this fits you".

Kindness is a gift far above monetary value. It is something we can all give to our fellow man and it often means so much, sometimes the difference between hope and despair. Never omit the kindly word or deed that is yours to impart. Your own life will be much happier for the giving.

I felt I was doing nothing for my friend, yet she appreciated it and her letter was just the lift I needed for the day.

Many times the thought of this wonderful Christian woman and the faith she had, has given me courage and the faith to face my small problems. I was an able bodied person who could get out and witness for Christ, yet this invalid from her bed gave a better witness than I. This opened my eyes to what could be done for the Lord and others with very little effort.

There is a happiness, a warmth, which can only come from helping others. Materially, it is like casting bread upon the waters, except that it usually comes back turned to nice, frosted angel-food cake.

Also,

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers,
None goes his way alone,
What we give into the lives of others,
Comes back into our own."

So let's all examine ourselves—have we been as kind as we could have been? If not, today is a good time to start. The reward is far greater than the effort put forth.

Mrs. Ruth Ross,
Fremont, Ohio.

Brethren Annual Changes

1959-60

J. G. DODDS: p. 84—change address to 1413 Kirby Ave., Muncie, Indiana, and listing to: Pastor, Muncie Brethren Church. Also, pp. 79 and 81, change from Akron, Ohio (Firestone Park Brethren) to Muncie, Indiana, Brethren Church.

L. O. McCARTNEYSMITH: p. 88—new address: 320½ Grand Ave., Cumberland, Md.

STANTON LELAND: address is 404 N. Wayne St., North Manchester, Indiana; add to page 85 as Pastor, North Manchester, Indiana, Brethren Church; add to North Manchester church listing, p. 81.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

"For I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Genesis 18:19.

THE STORY IS TOLD that the will of a Scotch farmer was written in chalk on the stone of the hearth. Upon the death of the testator the stone was removed from its place and taken to court, where it was registered, and its provisions duly carried out.

We may well question if the record on the hearthstone of every one of us could be accepted for registry in heaven. In his mourning for Absalom, his disobedient son, David lamented that he could not have died for his son. He cried, "O Absalom, would God I had died for thee." Might it be that it would have been better if David had lived more for and with Absalom so that his cry of anguish had not been necessary.

The boys and girls of the homes of the land are growing toward maturity, with all the ingredients of a ripened maturity wrapped up in their souls and bodies, but still in a confused mass in their youthful immaturity. They need the molding influence of parents who trust and follow the great Guide. We sing the song, "Faith of Our Fathers", and I sometimes wonder if we remember that if the "Faith of our Fathers" is to live in our sons, it must be a living faith and be living in us.

Ask your S. S. Superintendent if he is reading and using the many fine suggestions appearing each week in the Sunday School Suggestions Dept. See page 15.

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No day so short but I may do
Some little kindly deed or two;
No heart so bowed with woe or fear
But I may somehow lend it cheer.

The United Evangelical

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A CHALLENGE

The great leader and Italian patriot, Garibaldi, said to his soldiers:

"I am going out from Rome. I offer neither quarters, nor provisions, nor wages! I offer hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles, and finally death.

"Let him who loves me with his heart, and not with his lips only, follow me."

It is said that the whole line stepped forward!

Communists, Fascists, Nazis, Shin-toists have sacrificed friendship and home, and risked their lives, and many have died. Is it not time that we had an army of men and women who will give their all and prove that their love and devotion to Jesus Christ means more than a form, or lip service? That their consecration has two feet, two hands, two ears, two eyes, a tongue and a voice, and a heart that beats in sympathy with the whole will of God and for souls for whom Christ died!—Sel.

THE INVISIBLE STRINGS

The soul needs tuning just as a musical instrument does. A little girl once asked her grandmother, "Why should I go to church?"

Her grandmother turned to her and asked the seemingly inappropriate question, "Has the piano tuner been here yet?"

"Why, no-o," answered Ruth, "but I don't see what that's got to do with going to church."

"Perhaps you don't but," explained the grandmother, "our souls are very much like a piano, in that they get out of tune and need to have the strings tuned up from time to time."

"Souls haven't strings, have they?" asked the astonished child.

"Not strings that you can see," admitted her grandmother, "but goodness, faith, courage, generosity, reverence and love are strings of the soul that get slack and out of tune often without our knowing it. But when you go to church and hear about Jesus' splendid life you realize how far away you are from Him in these things, and you get the desire to tune up your life to the pitch of His noble living."—Selected.

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MISSIONARY EQUIPMENT

A life yielded to God and controlled by His Spirit.

A restful trust in God for the supply of all needs.

A sympathetic spirit, and a willingness to take a lowly place.

Tact in dealing with men, and an adaptability toward circumstances. Zeal in service and steadfastness in discouragement.

Love for communion with God and for the study of His Word.

Some blessing in the Lord's work at home, a healthy body and a vigorous mind.

—Soul Clinic

GOD'S ALARMIST

When a man lives clean and godly,
Walks by faith and acts through love,

Keeps himself in tune with heaven
With his heart on things above.
Knows the Bible and its Author,
Leans upon His holy arm,
It is wise to give attention
When he speaks to give alarm.

God's alarmist sees the danger
That's confronting you and me,
And he sounds a note of warning
Lest we lose our liberty,
And go down beneath the surface
Of the raging ocean waves,
Like a vessel that is sunken
And no captain ever saves.

God's alarmist knows the purpose
Of the sly and cunning foe;
Knows that he is set to drag us
To destruction down below;
Set to keep us out of heaven
Where there's peace for evermore
And where saints across the ages
Have marched safely on before.

Oh, give heed to God's alarmist
Who may preach across the earth
Or proclaim a note of warning
That is of profoundest worth;
Who is prayerful in his warning,
Honest, earnest in his soul,
Telling you of what is coming
That will keep you from life's goal.

Rev. Walter E. Isenhour,
Taylorsville, N. C.



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The Editor's Pulpit

SO MANY voices, so many different theories. The average American today seems to be engulfed in a battle of words. World conditions, our own American economic conditions, politics, morals, etc., all add up to quite a confusion for most of us. While some people may have a few definite ideas on most any subject, yet it seems that most people have question marks hanging on most of the host of problems confronting mankind.

This is to be expected since from man's point of view, every moment gives little promise of not being the last. We dare not underestimate the power of today's atomic weapons to cause havoc and slaughter upon the earth. Without doubt, no major power is going to risk its own destruction by starting an atomic war, yet one cannot cast aside the thought that someone, by accident, might do something which another world power would interpret as the start of aggression, thereby retaliating full force.

So, the voices of men are heard, and each day takes on a "here today, maybe not tomorrow" attitude. Even though this is really true for all of us, even without the threat of atomic warfare, yet it seems to be especially true with world conditions as they are. We find little in the voices of men to give us assurance and confidence.

There is a voice which still speaks, and which speaks rightly. It is the voice of God. He speaks, but we are so dinned by the voices of men, that we cannot hear His words of warning, comfort, peace and challenge.

While He tells in His Word that we cannot presume beyond the present moment, yet He assures us that He is ever with us, and that we are in His care. In the midst of all the din and uncertainty, His voice speaks to us, telling us that we are in His care, and that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Surely, with all the vain babble of men as they continually build bigger weapons of war, as they

The Voice Needed Most



probe the heavens and declare there is no God, except man, we need to proclaim more forcefully and effectively by life and word the fact that God lives, and that He can save forevermore. To cringe in fear as Christians, is to doubt the power of God to save and to keep. To live constantly in a state of fear and doubt is to blight the witness of the church to the saving grace of our Lord.

What is your outlook as a Christian? To whose voice are you listening? What do men whose hearts are failing them for fear learn from you as a Christian? When the Russians probe the heavens and say there is no God, do you say, "Guess there isn't"? Or does your testimony ring forth strong and clear, echoing and re-echoing the words, "I AM THE LORD THY GOD"?

A. Barton Brown in "This Fantastic Age", comments on today's complex outlook: "The moon has been hit and skirted. One voice from Russia

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I DREAMED . . . IN SPANISH

Pat H. Carter

LAST NIGHT I dreamed in Spanish. Like most dreams it had something of the unreal, the absurd. There I was in the cleaning shop, embarrassed by the sudden realization that the suit I was wearing was the one I intended to have cleaned.

"If I bring the suit back this afternoon, can you have it out by Friday?" I asked.

"Yes, by Friday afternoon late."

"Then I'll be back this afternoon."

"Be sure to bring it in before five."

"All right, I'll do that."

Sure, a silly dream—but I dreamed it in Spanish! And I've been thinking about it all day, because it is a symbyol of a real breakthrough in my language study. At last this difficult, frustrating new language is beginning to penetrate my subconsciousness.

I can remember vividly that first morning nine months ago when my family and I awoke in this new land of Costa Rica, as helpless and isolated as if we had been cast upon a desert island. Our only connection with this new world was the bilingual national maid downstairs whom we had engaged to live with us until we learned to communicate with people about us.

I remember thinking with a shudder that she literally held our lives in her hands. Why, she could stand right in our presence and plot our death with an assassin, while we were assuming that she was discussing the menu for dinner!

And then those Spanish classes! Trying to force new words, new thought patterns into the mind—trying to twist the tongue around strange, new sounds.

And—oh brother—that first time the pastor here in San Jose called on me to lead in prayer! "Padre nuestro te damos gracias . . ." I began. And then a complete blank. Present and past tenses, nouns, and adjectives—merging into one dark cloud. How frustrating and how humiliating!

Walking home, I wondered if the Lord, who had given me some measure of fluency in a dozen years of preaching in English, really could be glorified by my making a fool of myself trying to learn how to talk all over again.

Then came my last Sunday night, when I made my third attempt at preaching in Spanish. And for the first time in this new situation I experienced the same act of creation that occurred in the old days in my pulpit at home, feeling the indescribable certainty that the Holy Spirit was thinking through me—forming thoughts, coining expressions, bringing about that ancient always-new miracle when the preacher senses that God is communicating His message to His people through His unworthy servant.

And then last night I dreamed in Spanish!

Of course, the battle isn't won; far from it. But can't help thinking that my dream last night was a symbol of a vision God planted in my heart; that He would give me the ability to tell a strange people in a strange language about what He means to me. That dream is now coming true.

So look out verb forms, and idioms, and vocabulary and phonetics—I've got your measure. I'm going to master you yet! I just know it—because last night I dreamed in Spanish. (Reprinted from *The Commission*

(Bill and Fran Curtis who are also studying Spanish in San Jose may be having some similar experiences.)



Missionaries take a break at Spanish Language School in San Jose, Costa Rica

Christianity Challenges Hopelessness

Mary Ann Moyer Kulp

Medical work in America is marked by days of discouragement and times of satisfaction. Patients recover and patients die. Medical aid is available to the majority of people, and the majority take advantage of it. The infant mortality rate is decreasing and the expected life span increasing.

There is constant experimentation with new drugs and methods of treatment and continued expansion of hospitals, medical centers, and public health programs. These statements are also true, although on a much smaller scale, of the medical work in this section of Nigeria.

Not so many years ago, it was the accepted thing for a woman to give birth to nine or ten children of whom only one or two would grow to adulthood. But gradually these mothers are seeking medical help, are receiving prenatal care and education, are being delivered in hospitals, and are seeing their children live and grow.

The process of education is long and complicated, but results are promising, and it is on these results that the future health of Nigeria rests.

Days of Sadness

In spite of progress, there are cases which wring the heart, and for which there would be no cure any place in the world. One of these I would like to share with you, not because of the hopelessness of it, but because it reflects to such a great extent the attitude of the Christian African in the Africa of today.

I first saw Yarnamachahyel in May. She had been living with her grandparents in a village nearby, but at this time she had come home to her parents who live in our Waka Village. Her medical history was long and complex, and now she was ill again.

She had, in her seven years, practically lived on the doorstep of hospital and dispensary. She had suffered fevers, infections, malnutrition, anemia, fractures, and untold pain. As I talked with her parents, her story and the whole tragic story of her family unfolded.

Mystery Illness

Kubilli, the mother, who was then carrying her ninth pregnancy, had given birth to eight children, of whom two had survived—Yarnamachahyel and an older brother. The reason? No one knew. Their illnesses followed a pattern of fever, pain, weakness, then death. And here was their only living daughter, desperately ill.

The father, Musa, who is the caretaker of Waka's team of oxen and receives a salary of about \$2.25 a week, had paid enormous sums of money for the health of his children. He said to me, "Do anything you can for her. I will pay for it little by little."

And so she came twice a day to our dispensary to receive vitamins, iron, and other medications. But the fever did not subside, the pain increased, and one gray morning Yarnamachahyel was not able to swallow the medicine I gave her. "Ah," moaned the mother, "God does not love me . . ."

Nearby stood Musa, mute with his own grief and unable to console his wife. I sat with them in the cold dawn, and later I wept with them as the stony soil of Waka covered their child in this, the seventh small grave.

One More Cross

A month later, Kubli gave birth to a four pound, ten ounce, six weeks premature baby girl. Very few premature babies survive in this country simply because the equipment necessary to keep them alive is not available. In addition to this, many of the older women look upon a premature as an ill omen, and so do not make any attempt to save it. So Kubli regarded her new baby as one more cross to bear and one more child to be mourned. She could hardly be persuaded to care for it and nurse it during the first week of life. But she did, and the tiny bundle survived seven days, then fourteen; today she weighs nine pounds. Kubli and Musa began to hope again.

We were fairly certain that the cause of the trouble is a type of anemia, inherited and incurable. It may yet strike their older son and tiny daughter. But the miracle is this: instead of the old fatalistic view of the pagan African, Kubli and Musa have adopted an attitude of acceptance and hope . . .

Although from a medical standpoint this case is not one which is likely to bring any of us who have worked with them a sense of professional accomplishment, there is a spiritual quality about it which is exemplified in the child's name.

Translated from the Bura, Yarnamachahyel means: "What can I give God?" How much richer has been my life, and how insignificant my problems, since I have come to know these people! (From Gospel Messenger)

Items of General Interest

WASHINGTON, D. C. Average Sunday School attendance in the Washington church since April 2nd is 182. The Washington Brethren bulletin notes that this is a brand new record, being the highest in the history of the church.

Six new members were received recently by baptism.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. The Nappanee church was host to the Marion College Choir on May 29th when a concert of sacred music was presented.

LOREE, INDIANA. Loree Brethren's Christian education building was dedicated on May 29th. Brother Horace Huse brought the message which was followed by the service of dedication. The Loree Brethren have been using the new building since Palm Sunday. A basket dinner was enjoyed on the day of dedication.

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS. Thirteen new members were received into the fellowship of the church on May 15th.

COMING EVENTS

NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA. Dedication of recently completed addition to the church—June 26th—Morning worship, carry-in dinner; afternoon service, 2:00 o'clock. Rev. George Pontius, former Pastor, speaker; Rev. W. E. Thomas, Pastor.

Program of the
SEVENTY-THIRD CONFERENCE
of the
INDIANA DISTRICT
BRETHREN CHURCHES
and **BIBLE CONFERENCE**
June 13th to 16th, 1960

The Brethren Retreat
Shipshewana Lake, Indiana



Conference Theme: "Advance in Evangelism"

Conference Text: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."—John 4:35b.

INDIANA CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

Conference ModeratorM. Virgil Ingraham
Vice ModeratorHerbert Gilmer
Secretary-TreasurerG. Bright Hanna
Ass't. Sec'y-Treas.Horace Huse
StatisticianMrs. Donald Kollar

PROGRAM

Music DirectorsRev. and Mrs. Marlin McCann,
Ashland, Ohio
PianistMrs. Woodrow Immel,
New Paris

Monday Evening—June 13

7:30- 8:00 Devotional Service
Music
Scripture and PrayerVirgil Ingraham
Appointment of Credential Committee
Appointment of Committee on Committees
8:00 Hymn
Conference SermonHerbert Gilmer

Tuesday Morning—June 14

7:15 Breakfast
8:10- 9:20 Simultaneous Sessions
W. M. S., Ministerium, Laymen

8:30- 9:20 Brethren Youth with
Rev. and Mrs. Marlin McCann,
Rev. Phil Lersch
9:30 Conference Prayer Period.....C. Y. Gilmer
10:00 Announcements
Moderator's AddressVirgil Ingraham
11:00-11:45 Music
Bible LectureRev. William Anderson
12:00 Dinner

Tuesday Afternoon

1:00- 2:00 S. M. M., Boys' Brotherhood
1:30- 2:30 Scripture and Prayer.....Elmer Kee
First Business Session
Report of Credential Committee
Report of Ministerial Delegates
Report of Conference Treasurer
Report of Statistician
2:30- 3:30 District Mission Board
3:45- 4:45 W. M. S.
5:30 Supper

Tuesday Evening

6:45- 7:30 Vesper Service
Speaker—
7:45- 8:15 Music and Memorials.....Claud Studebaker
8:15- 9:00 Indiana Laymen
Speaker—John Golby,
National Laymen President
Benediction
9:00 Brethren Youth Campfire

Wednesday Morning—June 15

7:15 Breakfast
8:10- 9:20 Simultaneous Sessions
W. M. S., Ministerium, Laymen

- 8:30- 9:20 Brethren Youth with
Rev. and Mrs. Marlin McCann,
Rev. Phil Lersch
- 9:30 Conference Prayer Period
- 10:00-11:00 Announcements
A Sunday School "Win or Lose" Session
- 11:00-11:45 Bible Lecture.....Rev. William Anderson
- 12:00 Dinner

Wednesday Afternoon

- 1:00- 2:00 S. M. M., Boys' Brotherhood
- 1:30- 2:30 Scripture and Prayer
Business Session:
Report of Credential Committee
Report of Ministerial Delegates
Report of Committee on Committees
Election of Officers
- 2:30- 3:15 District Sunday School Board
- 3:15- 4:00 Board of Trustees (Shipshewana)
- 4:00- 5:00 W. M. S.
- 5:30 Supper

Wednesday Evening

- 6:45- 7:30 Vesper Service
Speaker J. Edgar Berkshire
- 7:45- 9:00 Indiana Brethren Youth
District Speech Contest
- 9:00 Brethren Youth Campfire

Thursday Morning—June 16

- 7:15 Breakfast
- 8:10- 9:20 Simultaneous Sessions
W. M. S., Ministerium, Laymen
- 8:30- 9:20 Brethren Youth with
Rev. and Mrs. Marlin McCann,
Rev. Phil Lersch
- 9:30 Conference Prayer Period
- 10:00-11:00 Announcements
Ashland College and Seminary
Dr. Glenn Clayton
Brethren Publishing Company
W. St. Clair Benshoff
Central Planning and Co-ordinating Com-
mittee.....John Porte
- 11:00-11:45 Bible LectureRev. William Anderson
- 12:00 Dinner

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:00- 2:00 Boys' Brotherhood
- 1:30- 3:30 Scripture and PrayerFloyd Sibert
Final Business Session:
Committee Reports: Credential, Ministe-
rial delegates, Ministerial Examining
Board, Young Men and Boys' Brother-
hood, Auditing, Resolutions, Brethren
Youth Board.
Time and Place of next Conference
- 3:45- 4:45 W. M. S.
- 5:30 Supper

Thursday Evening

- 6:45- 7:30 Vesper Service
Speaker.....Spencer Gentle
- 7:45- 9:00 District W. M. S.
SpeakerMrs. Robert Byler,
missionary on furlough

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY**Theme: "Publish Glad Tidings"**

"And the gospel must first be published among all nations." Mark 13:10.

Theme Chorus: "O Zion, Haste"

Pianist—Mrs. Woodrow Immel, New Paris

Chorister—Mrs. William Cole, Ardmore

THE PROGRAM**Tuesday Morning—June 14****8:10-9:20**

Prelude
Song
Devotions: "Headline" Luke 2:10
Roann Society
Business
Memorial Service—County Line
Theme Chorus
Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon**3:45-4:45**

Annual Tea and Program—Nappanee

Wednesday Morning—June 15**8:10-9:20**

Prelude
Song
Devotions: "Editorial" Luke 8:1
Mrs. Roxie Stahl, Huntington

Business:
Election of Officers
Recognition of Banner Societies
Project OfferingBryan Senior Society
Theme Chorus
Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon**4:00-5:00**

Prelude
Song
Report from Africa "The Krafts"
Theme Chorus
Benediction

Thursday Morning—June 16**8:10-9:20**

Prelude
Song
Devotions: "Local News" Luke 8:39
Goshen Society
Business
Installation of Officers
Mrs. Russell Rodkey

Theme Chorus
Benediction

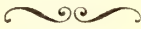
Thursday Afternoon**3:45-4:45**

Prelude
Song
Mission Highlights
Theme Chorus
Benediction

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Thursday Evening
7:45-9:00

Prelude
Song
Devotions: "Foreign News" Acts 13:49
Mrs. William Meinke
Special Music
Missionary SpeakerMrs. Robert Byler
Theme Chorus
Benediction



SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA
Theme: "Around The World"
Pianist—Pamela Miller, Goshen
Chorister—Alice Kindley, North Manchester

THE PROGRAM
Tuesday—June 14

8:30- 9:20 Brethren Youth
10:00-11:30 S. M. M. girls attend services in the auditorium
1:00-2:00 P. M.
Song Service
Greetings from District Officers
DevotionsCenter Chapel
Special MusicNew Paris
MessageMrs. Charles Kraft
Business—Appointment of Committees
S. M. M. Benediction

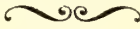
9:00 P. M.
Brethren Youth Campfire

Wednesday—June 15
8:30- 9:20 Brethren Youth
10:00-11:30 S. M. M. girls attend services in the auditorium
1:00-2:00 P. M.
South America
Song Service
DevotionsWarsaw
Special MusicCorinth
MessageMrs. Robert Byler
Business Session—Election of Officers
S. M. M. Benediction

5:00 P. M.
Weiner Roast
7:45-9:00 P. M.
Indiana Brethren Youth Session
9:00 P. M.
Brethren Youth Campfire

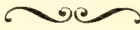
Thursday—June 16
8:30- 9:20 Brethren Youth
10:00-11:30 S. M. M. girls attend services in the auditorium
12:30 P. M.
"Lakeside Service"
Song Service
DevotionsTeegarden
Special MusicBryan, Ohio
Ingathering of Project FundsJudy Nipple
Consecration prayerMrs. Leonard Mauzy
New ProjectMary Ann Moog

1:15 P. M.
"Annual Luncheon for Sisterhood girls and Patronesses"
Song—"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Special MusicCollege Corner
MessageOur Missionaries
Installation of Officers—Mrs. William Meinke, President
W. M. S.
Announcements concerning National Conference—Mrs. J. Milton Bowman
Presentation of Scrapbook Awards—Mrs. Clarence Kindley
S. M. M. Benediction
(Table Decorations and favors—Flora)
All S. M. M. girls are invited to enjoy a period of Devotions, Recreation, and Refreshments each evening in the S. M. M. house, following Campfire.



MINISTERIUM PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 14, 8:10-9:20 A. M.
"Evangelistic Services".....Rev. William Anderson
Wednesday, June 15, 8:10-9:20 A. M.
"Evangelization of Youth"Rev. Phil Lersch
Thursday, June 16, 8:10-9:20 A. M.
Election of Officers
"Peace Instruction for Camp Curriculum"
Rev. Phil Lersch



BOYS' BROTHERHOOD

Tuesday—June 14
8:30- 9:20 A. M. Attend Brethren Youth Session
1:00- 2:00 P. M. SpeakerGlenn Grumblin
9:00 P. M. Brethren Youth Campfire
Wednesday—June 15
8:30- 9:20 A. M. Attend Brethren Youth Session
1:00- 2:00 P. M. SpeakerSpencer Gentl
7:45- 9:00 P. M. Indiana Brethren Youth Session
9:00 P. M. Brethren Youth Campfire
Thursday—June 16
8:30- 9:20 A. M. Attend Brethren Youth Session
1:00- 2:00 P. M. Speaker.....C. Y. Gilme

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160
Needed:
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What's Doing in the Churches



MISHAWAKA AND KOKOMO, INDIANA

On March 21 Rev. Clayton Berkshire, secretary of our National Mission Board, traveled to Warsaw, Indiana to meet in the home of Brother Glenn Cripe with the members of the Indiana Mission Board, and the Mishawaka Brethren. Brother Firestone, moderator of the South Bend Brethren Church, and Rev. Virgil Ingraham, moderator of Indiana District were also present.

The purpose of the meeting was to make careful plans for building the new Church in Mishawaka. Brother Berkshire offered very good, sound ideas about building, which were helpful to all present. The work has progressed enough that soon an architect should be hired. Building will begin when the Brethren of Indiana District begin to give generously. The Board is trying to make this a District project and even informing Brethren Nationally of the progress. We expect to build no later than Spring of 1961.

NOTICE TO ALL TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS: In the near future will be the time for TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS to give toward the worthy project in Mishawaka. OUR INDIANA DISTRICT MUST GET BEHIND THIS PROJECT also by sending in the 60c per member assessment, and sending in gifts of \$5 to \$100 or more to GLENN CRIPE, TREASURER, 1106 S. BUF-FALO ST., WARSAW, INDIANA. Brethren let's advance with Christ!

In February the average attendance of Mishawaka Brethren was 27. Brother Dick Segrist of Nappanee and Brothers, George Kerlin, Albert Higgins, and James Tritch of Goshen were guest speakers for that month. Rev. C. A. Stewart is now their pastor beginning April 17. When more funds come in we hope Brother Stewart can be secured for almost full time work.

The goal of the Indiana Mission Board is to have two more Chartered Churches in our District by District Conference time of June 13 to 16. This should be the best attended Conference we have ever had. We ought to meet to praise God together, for this achievement. **THE BRETHREN CHURCH IS ON THE MOVE. LET'S PUSH TOGETHER!**

We are happy to report that there is a nucleus of Brethren in and around Kokomo that have been interested in a new Brethren Church for a number of years. Rev. Turley has been working for a number of years on the idea. Our National Board has discussed the matter in recent years. On April 1, 1960 a decision had to be made quick, because the old Church of the Brethren Building on 917 S. Market St., was being bid off for sale. The deadline was 12:00 noon. Owners of the building wanted \$15,000, but we were able to obtain it for

\$10,300 and \$50 to bring abstract up to date. The building is 40 by 50 feet in size and is in very good condition. This price purchased everything in the building except two pianos and folding chairs and tables in the basement. The building is gas heated. Seating capacity is 171.

The building was purchased with the consultation of Brothers Clayton Berkshire, Virgil Ingraham, Austin Gable, and Herbert Gilmer. The building will be in the name of the Indiana Mission Board until local people are able to pay for it. Other reasons for its purchase are: The building is located mainly in a residential area around eight blocks from the No. 31 by-pass, Kokomo is the fastest growing city in Indiana, there are six families immediately interested in the project, many other Brethren available in and around the city, Brother Austin Gable will be the new pastor, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Reed are a very alert Brethren couple ready to help the Gables. Brother Gable is closing his 15 years of pastoral service for the Denver, Center Chapel circuit to take up the new work in Kokomo. **ANYONE KNOWING BRETHREN PEOPLE IN KOKOMO**, please send names and addresses to Rev. Austin Gable, Rt. 5, Peru, Indiana.

Brother Gable is willing to sacrifice much to see this work be a success and our Board is pleased to have him in this new work. **WE BELIEVE OUR DISTRICT WILL HELP FINANCIALLY ON THIS PROJECT!**

Meanwhile let us all give toward these worthy causes of our District. Your Board is helping on the salaries of Matteson, Michigan Church and the Mishawaka group. We shall be looking for your gifts toward such a worthy work. Send to the above address of Brother Cripe. In your prayer meetings, please pray for these missions churches.

Herbert Gilmer, Roann, Indiana.



MISHAWAKA, INDIANA

On March 17, Easter Sunday, the undersigned preached his first sermon in the newly organized Brethren church in Mishawaka, Indiana, in the beautiful new North Side School building. This being Easter Sunday the attendance was a little larger than usual. We had 42 in the worship service. This being a newly organized group by the Indiana Mission Board, they are not fully organized among themselves as yet as to how they can operate effectively. This cannot be done until they get their church. They have two hours on Sunday morning in one room in the school building and are making the best of it. On April 24 there were 27 in attendance and 28 on the 31st. In the evening of April 31st we had a communion service in the beautiful and spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dreibelbiss with 22 around the tables. Their prayer services on Wednesday evenings are well attended, having from 12 to 17. These services are in the homes. These people are seemingly an untiring group who are anxious to get a church built on a three-acre tract which is in the center of a housing project where there are many unchurched people.

Mr. and Mrs. William Meinke, who live in Mishawaka, purchased this tract and then the First Brethren church

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EVANGELISM

by Rev. J. D. Hamel

The SOUL WINNER, a SALESMAN for GOD

ALL THE SOUND PRINCIPLES of salesmanship ought to be employed in the winning of souls to Christ. No one knew these principles better or applied them more effectively than our Lord Himself. He was perfect in His knowledge and technique. Every age will be able to learn from Him. In the record of His dealings with the woman of Samaria (John 4) we can find not only the best principles of salesmanship, but the final technique in soul-winning.

We must not suppose that this method of our Lord was the only one He ever used. He could suit His methods perfectly to the needs of His subjects. What we claim is that this method displays the soundest of principles and is the best method to be used in most cases. Every beginner ought to learn these six steps and then practice them until he has become skillful in their use. Anyone can become a successful soulwinner in this way.

FIND YOUR PROSPECT: Jesus must needs go through Samaria. Why? The Jews usually went the way of Transjordan. They studiously avoided going through Samaria. The Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. They went the way of race antipathy—of human prejudice.

Our Lord went through Samaria because that was the way of divine guidance. He was always

led of the Spirit. There was a prospective Christian in Samaria. She would be coming out to Jacob's well to draw water shortly after Jesus and His disciples had arrived at that place. The disciples would be going to the city to buy food. Jesus and the woman would meet alone at the well by the appointment of the Spirit of God.

It is the Holy Spirit who makes our prospects for the Christian life. No man will come to Christ unless he be drawn. If we attempt the work of winning souls to Christ without the presence of the Lord, the Spirit, we shall labor in vain. It will be a most tedious and fruitless effort. But let us find our prospects in the way of divine guidance, and there will be romance in our work and success for our pains.

CREATE A FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT: There are antipathies to destroy and prejudices to remove. The Lord Jesus found them in the woman of Samaria. We shall find them in the unregenerate people with whom we deal. The flesh lusteth against the Spirit. The carnal nature in man is at enmity with the Spirit of God. That enmity must be neutralized for the time, and afterward wholly removed. "Give me to drink," said Jesus.

One does not usually ask favors from an enemy. Only friends accept favors. The recipient

places himself under obligations. The giver is in the place of superiority. Our Lord took the place of inferiority. The woman recognized this and was impressed by it. She expressed her astonishment in an exclamation. He did something far more significant—something she felt but was not able to analyze. He gave her a sense of self-importance. Here is a form of justifiable strategy to which every wise salesman resorts. It is a good turn which every one who would make friends performs.

There are three basic natural desires in every human breast. The first is the wish to enjoy things. The second is the wish to have things. The third is the wish to do things. The last is the most fundamental and the deepest lying of all our human urges. The joy of achievement is the most satisfying of all joys. It means self-realization. It makes one feel important.

There is a myth of an old blacksmith which I have read somewhere. With the bellows in his shop blowing and his forge glowing, he picked up a piece of iron, examined it critically, and threw it on the junk pile. Then he picked up another and repeated the performance. So he did with several. At last he found a piece that suited him. Thrusting it into the fire he heated it until it seemed to be a flaming dynamo of sizzling energy. Then he laid it on the anvil and hammered it unmercifully. As the red-hot iron shaped itself to the will of the smithy, it began to speak. "You can melt me with heat," it said, "and you can hammer me as you will, but please do not junk me." Anything but to be useless!

Our Lord's way was perfect. He put His finger on the deepest urge in human nature when He said, "Give me to drink." After that there was no room for prejudice. The environment was friendly. Fencing for advantage was not scarcely to be thought of. If you cannot create a friendly feeling, then you would better close the interview. There is little use of pressing the case any further. Argument would remove any lingering hope of success. Better give a brief word of testimony with as much dignity and poise as you can command, perhaps leave a tract, and withdraw as gracefully as the circumstances will permit. If, however, you can produce an atmosphere that is congenial, then go on to the next step.

DELIVER YOUR MESSAGE: The salesman calls this message his selling talk. Agents are taught to commit it to memory and recite it verbatim. It is a good plan for beginners.

Jesus said, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water . . . Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." The analogy is very beautiful and suggestive. The natural water in Jacob's well is a type of the life which God gives to those who accept His Gift. Christ came to bring that life to men.

The unsaved soul is doomed for time and eternity. He is lost and undone. He is dead in trespasses and in sins. Christ has come to give him life, to turn him from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, and to assure him of an inheritance among all them that are sanctified. Tell the story. Tell it simply but positively. Show how it has worked with you and with others. Make your prospect feel that this question is one of supreme importance. It will not do to trifle with it. Every individual and the world are choosing between Christ and chaos. Jesus saves! This is your message!

GET A DECISION: The woman said, "Give me this water." She had signed on the dotted line. She had ordered the goods. The die was cast. She was enrolled as a follower of Jesus.

No salesman ever thinks of closing an interview without at least the verbal commitment of his customer to his proposition. Whenever possible, this commitment is followed by the signing of an agreement. Why should the Christian worker stop short of this? Would not the real effect of his message be lost if it were not consummated in such commitment? Have, therefore, a decision card, or a printed covenant, and ask your prospect to register his decision. And when this is done, your work is not finished.

The woman of Samaria had accepted our Lord's proposition and had shown her readiness to receive the new life, but she did not know all that was involved. She must be made to know that the new life meant the giving up of her sin. The sin question had not yet been dealt with. This was an essential part of the agreement and it must be explained.

EXPLAIN THE TERMS: There is a proper and an improper place to introduce this question for discussion. Jesus introduced it at the proper place—after the woman had committed herself to Him. The "Sin question" came before the sin question. This is the normal order. No one can

effectively deal with sin in his own life without the presence of the Son of God. Let a soul receive Christ and sin will go by "the expulsive power of a new affection." If one attempts to expel sin first, one will have a house "empty, swept and garnished." When the demons return, the last state of that man will be worse than the first (Matt. 12:44, 45).

So Jesus said, "Go call your husband." There He put His finger on the tenderest spot of her soul. Like a true surgeon, He probed deeply. It was a major operation. It was also a great success. To the Saviour of sinners she yielded her sin and received a new heart. There must be no half-way measures. Ambiguity in a contract means a dissatisfied customer. That is bad business. Let there be a full explanation and a perfect understanding.

SHOW THE WAY: The woman said, When the Messiah comes, "he will tell us all things." Jesus said, "I that speak unto thee am he."

No salesman cares to make a contract which his customer cannot keep. A broken agreement is bad for all concerned. The buyer must know how he is going to be able to pay. His ability in this respect is of the first importance.

The Lord Jesus provides the ability for the Christian life. He did not come to show us how we ought to live; He came to be the life. The would-be Christian must come to see that his life henceforth is to be the Christ life; that he is now at the end of his own struggle; and the Lord is his Saviour and his Keeper. "Christ liveth in me"—this is the final secret.

An intelligent, college-bred young man once said to a veteran preacher, "I do not believe in God, in Christ, or any existence of life after death, but before I die I am going to join the Roman Catholic Church." Upon being asked why, he said, "The Roman Catholic Church is the only institution I know of that will, if I have a soul, take the full responsibility for it." The preacher said, "The Lord Jesus Christ came into this world to take the full responsibility for your soul. If you will commit it to Him, you need never have a doubt as to your salvation." **HE IS THE WAY!**

Be sure your prospect knows the Lord. Teach your prospect to pray. His first acquaintance with the Lord Jesus Christ may blossom into an abiding, eternal fellowship.

—Sarasota, Florida.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

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in South Bend took it over and this group and the Mission Board have hopes of breaking ground for a new church in the near future. We cannot give this field the attention it should have in living so far away and preaching for them on Sunday morning. This will be a great field for a young man who can live on the field and is willing to wear out some shoe leather doing some calling. Several in the community have expressed themselves as being willing to help financially in building a church.

We are appealing to pastors who have members living in this vicinity to give their names and addresses to Mr. and Mrs. William Meinke, 1220 E. Mishawaka Ave., Mishawaka, Ind.

C. A. Stewart, Pastor.



MUNCIE, INDIANA

It has been a long time since you have heard from us. Our new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Dodds, are now on the field, having come the last week of April. They have come to be our leaders in the Lord's work here in Muncie. Rev. Dodds filled the pulpit, Sunday, May 1st.

On that day we had a carry-in dinner in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Dodds, and also for our interim pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. Carl Rarick. Rev. Rarick is a real man of God, and helped us to prepare to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Dodds.

Rev. Dodds began his ministry by receiving one new member into our Church by baptism on May 4th. We observed our Spring Communion on May 8th. It was a very impressive and sacred service. May 15th was Youth Sunday with the youth taking part in the evening service. Our W. M. S. is striving to go forward although handicapped by the illness of both the President and Vice-President, as well as some of our other members. We are praying that the Lord will lay His healing hand upon the sick among our people that we may be better able to accomplish the work He has called us to do.

The Laymen are active and working. The Boys' Brotherhood has been revived and is doing fine under competent leadership. Another phase of our work is the Vacation Bible School under the leadership of Miss Edna Garrett. Four young lady Crusaders will assist in the School, June 20 to July 1. A Junior Choir, consisting of a group of teenagers, sings in the Sunday morning worship services. An orchestra is also being trained by one of our ladies.

We covet an interest in your prayers as we labor in this part of God's vineyard.

Rosa Richey, Corr. Sec'y.

The Lord took the thunder and lightning out of John and filled him full of divine love so that his life, his ministry, his writings literally overflowed with love.



*Ashland
Theological
Seminary News*

**ASHLAND SEMINARY
TO GRADUATE THREE**

At the June Commencement of Ashland College and Seminary, three Brethren men will receive their Bachelor of Divinity degrees.

Following graduation, Carl Barber will assume the pastorate of the Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Brethren Church. Marlin McCann will become the Director of Brethren Youth. Horace Huse has been serving the Loree Brethren Church in Indiana, and will continue to serve there following his graduation.

**ANNUAL SEMINARY
BANQUET HELD**

The annual banquet of the Seminary and friends was held at the Fairground's Restaurant dining room Friday, May 6. There were about 60 present for the time of fun and fellowship together. After a period of group singing, Prof. J. Ray Klingensmith spoke to the group from the first chapter of 1 Peter.

**DEAN FLORA TO LEAD
ASHLAND SEMINARY TOUR
TO BIBLE LANDS**

Should there be no unexpected complications, the Ashland Seminary Tour will get off the ground at Cleveland, Ohio, airport on July 5, and will return from abroad to New York on the morning of August 9.

In addition to visiting points of historic interest in England, France, Switzerland, Italy and Greece in Europe, the Tour is scheduled to visit the European Bible Institute in Paris; Bibelheim, Alpine center for Bible lovers in Switzerland; and the famed Passion Play at Oberammergau in Germany which has been presented at ten year intervals for more than 400 years.

The party will have the opportunity to savor the never-ending exotic thrills provided by Egypt and the Middle-East. Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel will be our host nations of the eastern Mediterranean area. Old Jerusalem, the places of the Bible, the Qumran community, famed in recent years for the Dead Sea Scrolls, an ancient Roman city well preserved, the sights, the sounds, the smells—all these and many others of the lands of the Bible will combine to make the tour a great inspiration to the Bible students and Bible teachers who make up the personnel of the group.

**STATEMENT ON
PRE-THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

At intervals questions arise with reference to college subjects required of students who expect to enter theological seminary after their college graduation. Ashland Theological Seminary has related its pre-theological requirements to those of the American Association of Theological Schools, the accrediting Association of seminaries in the United States. The following is regarded by the Association as a minimum list of fields with which it is desirable that a student should have acquaintance before beginning study in seminary:

English, at least 6 semesters; history, at least 3 semesters; philosophy, at least 3 semesters; natural sciences, at least 2 semesters; social sciences, at least 6 semesters, including at least 1 semester of psychology; foreign languages, at least 4 semesters; religion, at least 3 semesters.

Therefore the pre-seminary requirements of college students who register in Ashland Theological Seminary have been organized for some years as follows:

I. English and Speech, 17 to 20 semester hours, including at least 8 hours of Speech. II. Language, 14 semester hours of ancient Greek. III. Science and Mathematics, 6 to 8 semester hours. IV. Social Sciences, 35 to 43 hours, including 6 to 9 hours of Philosophy and 16 hours of Bible.

Deficiencies in these fields must be made up without seminary credit in order to qualify for credit work in the Seminary.

**NUMBER OF MINISTERIAL
STUDENTS INCREASING**

The prospects for ministerial and missionary students for next school year are good. Present trends indicate an increase in numbers of men studying for the ministry, beginning with the fall semester. This increase is shown in young men coming for regular study and in older men planning to take the Pastors' Orientation Course.

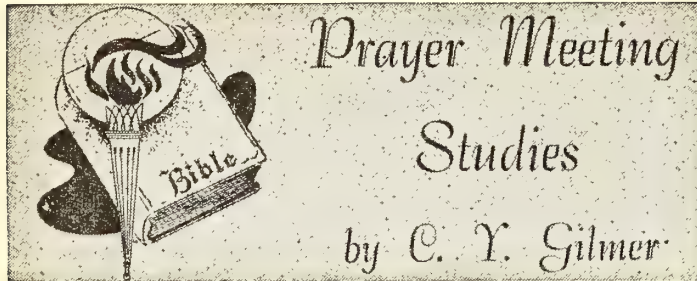
**SEMINARY PLAYS HOST TO THE
ANNUAL PASTORS' CONFERENCE**

The April Brethren Ministers' Conference was held at the Seminary with gratifying results. Much enthusiasm was shown along with considerable vision.

Laid to Rest

PRICE. Arthur E. Price, for 31 years a member of the North Liberty Brethren Church, passed to his eternal reward, May 23rd. Served the church faithfully, for many years was its treasurer. Survived by two daughters and two sons. Services conducted by the Pastor. Burial, North Liberty cemetery.

Wm. E. Thomas, Pastor.



"Brethren Advance In Evangelism"

O LORD, IS IT IN ME?

Is there sin in the camp?
Is there treason today?
Is there cause in our ranks for defeat and delay?
Something of selfishness, garments of gold,
Something of hindrance, in young or old?
Something why God doth His blessing withhold—
Is it, O Lord, in me? —Selected.

"THE ACCURSED THING RETARDS VICTORY"

(Josh. 7:13). An earnest brother prayed publicly, "Lord, remove whatever is hindering the progress of this church." Within that week the brother died, and the church revived (Matt. 26:22). Judah promised that if he failed as a surety for Benjamin he would take the blame forever (Gen. 43:9). When the cup was found in Benjamin's sack Judah nobly took the blame (Gen. 44:33). It was when Judah "took the blame" that Joseph was reconciled to his brethren (Gen. 45:4, 5). Instead of taking the blame as Judah did, too many accept the Devil's accusations (Rev. 12:9, 10). Instead of assuming the Bible doctrine of personal responsibility they become bitter against their brethren (Jas. 3:14). In doing this very thing Israel murmured against God (Exod. 16:3). Even Job, in seeking to clear himself, seemingly found fault with God (Job 40:8). Such self-righteous accusations are inexcusable whether against man (Rom. 2:1) or God (Rom. 9:20).

WHY ARE WE NOT REVIVED (Isa. 57:15)? Are we too proud to confess our faults (Psa. 34:18; 51:17)? Shall we pray or shall we perish (2 Chron. 7:14)? Saul professed a great obedience to "the voice of the Lord" (1 Sam. 15:20), but was severely rebuked for stubbornness, rebellion, rejection (v. 23). "Judgment must begin at the house of God" (1 Pet. 4:17). An evil eye gives its owner a very false impression (Matt. 6:23). The grieved Holy Spirit cannot have His sway (Eph. 4:30-32). Another spirit too often rules in His stead (Jas. 4:1-5). But where there is "the fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-26), the sins of the human spirit cannot abound (2 Cor. 7:1; Gal. 5:19-21). Earthly wisdom gives way to "the wisdom that is from above" (Jas. 3:13-18).

"Lord, TAKE Me,

Me, with all my selfishness, with
All my pride and jealousy,
All my wilful disobedience,
All my lack of love to Thee,
Me, with all my faults and frailties,
All my secret, hidden sins.

"And BREAK Me!

Break my stiff and stubborn will, Lord,

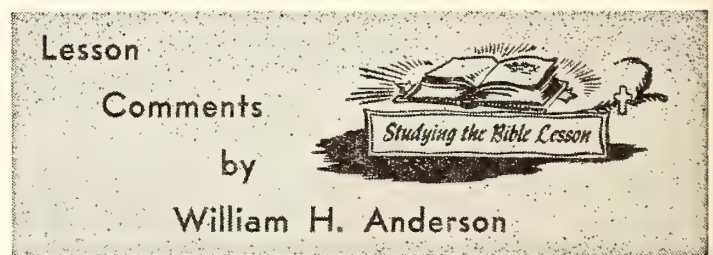
Break my self with all its pride;
All its dearest dreams, ambitions...
Break my heart, its idols smash,—
'Til in splintered, shattered fragments
I lie helpless at Thy feet."

When the pitchers were broken, the lamps of Gideon's three hundred men shone (Judges 7:20), and God directly interposed (v. 21). First, Gideon destroyed the idols in his own home (Judg. 6:25, 26). Then his army was pared down to men of faith (Judg. 7:2-6). God has always worked wonders through men set apart (Josh. 3:5). Until one leaves all to follow Christ he will never see the miracles of God's power (Lu. 14:33)!

"And MAKE Me!

With Thy tender, skillful hands, Lord,
Make me like Thyself to be,
Moulded in Thy glorious image,
Sweet and loving, humble, kind,
Faithful, gentle, finding pleasure
Only in my Father's will."

"Have Thine own way, Lord" (Jer. 18:4)! ..



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Lesson For June 19, 1960

BEARING GOOD FRUITS

Lesson: Matthew 7:15-23; Luke 13:6-9

"What is the Bible the world is reading?
Your daily life, and mine.
What are the sermons the world is heeding?
Your daily life, and mine.
What are the creeds that the world is needing?
True lives—yours and mine."

THE CHRISTIAN is expected to be the bearer of a good fruit. Jesus turned to the sanctimonious Pharisees and Sadducees and challenged them: "Produce, then, fruit that is consistent with the repentance you profess" (Wms.—Mt. 3:8).

THE TEST OF THE TRUE

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Mt. 7:15-16).

There are two means by which True Possessors prove themselves. First, by their works: "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

"Fruits are the result of the inner life, the character. Artificial fruit can be tied on the branches, but only life within produces the real thing... To know a

person by his fruits is to investigate his inner life, his character, his relation to those nearest him, and especially his relation to God" (H. M. Freligh).

Thus Jesus says the kind of fruit produced is dependent upon the kind of tree. "People do not pick grapes from thorn-bushes or figs from thistles, do they?" (Wms.). If the tree be good, the fruit is good. But if, on the other hand, the tree be corrupt, the fruit cannot possibly be good.

What kind of fruit are we producing? Are the fruit of the Spirit clearly visible to the unsaved? Are His LOVE, His JOY, His PEACE, His LONGSUFFERING, His GENTLENESS, His GOODNESS, His FAITH, His MEEKNESS, His TEMPERANCE, reflected in our lives?

Secondly, True Possessors prove themselves by their obedience to Him: "Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven" (Mt. 7:21).

It is **not** the man who **says right words**, but the man who **does right deeds**, who inherits the kingdom!

"Someone has suggested that to call Jesus 'Lord' is orthodoxy; to call Him 'Lord, Lord' is piety; but to call Him 'Lord, Lord' and not do the things which He has commanded is blasphemy" (Dr. Ernest T. Thompson).

Jesus makes clear that simply **doing** is **not** sufficient. We who profess to be the possessors must engage in **doing the Father's Will!** Listen to the words of Christ: "But only those who practice doing the will of My Father in heaven" (Wms.).

In that great and terrible Day of the Lord many will say: 'Lord, Lord, have we not ... in Thy name ... cast out devils? and in Thy name done many wonderful works?' It was to such that Jesus said, "Depart from Me." Why? They had been busy **doing** all right! They were **workers!** But their **works** were evil: "Depart from Me, ye that **work iniquity.**"

This brings us to our second main division in the lesson ...

THE TREATMENT OF THE FALSE

To those who **professed** but did not **possess** eternal life, Christ said: "Depart from Me." Williams translates this verse: "Go away from Me, you who practiced doing wrong."

"Banishment is their doom. The One whom they professed to follow and represent is their Judge. Their true character is at last exposed. They are consigned to the eternal fire of God's adversaries (Heb. 10:27). Blessed are those who have escaped their snare" (Freligh).

Who will be thus condemned and judged? Those who **claimed** to be His followers. The false followers! The false prophets! They are represented as "a corrupt tree," which, because it bears not good fruit, "is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree reveals the loving patience of the Master with those who do iniquity. He longs that the ungodly turn from their wicked ways. Every opportunity is afforded them to produce good fruit. After every effort is made—after every ave-

nue is exhausted—then, and only then, will the unrepentant be cut down and cast into the fire.

Listen to the words of the Master as he gave forth His plan for those who bear His name: "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples" (John 15:8).

Sunday School Suggestions
The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church
by Jim Rowsey

WHAT IS A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER?

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS are dedicated souls who are the church's tithe to Christian education. Sunday school teachers are the ten percent who are doing six jobs already, but will take on another one because it needs doing. Sunday school teachers are ordinary people, doing a job they don't think they are qualified for, but doing it anyway.

Scratch a Sunday school teacher, and you may find a carpenter, an engineer, a school teacher, a truck driver, housewives, factory men, school principals, nurses, college students, salesmen, and even preachers.

Sunday school teachers like: quiet boys and girls, private classrooms, short opening worship services when their lesson is well prepared, long opening worship services when it is not, no interruptions from Sunday school secretaries and nosey superintendents, enough scissors to go around, and the final bell.

Sunday school teachers don't like: squeaky chairs, classrooms in kitchens and furnace rooms, paper wads, pupils who talk too much, pupils who don't talk enough, visiting hornets, Sunday school minded dogs and cats, runny noses, and a late final bell.

Sunday school teachers are found preparing their lessons in the kitchen, while cleaning the basement, during lunch hour, in bed, washing diapers, in the bathtub, and sometimes very late Saturday night.

Sunday school teachers are expert at: putting on and taking off boots and snow pants, wiping away tears, conducting excursions to the bathroom, shouting "Let's quiet down back there!", keeping their tempers, pulling baby teeth, soothing parents, and keeping their sanity.

Sunday school teachers need: patience, courage, imagination, patience, new ideas, strong nerves, patience, prayer, a Bible dictionary, Bible study, more Bible study, still more Bible study, and patience.

Sunday school teachers are made, not born. Sunday school teachers often think of themselves as failures, unaware of their influence on that "unlikely youngster." That one hour on Sunday morning is actually the shortest part of a Sunday school teacher's job—though sometimes it seems the longest.

Sunday school teachers are those privileged ones whom the Lord Jesus Christ has called into His service, to teach the words of Eternal Life. Sunday school teachers are that honored little band who, just for a short while, have the chance to touch and mold the eternal soul of a child.—Teaching Techniques.

THE EDITOR'S PULPIT

The Voice Needed Most

(Continued from Page 3)

is supposed to have said, 'We have invaded the heavens, we have looked around, we have discovered no footprints of God.' What did he expect to find? God is spirit, not to be discovered by telescope or rocket, but by faith!

"What the materialistic mind cannot discover beyond the moon, the trusting spirit of man can find in the quiet of his own heart. Our frontiers are not out in the Milky Way, but in the hearts of uncommitted men and women of this fantastic age.

"Although the age may bring frightening changes, our confidence rests not in scientific achievement or latest discoveries, but in God the Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son and Saviour, in the guidance and empowering of the Holy Spirit. The time is short, the need is urgent, but God's resources are adequate."

To whose voice are you listening, dear friend? The voice of God has the only answer. Hear His voice today by having that personal fellowship with Him through Christ. Then proclaim that message of faith to those around you. W. S. B.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

TOWERS or HUTS

"Other foundation can no man lay than which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Cor. 3:11.

IT IS SAID that when the contractors in New York city want to construct one of the immense buildings whose peaks form the skyline of a view of the city it is necessary for them to dig down to the ledge of rock which constitutes the basis for the building's security. High towers cannot safely be constructed upon shallow foundations. The rule of "a solid foundation for a great building" holds all through life. There is no other rule for safety. The secret of the skyscraper's towering safety is in the depth of its foundation.

Our text offers the suggestion for safety in building the structure of a great life, a good life. The text constitutes a philosophy of life, a challenge for service, and a promise of strength that demand great living. In most cities of any size these days they have "building codes," which make it mandatory that any who wish to build in

certain sections of the city must build according to laws of the city requiring the builders to build within certain prescribed rules as to design, and cost of material—that is, total expense put into the structure. This is the Zoning Law of incorporated cities.

This Zoning Law is established to make it possible to maintain a certain type of architectural beauty on residential streets. To build "shacks" or "huts" in such prescribed areas would spoil the attractiveness of the city for tourists and investors.

To build "huts" of character—cheap, flimsy, feeble lives on the foundation of our text is a travesty on building. As Christians we may build as high as we wish—the highest ideals, purposes, and services—for we are building on the only true and abiding foundation. "Build thee more stately mansions, oh my soul!"—on Him. (The Chambered Nautilus.)

Wedding Announcement

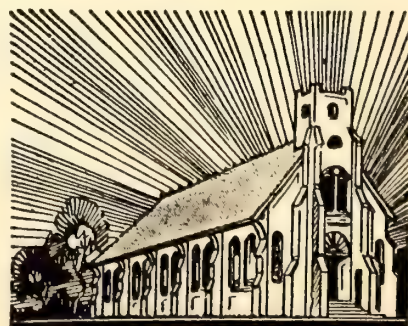
HOATSON-VAN DYKE. Miss Mary Lou Hoatson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoatson, of Hebron, Nebr., became the bride of Mr. Wilbur Van Dyke, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Dyke, of Washington Court House, Ohio, in the Carleton Brethren Church Saturday evening, May 21st, in a beautiful double-ring ceremony performed by the undersigned. Mrs. Van Dyke is a member of the Carleton Brethren Church.

A. O. Curtright, Pastor.

Errata: re Barber Ordination

The Ordination of Carl Barber, announced in last week's *Evangelist* was erroneously announced for June 12th at 3:00 P. M. The correct hour is 3:30 P. M. It will be held as announced, at the Garber Memorial Brethren Church in Ashland.

For further correction we note that Brother Barber was formerly of the First Presbyterian Church of Grove City, Pennsylvania. Upon coming to Ashland to study for the ministry, he was baptized in the Park Street Brethren Church by Brother H. H. Rowsey. He is now a member of the Garber Memorial Brethren Church. His wife, the former Ruth Benshoff, was formerly of the Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Our apologies to the Barbers for erroneous information in last week's announcement. W. S. B.



World Religious News in Review

"DO WE NEED A CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY?"

WASHINGTON (EP)—Protestant evangelical leaders are hopefully exploring the possibility of establishing a large Christian university in the metropolitan New York area.

Academic superiority and Christian conviction in depth are major goals, according to Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Editor of *Christianity Today*, who writes of the supradenominational university project in the May 9 issue of the Protestant fortnightly.

An initial investment of some \$20,000,000 is being sought for the new campus, which would include an undergraduate liberal arts college and at least four graduate schools.

September, 1963, has been mentioned as a possible target date for the opening of classes.

Included among the planners, who have been holding conversations for more than a year, is evangelist Billy Graham.

Dr. Henry outlines the *raison d'être* for the proposed school in an article, "Evangelical Advance: Do We Need A Christian University?" in the May 9 issue of *Christianity Today*.

"Dedicated men who have seen the warmth of Christian vision melt huge 20th century odds against a new advance in evangelism, in missions, in literature, will have faith, too, for a new era in Christian education," the editor predicted. "The tide of American thought and life makes imperative a Christian university devoted in depth to the biblical revelation of God, of man, and of the world; aggressively challenging pagan and secular theories of reality and history; and supplying a steady stream of spiritual leadership to all professions and vocations, including diplomacy, business, and communication."

Henry called for a faculty which would "grasp the history of thought in systematic orientation to Jesus Christ as the revealed center of his-

tory, nature, conscience and redemption... They must delineate the political, economic and social implications of Christianity..."

It is believed that a final decision on whether to pursue the September, 1963 target date, or to abandon the university idea, will be made this summer.

WYCLIFFE MOVES HEAD-QUARTERS

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc., quarter-century-old missionary organization, has moved its headquarters from Glendale (Calif.), where it had been located for 18 years, to 215 N. Broadway, Santa Ana (Calif.).

"This is an interim move, looking toward eventual acquisition and occupancy of an international headquarters which would be suitable for expansion as a home base of operation to reach 2,000 Bibleless tribes," said W. Cameron Townsend, co-founder and general director. "Work has been started in 220 different languages and dialects."

From a membership in 1942 of 46, Wycliffe has grown to 1,009 in 1959, with an expectancy of 200 new members in 1960 to minister to the far corners of the globe.

In addition to those in the States, Townsend said, there are Wycliffe representatives in nine different countries. Kenneth L. Watters, office executive, is assisted by Dr. Phillips W. Grossman, who heads a staff of 20. (EP)

OLDEST BIBLE SOCIETY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

BIELEFELD, Germany (EP) — In honor of the 250th anniversary of the Canstein Bible Society, world's oldest, representatives of Bible societies in the U. S., Brazil, England, India, Japan, Germany and other countries participated in services here May 22-23.

The society was founded in 1710 at Halle, a German town now located in

the Soviet Zone of Germany, and later moved to Witten, near Bochum, West Germany. Its founders were Hildebrandt Freiherr von Canstein, a devout German pietist, and August Hermann Francke, a famous pietist theologian. They opened CBS originally to print a popular-priced Bible.

Germany has today 35 Bible societies, the largest of which is the Privilegierte Wuerttembergische Bibelanstalt in Stuttgart.

PROBE DYNAMITING OF MISSION PLANE IN MEXICO

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (EP) — Mexican authorities are investigating the dynamiting of a missionary airplane operated by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) in Mexico, the denomination's 100th General Assembly here was told.

A charge of dynamite, which had been placed under the engine, exploded on Easter Sunday, severely damaging the airplane, "Wings of Truth," hurling parts of its engine cowlings as much as 50 yards.

"The sabotage was obviously done by amateurs," the Rev. John B. Wood, flying missionary of the Church, told the assembly in a letter.

Stationed in Ometepec, Mr. Wood and his co-workers use the plane to visit 15 villages. In two of these villages, he said, the Presbyterian mission has been opposed by religious "fanatics."

The cartridge of a bullet was found beside the blasted plane, Wood reported in his letter. He said it was of the same type as those used in the holdup of a Mexican Bible worker several months ago.

More recently, Wood said, another dissident held up and threatened two American members of the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Purchased in 1959 with funds contributed by the Board of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., the plane regularly was used for visits to villages on the Pacific coast and foothills of Mexico, 150 miles south of Acapulco.

The Ometepec mission was opened in 1952 by Mr. Wood, his wife and Dr. and Mrs. James R. Boyce. Dr. Boyce is director of Friendship Hospital there, the only medical center in the area.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

White House Asked To Lead War on Obscenity

SENATOR HUGH SCOTT (Republican from Pennsylvania) introduced a joint resolution in Congress asking the President to call a national conference of federal, state, and local officials, members of civic and religious organizations and the general public to consider the growing problem of pornography in books, motion pictures, magazines, and other aspects of U. S. life.

Senator Scott pointed out that legislation is pending to give the Postmaster General more authority to remove smut from the mail, but said, "This would not control the production and distribution of such materials at the local and community level."

"The Federal government cannot clamp down except at the point of interstate transmission," he pointed out.

The proposed national conference, however, Senator Scott said, could:

- 1) Explore methods of combatting obscene materials at the various levels of government responsibility.
- 2) Provide for increased cooperation and coordination of federal and state officials in suppression of the traffic.
- 3) Consider ways and means of informing the public and obtaining public support for the enforcement drive.
- 4) Enlist the cooperation of all legitimate publishers and information media to cooperate in the cleanup drive.
- 5) Formulate recommendations for action to combat this threat "to the minds and morals of our young people."—from Contact.

This foregoing report should remind us all of our responsibility to push for only "decent literature" to be in the hands of our youth.

But even beyond this, we must set the examples for our young people so they will gain insight as to what is "right" and what is "wrong." With this type of background and training, they will be able to make their own decisions in every situation of life, whether it be in choosing proper reading material or deciding something greater.

NOTICE: FOR CHURCH TREASURERS

To facilitate the record-keeping in the National Brethren Youth Office, it would be appreciated if you would mail the financial gifts from your church for the MAY YOUTH OFFERING to the following:

Rev. William Fells
c/o Brethren Youth
Ashland College
Ashland, Ohio

You could also assist our financial secretary if you would label your offering as being an annual or a quarterly payment. Thank you for your help in this way.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Whenever springtime comes around the Seniors in their respective schools think of Graduation. This year we have several Brethren Students graduating from Ashland College and Ashland Theological Seminary. Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes go to these people. They are as follows from the College:

Ruth Diffenderfer	Lanark, Illinois
Sarah Ann Boardman	Ashland, Ohio
Lonnie Eagle	Ashland, Ohio
Byron Hildreth	Akron, Ohio
Gene Hollinger	New Lebanon, Ohio
Ann Hootman	Ashland, Ohio
Ken Mundorf	Ashland, Ohio
Marlene Schelling	Bryan, Ohio
Mary Jane Spaulding	Milledgeville, Illinois
Barbara Stahly	Nappanee, Indiana
Beverly Summy	Ashland, Ohio

Those graduating from the Seminary are as follows:

Carl Barber	Ashland, Ohio
Horace Huse	Bunker Hill, Indiana
Marlin McCann	Waterloo, Iowa

We know that many Brethren young people are graduating from many high schools and other colleges across the Brotherhood, and it would be impossible to put all the names in this article. So to those of you high school Seniors and College Students graduating this spring, CONGRATULATIONS from the National Brethren Youth Office.

It is hoped that all of you high school graduates are planning on coming to Ashland College to continue with your education. This is your school, why not give it your support in attendance by writing to the Admissions Director, c/o Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio. We will be looking for you next fall. If you haven't seen the campus, plan on Attending National Brethren Youth Conference, August 15-21.



The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

CLOUDS AND SUNSET

A CRIMSON SUNSET flamed the sky. The work day had ended and everyone hurried to the haven of home. Along the suburban street children played waiting for the open arms of working fathers and mothers. A little girl, holding her mother's hand looked up at the gorgeous evening sky and exclaimed, "Mommie! Look! The clouds make the sunset more prettier." The young mother smiled at the grammatical error but did not correct it as she usually did. Rather, she held the little hand a bit tighter in her own and gazed in wonder at the flaming sunset, reflecting upon her little daughter's remark. The white clouds tipped with many colors did add to the beauty of the sunset.

Was this philosophy not true of life in general? God sends the burdens and problems to enhance the joy and appreciation of His blessings. The clouds of worry, fear, anxiety once past, serve to make us more grateful and happier when the difficult situation has been eased. After the rain, the rainbow; after the winter's cold the gentle sweet warmth of spring; summer's pressing heat replaced by the welcome coolness of autumn; the quiet peace and shelter of home after many tasks of a weary day; the surge of sweet relief when heartwarming news is heard (yes, she is much better); (there was no malignancy found) or (no, that was not Daddy's plane).

This is the way of life. Truly, the "clouds make the sunset more prettier." As Belle Chapman Morrill wrote:

"God has kindly placed between
A three-fold screen
Of sunset sky, sleep's downy wings,
And dawn that sings
That I may face with tranquil heart
Each day apart."

Mrs. Ona Lee Sams,
Washington, D. C.

HOW ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS?

JUST IN CASE you have neglected to send in your offering to one or more of our Denominational enterprises, and since most of our Boards and Organizations close their books July 1st, we are listing for you the various Treasurers to whom you can send your gifts. We suggest you act promptly; in other words, DO IT TODAY!

THE EDUCATIONAL DAY OFFERING

Make checks payable to Ashland College, and send to Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, and mark on Envelope "Educational Day Offering."

HOME MISSION OFFERING

Make checks payable to the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, and address Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, 530 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio.

WHITE GIFT OFFERING

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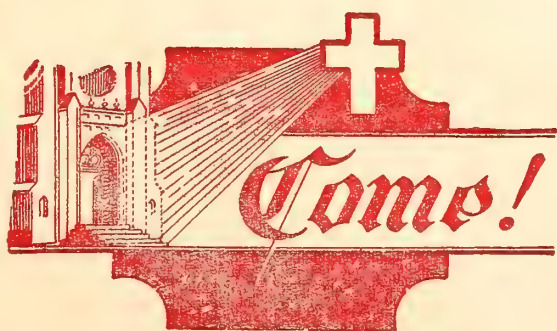
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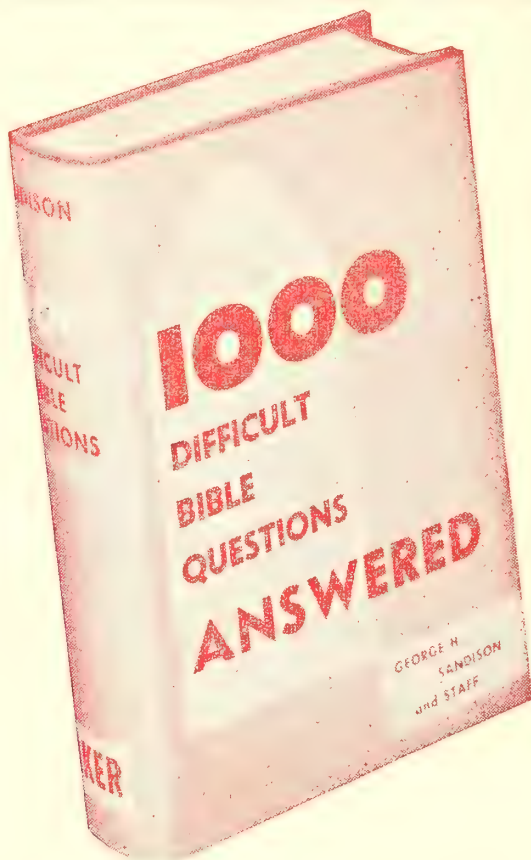
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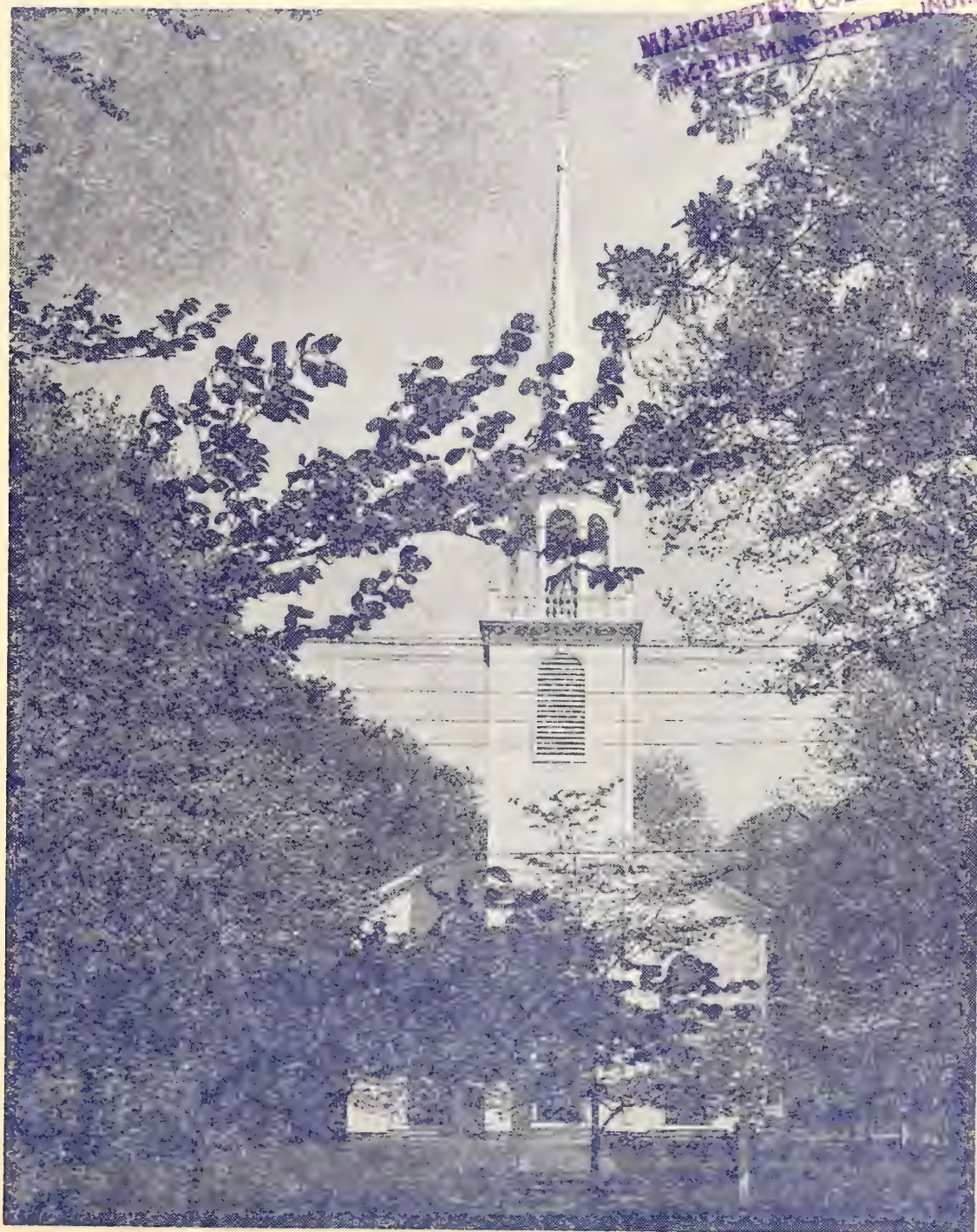
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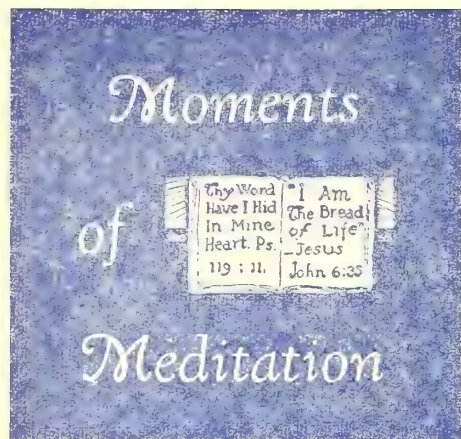


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MAJORING ON MINORS

Walter B. Knight

Frederick the Great won a strategic battle with comparative ease and little loss of men. Asked the explanation of his victory over the enemy, he said, "The enemy had seven cooks and one spy! I had seven spies and one cook!"

Is not the Church's lack of power traceable to the fact that we are placing major emphasis on those things which contribute little or nothing to the great task of winning souls and giving Christ's Gospel to the ends of the earth?—Selected.

* * *

During one of the European wars, a soldier who was wounded, managed to crawl away to his tent. When he was found he was on his face. Beneath him was the Bible, and on its open pages his hand rested. When his hand was lifted it was found to be glued by his life's blood to the Book. The letters of the page were printed upon his hands thus: "I am the Resurrection, and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." It was with this verse on his hand that he was laid in the grave.

—Grace and Truth.

I NEEDED THE QUIET

Alice Mortenson

I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside
Into the shadows where we could confide,
Away from the bustle, where all the day long
I hurried and worried when active and strong.

I needed the quiet, though at first I rebelled,
But gently, so gently, my cross He beheld;
He whispered so sweetly of spiritual things,
That... 'tho weakened in body, my spirit took wings.

To heights never dreamed of when active and gay,
He loved me so gently that He drew me away;
While being quiet, many lessons I've learned,
The same lessons, when busy, I surely had spurned.

I needed the quiet, no prison my bed,
But beautiful valley of blessing instead;
A place to grow richer, in Jesus to hide;
I needed the quiet, so He drew me aside.

* * *

If God has called you, do not spend time looking over your shoulder to see who is following.



MY CALL

God has called me, can I hear Him
Is my life so full of care
That I cannot hear Him calling
As I hurry here and there?

God has called me, will I listen?
Is my heart unyielded still,
So that I remain unwilling
To be guided by His will?

God has called me, when I hear Him
Will I heed His loving plea,
Trusting in His love to guide me
Farther than I now can see?

Lord, I hear Thy call to service,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Give me faith and strength and courage,
Make me what I ought to be.

* * *

When the home is ruled according to God's Word, angels might be asked to stay a night with us, and they would not find themselves out of their element.

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GET READY TO LIVE

Get ready to live gay, carefree youth
And live your life for Christ in truth
Live for Him here and you will live
Ready to live in eternity.

Ye middle-aged, get ready to live
And know the life that Christ can give;
Live for Him now 'tho youth be gone
And in ages to come you will still live on.

Get ready to live thou older one,
Prepare to live 'tho life be done;
Trust Christ now, and when called to die
You'll be ready to live, not ready to die.

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The Editor's Pulpit

Paper Work

A RECENT REPORT which first appeared in the Los Angeles Times, quotes a former anti-Communist underground fighter in Czechoslovakia as saying, "U. S. schools and universities are being flooded with Communist propaganda designed to brainwash American Youths." Andrew Llyinsky, now a Customs Bureau agent in New York, continues by saying that the world Communist movement is pouring propaganda into this country through at least forty U. S. ports. A spotcheck showed at least 300,000 packages of propaganda moved through the port of New Orleans last year. The report continues to show that each package contained at least five Communist publications. Using simple arithmetic, we can easily see that there was the possibility of a total of at least 60,000,000 subversive books or magazines which entered the U. S. in 1959 for the purpose of converting our youths and the American people to Communism.

Reliable reports indicate that the Communists are doing their dirty work around the world through the use of literature. Those who have had contact with this type of literature tell us that there is nothing cheap or shoddy about it. The very best paper, color, design and pictures are used. Nothing is left to chance. This type of high-calibre printing does not come at low cost, even by Communist standards, but the fact is, they are using the very latest, the very best, and, sad to say, the most effective means, in the production of their great mass of printed materials.

The type of literature they produce is the kind that makes you want to pick it up, look at it and read it. They are aiming at the ultimate goal of any piece of printed literature which is, that when laid among other literature of various sorts, to have it picked up first, read the most, and retained the longest. In this way, they are assuring that their message is being read.

Another source of information tells us that world population on May 1, 1960, was approximately 2937 millions of people, and that every four years, world population increases by an amount equal to the number of people in the United States.

The Communists have a goal, which is world domination. The increasing population of the world is to be Communistic, according to them. They are letting no stone unturned to get their message across. They realize the value of the printed page! No wonder they are investing huge sums of money in their printing business. They know that if they turn out the best, most attractive literature, people will see it, pick it up, and read it. In so doing, the minds of people will be infiltrated with the propaganda of Communism—the battle of winning them will be largely won—accomplished by a piece of paper on which appeared pictures, words and color, in attractive style.

The question of our Christian literature comes up at this point. We ask, how much is the Church doing to combat this flood of attractive, yet poisoned literature? We, too, have the ultimate goal of all literature in mind—to have our literature picked up first, read the most, and retained the longest.

However, competition for the reading mind is great! Our problems are great, too. Gospel literature, and this includes church magazines, quarterlies, tracts, promotional materials, are expensive to produce—especially when many churches are exceedingly dollar conscious when it comes to supporting the church's literature program.

Many Church publication programs operate on a "shoestring" simply because the denominations are unaware of the great potential which is centered in their publication work. Because of the size of the denomination, many are scarcely able to support a full publication program. Larger denominations, because of the size of their circulation, are able to make their publication programs pay off. Our own denominational publication program is ONLY limited by the degree of support given by the churches.

We face both circulation and financial problems in our publications. These we should be aware of, giving greater support to our publications. As expansion is taking place in other areas of our church work, let us give ear and support

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Argentine Evangelical Leaders and Missionaries with Evangelist Arrastia. Our missionar-

ies worked with these men in the City-wide Buenos Aires Campaign.

ARGENTINES SEE BYLERS OFF

Although the departure of the Bylers from Argentina isn't news any more—many of you have seen them in the States already—I want to explain a little of what happened at the airport.

The United Choir was there to see them off on their journey. This choir, composed of people from all of the evangelical churches in Buenos Aires, had sung at the city-wide campaigns. Rob has directed this choir for the last two and for the first two campaigns. The choir has come to appreciate him very much, and we could feel the spirit as they grouped around the Bylers at the airport to present Rob and Jane with gifts, symbolizing their friendship.

As I was standing on the outskirts of the group taking pictures, I had the opportunity of answering the question of bystanders: "Who is this man with so many people here to see him off?" And I could tell them that he is Pastor Byler, an evangelical pastor, a missionary, and director of this choir composed of evangelical young people from the churches of Buenos Aires. Later the choir requested that he direct them once more—which he did

outside. The people gathered from all around to hear the choir sing the hymns of the church. It was a wonderful experience to see and hear these young people still singing as the Byler Family boarded the plane, for they were there to say goodbye and to wish a good journey to an ambassador, an ambassador for Christ (John Rowsey)

NEEDS IN NIGERIA

Robert Bischof

One of the greatest needs in our area is for more and better trained Christian leaders. To meet this need at a time when there is a great increase in church membership the African Church asked that a Bible school be established. The plans have moved forward steadily and this month the first class will begin.

The plan is that the African Church will in the future become the proprietor of the Bible school which includes the site and buildings erected on the site. The African Church has assumed the cost of building the classroom

buildings and the compounds for the students. The Mission will provide the staff and housing for them. To provide its share of the costs, the District Council has assessed each church two shillings per member (about 24 cents) per year.

Because of a delay in getting permission for the proposed Bible school site, it will be located at Mubi the first year. Twenty-five students have been selected for the first class—at least one person from each church. Out of this number 22 are married men with families; three are single men. This meant that 25 compounds with 2 huts in each compound had to be built. To do this building each church was asked to send at least 2 people to one of three different work camps. Each person was to bring either 9 dishes of ground guinea corn or 55 cents. This would be used for his food for the week. He was to bring also his bedroll, dish, spoon, cup, and Bible. He was either to pay for his own transport or it would be paid by his church.

Attending Work Camp

I had the privilege of attending three days of the second work camp and the third one. It was a joy to see Bura, Margi, Kilba, Hona and Europeans all working together for God's Kingdom. It was thrilling to be in close fellowship with our Nigerian brethren. We slept in one large grass-mat shelter; we ate together, had recreation as well as a class together. Our schedule went like this: At 5:30, rise and wash the sleep out of our eyes; 5:45, prayers; 6:00-9:30, work; 9:30-10:30 food; 10:30-12:30, work; 12:30-1:45, rest; 1:45-2:15, tea and ground bean cakes and peanut sticks; 2:15-3:15, Bible class, 3:30-6, work; 6:30-7:30, food time; 7:30-9:30, recreation—games, pictures, singing, etc. At 10:00, lights out.

Our Food

The food we ate at the work camp was a little different from what I am accustomed to eating. For the morning meal, there was ground guinea corn cooked until it had become thick. With this we had a bean broth and beans—African beans—and some greens. Evening meal was more of the same, only this time with meat and meat broth. If we didn't want this guinea corn, we had a choice of rice with meat and broth. I always marvel at the amount of difu (name of the food) that the African can eat. I usually took about half as much as they did and still could not eat all of it; but most of them were able to go back for seconds. I did enjoy the food, but I don't believe I could take a steady diet of it.

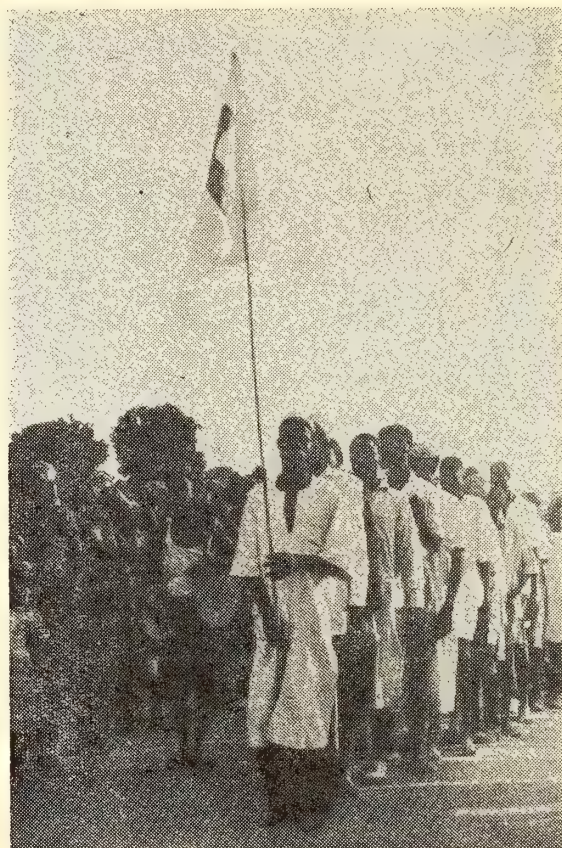
The Work

The work was divided: part of the workers mixed the mud with the water that was piped to the place. The mud mixers dug up the ground, added some dry grass to it and got into it with their feet, and by walking around mixed it. Another group carried the mud to the places where the huts were being built. The third group—one builder and two or three helpers made the huts. The helpers again mixed the mud and made it into about the size of soft balls. The builder took these balls and made the wall. He could usually do only about two courses; then we would move onto another hut. Perhaps in the evening, after the mud had dried again, he would return to the first hut.

There were more than 40 at the first camp and 50 at the second and third ones. They came from all walks of

life—pastors, teachers, evangelists, traders, farmers, missionaries.

Please remember this Bible school as the first class begins this month, that out of it trained Christian leaders full of zeal for the Lord may come.



Young Nigerians are accepting the challenge of Christian Leadership. The Bible School will train them for their tasks.

NEW TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS

Mrs. Orpha Swihart—Wabash, Indiana (Roann Church)

C. A. Sholly—South Bend, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Yocum and Mary Lou—Roann, Indiana

A. E. Shumaker—Windber, Pennsylvania (Johnstown Second)

COMING EVENTS

NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA. Dedication of recently completed addition to the church—June 26th—Morning worship, carry-in dinner, afternoon service, 2:00 o'clock. Rev. George Pontius, former Pastor, speaker; Rev. W. E. Thomas, Pastor.

72nd General Conference

August 15-21, 1960

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

THE DIVINE DETERGENT

"The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7b.

DETERGENTS are for cleansing purposes. And the seeming importance of earthly cleanness seems to be borne out by the multitudinous "Soap Operas" that appear on TV and radio programs. And as we attempt to keep our bodies, our clothes, our homes free from soil and grime we recognize how important "detergents"—just plain soap in some form—can be in maintaining cleanliness and health.

Now the Bible insists that the souls of men are soiled by sin, and are unfit for entrance into the pure and untainted presence of God until the sin-stain has been removed. God's Word declares that we have "all sinned and come short of the glory of God." And too, the Word asserts that "there is none perfect, no not one."

For the removal of grime and stain of this world there are soaps (detergents) innumerable, as witness the "ads" in papers, magazines, on radio and TV. "Joy", "Tide", "Dash", "Blue Cheer", "Lestoil"—each one better than

any and all other types of detergent. And for each on there can be found people who prefer that special type of cleanser. And all the "detergents" give satisfaction according to the standards of cleanliness of the users.

But when we come to the consideration of the provision which God has made for the eradication of sin from the human soul, the matter of the type of cleanser that is to be used is determined by the Heavenly Father. One type of earthly detergent stresses its ability to "get down deep" in the removal of soil on all surfaces. God's cleansing plan guarantees to cleanse the soul from all stain of sin, as witness our text.

The assurance of being cleansed with God's detergent and the joy of such assurance, are beautifully expressed in the words of the song,

"I have been to Jesus, he has cleansed my soul,
I've been washed in the blood of the Lamb;
And my robe is spotless, it is white as snow,
I've been washed in the blood of the Lamb."

"HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOUR!"

72nd General Conference August 15-21, 1960

HOW TO ENJOY SUNDAY

1. Stay home Saturday night and get acquainted with your family. Retire a little earlier than usual.

2. Get up early and help do the necessary work of the home. An honest division of labor helps oil the wheels of the household; but a man who sits around reading the paper and letting his wife do all the work, well . . .

3. If possible, make your plans to go to the Bible school. Go to church. Religion and worship are necessary to a full-grown life.

4. If you have a neighbor who does not go to church, invite him to go with you. If he faints at your invitation, telephone to the head usher of this church, and he will send an automobile for him.

5. Don't expect your wife to rush home from church and get you an extra good Sunday dinner. Let the Sunday meals demand a minimum of labor for housekeepers.

6. Keep some inspiring book on hand for Sunday reading. Write some letters to friends or to the boy or girl away from home.

7. Ask someone who is not a Christian to come to Christ. How long have you been a Christian yourself without doing this?

8. Get all you can out of the Sunday church services whether as a worker or a good listener and doer. Don't criticize the choir. You're not such a good singer yourself.

9. Keep thanking God all day that you are well enough to work and good enough to keep out of jail.

10. Close the day with a song and a prayer, after calling up the preacher and telling him you plan to follow his advice when you go to work tomorrow.

The above will make an enjoyable Sunday. (By one who has tried it.)

The United Brethren.

Items of General Interest

VINCO, PENNA. The Laymen's public service was given the evening of June 5th. Local laymen, W. S. Mackall and Lavelle Horner, were the speakers.

CANTON, OHIO (TRINITY). One new member was received by baptism recently.

AKRON, OHIO (FIRESTONE PARK). James R. Black, ministerial student at Ashland College, has received and has accepted the call of the Akron church to serve as pastor. Brother Black, who, with his wife and three children, has been living at Ashland, will be moving to Akron this month, beginning his pastorate there as of June 9th.

BRYAN, OHIO. A member of the Gideons Organization was guest speaker in the Bryan church on May 29th.

WABASH, INDIANA (COLLEGE CORNER). Congratulations to Brother and Sister Glenn Grumbling upon the arrival of Thomas Lee Grumbling on May 28th. The new arrival weighed in at eight pounds and five ounces.

MILFORD, INDIANA. Brother Wayne Swihart is now serving as pastor of the Milford church. His address is: 1704 Wood St., Valparaiso, Indiana.

TEEGARDEN, INDIANA. Brother Hays K. Logan writes: "One person was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church on May 22nd."

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. A farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Phillips, who have been serving in an interim capacity, was scheduled for June 12th, following the evening service.

OUR COVER PHOTO by Don Knight.

Alcohol and Common Sense

If we had no warning in the Bible against strong drink, and if medical science had not given us startling facts against it, and if ministers of the Gospel had kept silent in regard to it, yet common sense ought to reveal to us the evil and destructiveness of it. The horse uses common sense and is a total abstainer, and it looks like men ought to have "horse sense" enough to let it alone. I have never heard of a hog drinking alcohol, and it looks like men ought to have enough hog sense to keep liquor out of their stomachs.

Common sense is a wonderful thing, but when men overstep it, or lay it aside in order to indulge in alcohol, or any other injurious and destructive thing, then they show their weakness, thoughtlessness and foolishness. They reveal to the world their lack of self-control, their inability to cope with evil, and the fact that they are depraved in mind, heart, soul and spirit. Christians don't drink. They have God's sustaining grace to keep them, and exercise common sense to stay sober.

Did you ever see a drunk man? Many of them act like they have the least sense of all God's creation. They talk foolish, and many of whom curse and swear, want to fight, kill and slay. This they do. Some of the most horrible crimes ever committed are perpetrated by those who are under the influence of alcohol—even drunk. They carry knives and pistols, and seem to have a special desire to fight. Many drunk men are dangerous. If they have any common sense the devil takes it from them and puts a spirit into them that is raging.

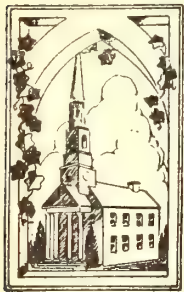
Then did you ever see a man so dead drunk that he didn't know anything? Limber, maybe so sick that he spewed and vomited. Rolling about in the dirt, or on the floor, or tossing on a bed. Just dead drunk. How disgusting! It looks like such scenes would cause everybody that is sober to hate alcohol.

"Oh," you say, "I wouldn't let liquor get me down like that. I can drink and be decent about it, go on and attend to my own business."

Well, you should realize that you are partaking of some of the same things that the sot drunkard has gorged himself with, and you are partly drunk with even a small amount of alcohol in your stomach. The drunkard is further along in drunkenness than you are, but you may catch up with him some day. Why not use common sense and say, "If lots of a bad thing is wrong and destructive, a little of it can't be right, therefore I'll be a total abstainer? Common sense, decency, honesty, uprightness and my better judgment warns me against alcohol, and I'm going to show myself a man (yes, and even a decent woman should do likewise) and go through life absolutely sober." This is common sense, even if one is not a Christian.

O reader, exercise the sense of a horse! You will not regret even this the longest day you live. But above all, get to God and live a noble Christian life that you may bless your home and country and reach heaven. Amen.

Walter E. Isenhour,
Taylorsville, N. C.



What's Doing in the Churches



MATTESON BRETHREN, BRONSON, MICHIGAN

The following is a review of what has been happening at the Matteson Brethren Church since the first of the year. First of all we want to thank you all for your prayers for us at the Matteson Brethren Church.

In March a new Sunday School class for Juniors was started. We are praying that it will grow.

I have spoken at the local jail several times, and one of the laymen, Burdette Lewis, has spoken twice. We take part in the services nearly every Monday night. Also in March the church started holding services once a month at another nursing home. We are now holding services at two nursing homes during each month. The Lord is blessing—one elderly man accepted Christ as his Savior. We do praise God.

In April, Burdette Lewis, built a beautiful pulpit from Japanese Ash with a black walnut cross on the front. It was dedicated April 10. He was the first to speak from behind it. A lovely new carpet also was purchased for the platform and a center runner. Two beautiful chairs were given to the church—for the platform—by Mr. Claude Oliver. We do thank the Lord for these things to make His House of Prayer even more beautiful. (A picture of these improvements accompanies this article).

April 14, thirteen of the members went to the Brighton Chapel Church for the Communion Service. Each one received a very special blessing and we do thank Brother John Mills and his people for including us in their service.

April 15, our church was the host church for a Good Friday Service. Three other churches participated and about 105 attended the service.

The most important progress in April was that three little girls confessed Christ as their Savior. We pray that through them their parents will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior too. The attendance for April was the highest since we have been here, except for the evening services. The average for Sunday School was 29 plus, Church 37, and Prayer Meeting, 18 plus. We praise God for this increase and only pray that we might always go forward for Him.

May third our revival started. It was scheduled for two weeks only, but we all felt God leading into the third week. The first week, six made first time confessions and professed Christ as Savior. The second week, twelve went to the altar for a heart-cleansing and a closer walk with God. The third week the Lord continued to bless and one young man made things right with the Lord. The total attendance for the three weeks was 892

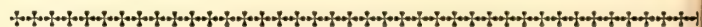


with a 42 plus average. The lowest attendance was 28 and the highest was 61 twice.

Rev. Bill Maher, from Ocala, Florida, was our Evangelist. He is a minister to the handicapped in that locality. God has healed him from Cerebral Palsy and he has only been speaking—with a tongue that was never to speak—for 10 years. Of that 10 years he has been preaching God's plan of Salvation for nine years. This was the first revival in the church and Rev. John Mills came from Brighton to baptize two children. This was also the first baptism in the church. The Lord made many "firsts" possible. We will praise Him forever for His goodness and faithfulness.

The people have called us to work here another year for our Lord and Master. Will you continue to pray for the church (AND US) that we might please Him all ways in the things we do and say? Thank you.

Buck D. Garrett, Pastor.



This 'n' That

By the Editor

YOUR PUBLISHING COMPANY is greatly in need of soft cloths suitable for wiping ink off of press rollers and type forms. The Brethren have done very well in supplying these in the past, so you who have worn out clothing or other cloth materials of an absorbent nature would be rendering your Company a very helpful service by either sending or bringing such to the plant in Ashland. Thank you very much for your help. W. S. B.

THE EDITOR'S PULPIT

PAPER WORK

(Continued from Page 3)

to expansion plans in our publication field. When the call comes, let us be ready and willing to do all we can to insure a literature which will come as close to the ultimate goal as is possible.

In this way, the Church can produce a literature which will do its part in combatting the nefarious poison which the Communists are pouring out. It will do even more because it will be giving to men something far more valuable—the wonderful message of a saving, eternal Lord. This is the message the world really needs. W. S. B.

Attention, Brethren!

THE EVANGELIST of May 28, 1960, announced the advent of the Manual of Instruction, authorized by our General Conference, and to be made available to us at the next General Conference.

The printed word is described as a mighty sword, to be held high and guarded well; the word of the Lord is to be held higher and in even greater esteem. The Manual of Instruction will contain those beliefs, doctrines and principles which are our two-edged sword.

The Psalmist, in his covenant of Psalm 89, speaks of the "rock of his salvation". The laity of the church think of rock in terms of something solid and immovable. We think of our church based on a solid foundation with sure footing and refusing to be moved by the winds of strange doctrine; a church of strength, everlasting peace and quiet assurance; a church that will not run to and fro, chasing false rainbows, following blind leaders; a church that will not turn to the right nor to the left but will stand firm and immovable.

We pray that you will back your Committee of Indoctrination and insist upon at least one Manual of Instruction in every home of your church.

Please send your money and orders to the Chairman,

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Laid to Rest

WALKER. Mrs. Velma Mardelle Walker, 59, passed to her eternal reward, May 19. Member in good standing of the Cerro Gordo, Ill., Brethren Church. Survived by her husband, three sons, four daughters, 18 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one sister.

Duane Sholly, Pastor.

THE FOUR CALLS

The Spirit came in childhood
And pleaded, "Let me in."
But ah; the door was bolted
And barred by childish sin.
The child said: "I'm too little;
There's time enough for me.
Today I cannot open."
The Spirit turned away.

Again He came and pleaded
In youth's bright happy hour.
He called, but heard no answer,
For, fettered in sin's power,
The youth lay idly dreaming
And crying, "Not today;
For I must have some pleasure."
Again He turned away.

He came again in mercy
In manhood's vigorous prime,
But still could find no welcome.
The merchant had no time
To spare for true repentance;
No time to praise or pray.
And thus, repulsed and saddened,
The Spirit turned away.

Once more He called and waited.
The man was old and sad;
He scarcely heard the whisper;
His heart was scarred and bad.
"Go leave me! when I want Thee,
I'll call for Thee," he cried.
Then, sinking on his pillow,
Without a hope—he died.

The Way of Truth.

IT'S YOUR TURN

REV. I.

SINCE THE FIRST REAL FLUSH of World War II tugged at our patriotism and turned our family society up-side-down, we have been treated to repeated doses of newspaper, magazine, and radio editorials about this "new" problem called juvenile delinquency. It has almost reached the stage of a popular fad to write delinquency articles for the pulp magazine clientele.

However, despite the fan-fare and popularity of the subject there has been a great lack of discernment concerning the reasons and remedies of this social cancer. The war has been blamed, inadequate school facilities have been scored, improper psychological adjustment or treatment of the youngsters has been a favorite discussion topic. Still we find our newspapers filled with the most sadistic tales of juvenile behaviour imaginable. What is the cause? To whom must we assign the fault? What is the answer?

These questions are the same ones that have been proposed and re-proposed many hundred of times since this matter has been under discussion. Social service agencies, schools, churches, fraternal organizations, the state and federal governments, and an innumerable host of other interested groups have tried to help the situation with little success.

Why do we say that it is your turn parents? Because we feel that the ones who have done much discussing about the subject without lending their shoulder to the wheel of action have been the parents. Too often we have heard the cry of the parents "I can't do a thing with him." Sad indeed is this commentary on the leadership and responsibility of the parent when, as it has been aptly put, "with one word from the parents, the child does as he pleases." Too long have the parents expected churches, clubs, police, schools, and other agencies to take over the in-

fluence in the child's life which should have come from the home and the parents. So, now, parents it is your turn.

Yes, it is your turn parents to take over the responsibility which is rightfully yours. It is your turn parents to do the job of training which you have passed off to an outside agency. Yes, parents, it is your turn to hear and respond to the command of God "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

This program of training will demand time from your social calendar. It will cut into your leadership in the community. It will also demand that you center your recreation more in the home than you are accustomed to doing. But after all that should be a minor sacrifice to make, for haven't you been the one who said "I would give anything if our boy would choose a nicer group of companions, if he would go to the church activities more often, if he didn't stay out so late at night, if he didn't look upon me as an 'old fogey.'"

In order for this dream to become a reality you are going to have to share the responsibility which is your rightful duty.

It is also true that the sooner you begin the better will be the result. If your child is older the task will be more difficult but it still should be done.

This training program will involve three separate elements or areas of emphasis. These three are education, example, and discipline, all of which fall within the ability of the parent at the home to over-see.

As for the first element, education, we find that education is usually considered under the general heading of imparting knowledge and experience from one generation to another. Of course from

R N, P A R E N T S!

CARTER

From our particular point of view we feel that Christian education is the proper approach to these problems. This further insistence would dictate that the education should be centered in God's Word and integrated with the Christian message.

The basic education which will answer our delinquency problems will consist in the parent passing on the personal experience he has of Christ to his child. We learn all things in this manner don't we? Of course we may learn by experience but it certainly is the hard way and in some cases the way of sadness.

We need not look too far to see that our experience teaches that the nation which allowed the Christian home to degenerate has ended in destruction. Our most modern example is the German nation where the Christian home was systematically replaced by a fanatical nationalism based in the deification of man rather than God. All the heritage of Christian nurture was bypassed and not faithfully taught to the younger generations and the result was defeat and destruction.

Be warned, parents, when motherhood is given up for a career, homemaking neglected for social work, and the prayers at mother's knee replaced by the peremptory pat of a baby sitter then the harvest that shall be reaped is juvenile delinquency pressed down full and running over.

How sad it is when we hear parents say in sophisticated ignorance "I do not believe I should influence my child in so far as religion is concerned, he should be allowed to make his own decisions after he has lived long enough to be able to judge." Mother and Dad, these words may be high sounding but they spell destruction for our child for unwittingly you have already made the decision for him. You have left God out of his education, he will continue to leave

God out of his life. How incongruous it appears when we insist, even enforce by law that our children shall go to secular school for five days of the week at least in order to be trained for a transitory occupation, but when it comes to the things that will last for eternity and which control real happiness in this life we smugly say we do not wish to influence them.

Our education is sadly over balanced and biased away from God at best without enforcing a spiritual vacuum upon our children in the home. This is the tragedy of today which results in the glaring headlines highlighting the delinquency story. Other agencies of government and education try blindly and vainly to cope with the problem but parents it is your turn.

Could it be that our parents in this modern mechanized world do not have the equipment of spiritual knowledge and conviction nor the personal experience with Christ which is necessary for this training program?

The next element in training is that of example. Children are born imitators, they learn everything that way, we all do. "Like father, like son," "a chip off the old block," "monkey see, monkey do"—you have heard all these familiar quotations and many more emphasizing the fact that our actions speak louder than our words to our children. From experience as a youth leader, the author has heard repeated time after time the words "my parents don't go" in answer to an invitation to attend church service or prayer meeting.

How sad it is to hear from the lips of a child or a young person that he has never heard the blessing said at the meal time not participated in a time of family worship in his home. Our example to our children is of paramount importance

because what we are now we can expect to see in our children fifteen years or so from now.

"A certain man had the habit of stopping at a tavern each morning on his way to work. He was not a heavy drinker, never indulged to excess, but he did make just a daily stop. He never thought much of it till one morning after a snow fall, he kissed his wife goodbye, took little Jimmy in his arms and said, "Goodbye Jimmy." Then he started across the snow, intent at stopping just a moment at the tavern. After going just a little way, he heard Jimmy and turning around, he saw him with great exertion trying to step in the footprints of his father in the snow, and he shouted, "Look daddy, I'se walking in your footsteps!" Like a dart the words went home. "I'm on my way to the tavern and Jimmy is walking in my footsteps!" That was the end of that. No more tavern for that father.

Parents, I wonder where your footsteps of example are leading your child? Are they leading to the church steps or the courthouse steps? Have your children seen you studying your Bible and praying faithfully? Or has your Bible only been used to carry to church on Sunday morning? Have your children witnessed your faithful attendance at every stated meeting of the church including the prayer meeting? Have your children had the experience of hearing you present to them the plan of God's salvation as outlined in His Word? This is your responsibility and should not be left to some pastor or church worker. This is a part of the rich joy which is yours as a parent to bring your own children to Jesus Christ.

Incidentally, what relationship does the child witness between you and your mate? Is it one of loving harmonious cooperation, or is it one of constant bickering and nagging? It is very definitely true that domestic problems are a barometer to juvenile trouble.

The last element in training up a child in the way he should go is that of discipline. How repulsive this word has been made to sound in this day of "progressive" education when the suggestion is that the child be allowed to "express himself" without fear or frustration being introduced into his mentality. Spare the rod and spoil the child has been discarded and junior rules the house and imposes his own regulations.

Discipline has both a positive and negative side. It implies that its program of training

makes the doing of the right and good a pleasant experience, and the doing of the wrong an unpleasant experience. God's Word declares "whom the father loveth he chasteneth." If we can love our children in the true sense of the word we will not spare the chastening when it becomes necessary.

Discipline does not imply a long and complicated set of rules and orders. There may be very few rules but these rules are rigidly enforced. Children are not born bad in the general sense of the term, they don't grow bad over night because the parents are either too weak or too doting to enforce any discipline.

J. Edgar Hoover has commented that "Such weak and careless parents should realize that when their children go astray it hasn't been the fault of the children but of the parents. A spoiled boy grows into a spoiled man. His doting parents can't protect him from the hard knocks that are part of life's discipline. He goes to pieces because he has been raised under glass."

If discipline in the home is not enforced and is not made a part of the process of training then there will be no respect of discipline in other areas fostered in the minds of the children. It's your turn parents, why should other agencies be forced to discipline your child? The reflection is upon you and your home training.

Yes, parents, it is your turn to do something constructive about this problem; it has been your turn for a long long time but until now you have defaulted. What will your answer be? It is your turn to educate your children along sound spiritual lines, to be the best Christian example to them, and to discipline them with firmness and love as the need arises. It is your turn to be a pal to these lives God has given you, to play with them, to work with them; to pray with them and to worship with them. This is your God-given responsibility as parents; will you accept it and God helping you discharge it victoriously? It's your turn parents!

Courtesy of Youth Commission of the National Sunday School Association.

**Read your
Brethren Evangelist
every week.**

“Thy Brother’s Blood”

The tom-toms thumped straight on all night, and the darkness shuddered around me like a living, feeling thing. I could not go to sleep, so I lay awake, and looked. And I saw, and it seemed like this:

I stood on a grassy sward, and at my feet a precipice broke sheer down into infinite space. I looked, but saw no bottom; only cloud shapes, black and furiously coiled, and great shadow-shrouded hollows, and unfathomed depths. Back I drew, dizzy at the depths.

Then I saw forms of people moving single file along the grass. They were making for the edge. There was a woman with a baby in her arms, and another little child holding onto her dress. She was on the very verge. Then I saw that she was blind. She lifted her foot for the next step—it trod air. She was over, and the children over with her. Oh, the cry as they went over!

Then I saw more streams of people flowing from all quarters. All were blind, stone blind. All made straight for the precipice edge. There were shrieks as they suddenly knew they were falling, and a tossing up of helpless arms—catching, clutching, at the empty air. But some went over quietly and fell without a sound.

Then I wondered, with a wonder that was simple agony, why no one stopped them at the edge. I was glued to the ground, and could not call. Though I strained and tried, only a whisper would come.

Then I saw that along the edge there were sentries set at intervals. But the intervals were far too great, and there were wide, unguarded gaps between. And over these gaps the people fell in their blindness quite unwarned. The green grass seemed blood-red to me and the gulf yawned like the mouth of hell.

Then I saw like a picture of peace, a group of people under some trees, with their backs turned toward the gulf. They were making daisy chains. Sometimes when a piercing shriek cut the air and reached them, it disturbed them, and they

thought it rather a vulgar noise. If someone of their number started up and wanted to do something to help, then all the others would pull that one down. “Why should you get so excited about it? You must wait for a definite call to go. You have not finished your daisy chains. It would be really selfish to leave us to finish the work alone.”

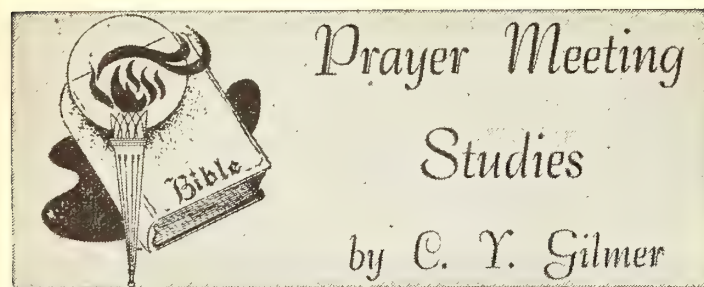
Then there was another group. It was made up of people whose great desire was to get some sentries out; but they found that very few wanted to go, and sometimes there were no sentries for miles and miles at the edge.

Once a girl stood alone in her place, waving the people back. But her mother and other relatives called and reminded her that her furlough was due; she must not break the rules. Being tired, and needing a change, she had to go and rest a while; but no one was sent to guard her gap, and over and over the people fell, like a waterfall of souls.

Once a child caught at a tuft of grass that grew at the very brink of the gulf; it clung convulsively and it called, but nobody seemed to hear. Then the roots of the grass gave way and with a cry the child went over, its two little hands still holding tight to the torn-off bunch of grass. And the girl who longed to be back in her gap thought she heard the little one cry. She sprang up and wanted to go; at which they reproved her, reminding her that no one is necessary anywhere; the gap would be well taken care of, they knew. And they sang a hymn.

Then through the hymn came another sound like the pain of a million broken hearts wrung out in one drop—one sob. And a horror of great darkness was upon me, for I knew what it was—the cry of blood.

Then thundered a Voice—the Voice of the Lord, and He said, “What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother’s blood crieth unto me from the ground.”—Anonymous.



"Brethren Advance In Evangelism"

THE SOUL WINNING CHURCH AT JERUSALEM

"The Church from her dear Master,
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the Heaven-drawn picture
Of Thee, the living Word."

CONVERTS ADDED DAILY is the record of the Christian Church when it was in its early beginnings (Acts 2:47). Pentecostal power gave the Church a strong beginning (Acts 2:41). The membership grew rapidly (Acts 4:4). Persecution was no deterrent (Acts 5:14). They did not preach a program—they preached a Person (Acts 5:42). The Great Commission made soul winning the business and the normal activity of the early Church (Mk. 16:15; Matt. 28:18-20). The Church was subject to its Authoritative Head (Col. 1:18). The work of the Church is a saving mission (Jn. 20:21). The key verse of early Church history is Acts 1:8.

WHAT WE NEED

A city full of churches,
Great preachers, lettered men,
Grand music, choirs and organs:
If these all fail, what then?
Good workers, eager, earnest,
Who labor hour by hour;
But where, oh where, my brother,
Is God's Almighty power?

Refinement; education!
They want the very best.
Their plans and schemes are perfect,
God will not take man-worship,
Nor bow to man's control.
No human innovation,
Nor skill, nor worldly art,
Can give a true repentance,
Nor break the sinner's heart.

We may have human wisdom,
Grand singing, great success;
There may be fine equipment,
But these things do not bless.
God wants a pure, clean vessel,
Anointed lips and true,
A man filled with the Spirit,
To speak his message through.

Great God, revive us truly!
And keep us every day;

They give themselves no rest;
They get the best of talent,
They try their uttermost,
But what they need, my brother,
Is God the Holy Ghost!

We may spend time and money
And preach from wisdom's lore,
But education only
Will keep God's people poor.
God wants not worldly wisdom,
He seeks no smiles to win;
But what is needed, brother,
Is that we deal with sin!

It is the Holy Spirit,
That quickeneth the soul.
That men may all acknowledge,
We live just as we pray.
The Lord's hand is not shortened;
He still delights to bless,
If we depart from evil
And all our sins confess.

—Samuel Stevenson.

Lesson

Comments

by

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Lesson for June 26, 1960

HEEDING CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

Lesson: Matthew 7:24-29; 21:28-32

"THE REASON HISTORY repeats itself," says Dan Bennett, "is that most people weren't listening the first time."

God spoke to Ezekiel concerning disobedient Israel in these strong words: "Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house" (12:2).

Israel was classified as rebellious and disobedient because she refused to HEAR and HEED Gods' voice.

WISE AND FOOLISH

Mt. 7:24-27

Christ likens the obedient man to a Wise Man. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man . . ."

"To hear Christ is not barely to give Him the hearing, but to obey Him . . . It highly concerns us all to do what we hear of the sayings of Christ . . . To do Christ's sayings is conscientiously to abstain from the sins that He forbids, and to perform the duties that He requires" (Matthew Henry).

To be WISE, then, we must be HEARERS and HEEDERS of God's Word. How few in the ranks of Christendom can truly be called WISE! Christ must say of us, as He did of the Pharisees: "This people draweth nigh unto Me with their mouth, and honoureth Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me" (Mt. 15:8).

Christ likens the disobedient man to a Foolish Man. "And everyone that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man."

James says to be a hearer and not a doer is to deceive oneself (1:22).

"Thus they deceive themselves, as Micah, who thought himself happy, because he had a Levite to be his priest, though he had not the Lord to be his God (Judges 17)" (Henry)

Into which category do we fall? Are we foolish because we HEAR but refuse to HEED? Or, are we wise because we Hear AND Heed the words of Christ?

OBEDIENT AND DISOBEDIENT
Mt. 21:28-32

What was the occasion that prompted the Parable of the Two Sons? The chief priests and elders had questioned Christ about His authority for performing miracles. Jesus countered by asking them about the Baptism of John. They refused to answer. Our Lord, therefore, rebuked these hypocritical religious leaders for their unbelief and willful rejection of truth. To further substantiate this, He told this parable.

The first son represents those who, knowing the will of God, refuse at first to do it. "Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went."

The publicans and harlots were disobedient sinners—and they knew it! Many of them, however, upon hearing the Gospel, repented and turned Godward.

The second son's attitude was different: "He answered and said, I go, sir: and went not." This son represents those who, professing to love God, refuse to obey Him.

The Scribes and Pharisees professed to love the law of God. But they said and did not! This is why Jesus warned the people against the religious leaders: "But do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not" (Mt. 23:3).

"Perhaps Jesus aimed this story at the Pharisees and the Sadducees . . . But certainly the story is aimed at us; at least, it hits us, and it hurts. Most of us are as the second son. We are not necessarily insincere, or liars; we plan to take our religion seriously 'some day'—but we do not. How much better it would be for us to refuse to follow Christ, instead of following Him from afar, weak, even cowardly, shirking our responsibilities, failing as disciples" (Frank S. Mead).

Notice these two sons: both of them HEARD, but only one HEADED!

He that hath ears, let him HEAR; and he that Hears, let him HEED. To wholly please God, we must be HEARERS and HEEDERS of His Word!

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

MISCELLANEOUS THOUGHTS ABOUT—

Teacher Training

There is quite a controversy over whether teachers are made or born. Some say teachers are made not born. Others believe, teachers are born not made. But we can all be assured that teachers are not born made. All teachers need training.

Worship

A quote from Teddy Roosevelt which is worth meditating on during this vacation time of the year. "You may worship God anywhere, at any time but the chances are that you will not do so unless you have first learned to worship Him, somewhere, in some special place, at some particular time."

Visitation

An excerpt from an article, The New Art of Selling, by Elmer G. Leterman, sets forth some significant statistics that reveal the value of repeated follow-up, whether it be in selling or in contacting young people and adults for Sunday school. We suggest that you ponder prayerfully over these:

- 80% of all sales are made after the fifth call
- 25% of all salesmen call twice and quit
- 10% keep on calling

As a result, the 10% who call five times or more get 80% of all the sales that are made!

Teaching

Talking is not necessarily teaching.

A person must know two individuals in order to teach—God and the pupil.

You never teach in the classroom until you have sold yourself to the pupils outside the classroom.

Many teachers try to introduce Christ to a pupil when they don't know either one very well.

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General Conference

The Sunday school speaker will be Dr. P. H. Augustine, minister of the Federated Church of East Springfield, Pennsylvania. He will be with us on Wednesday, August 17. In the afternoon workshop we will be thinking together about "Goals of A Growing Sunday School." In the evening session he will speak on the subject, "What To Do When Life Gets Difficult." See you then?

PASTOR NEEDED

The First Brethren Church of Oak Hill, W. Va., is in need of a pastor after July 27th. Anyone interested, please write:

Myrtle Nuckels, Corr. Sec'y.,
1005½ Summerlee Ave.,
Oak Hill, West Virginia

World Religious News in Review

EVANGELICAL LEADER COMMENTS ON VATICAN STAND

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The recent policy statement from the Vatican will greatly increase Protestant fears concerning the influence of the Roman Catholic Church in American politics, according to a prominent Protestant spokesman.

Dr. James DeForest Murch, chairman of the Commission on Evangelical Action of the National Association of Evangelicals and managing editor of *Christianity Today*, said that "all Protestants will now be more hesitant than ever to support a Roman Catholic nominee for the Presidency."

Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, on May 17, 1960, carried an "authoritative" editorial stating that the Church has a duty to intervene in the political field and that its laymen "must never disregard the teachings and directions of the Church" in any area of life. This was interpreted in some quarters as an indication that ecclesiastical pressures might be exerted on any member of the Roman Catholic Church to be elected as President.

"The Roman Church is completely committed to the doctrine of the Union of Church and State, as its canon law, papal bulls, encyclicals and historic practice abundantly testify," Murch said. "This doctrine is taught in their schools and loyal Catholics must believe it.

"While it is true, as some Protestant and Romanist leaders have recently pointed out, that there is now and has been for some time a school of thought in American Catholicism which questions this doctrine, we must remember that the Roman Church is a totalitarian system and that official doctrine is changed only when its supreme authority, the Pope, announces ex-cathedra that a new doctrine has been approved. Members of the hierarchy or distinguished Romanist laymen might express views contrary to traditional doctrine but these pronouncements

would be meaningless so far as the Vatican is concerned."

Murch added: "That is why American Protestants have been hoping that the Pope or the College of Cardinals would speak up in the midst of the current politico-religious controversy in America and classify the issues. This statement from the Vatican is most enlightening, because it removes all doubt that sooner or later intense ecclesiastical pressures could be applied to any Roman Catholic who might be elected President of the United States."

JORDAN APPROVES STATUE OF CHRIST ON MOUNT OLIVES

JERUSALEM (EP)—The Jordanian government has approved plans to erect a large statue of Christ on the Mount of Olives, at the spot marked by tradition as the place where He returned to Heaven. The site commands a view of Jerusalem and overlooks the Jericho Road. Originator of the idea for the statue is American sculptor Avard Fairbanks, creator of public monuments and fountains in many U. S. cities. Dr. Fairbanks, born in Utah 63 years ago, will start a fund drive to cover costs of the project.

BEN-GURION CHARGED WITH HERESY IN DISPUTE OVER BIBLE

TEL AVIV, Israel (EP) — The Holy Land's ultra-Orthodox party charged Premier David Ben-Gurion with heresy when he made public his views that only 600 Jews left Egypt, instead of the more than 600,000 as recorded in Numbers 1:46.

The offended Agudath Israel Party called for a no-confidence vote, charging that the Premier had forfeited his right to lead the nation by making statements questioning the Holy Scriptures. The measure was quickly defeated when members of the Knesset (Parliament) voted 61 to 6 to kill the no-confidence charge.

In a regularly-held Bible discussion in the home of President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, Ben-Gurion observed that

the Scriptures record that 70 males went down to Egypt. Noting that the Bible names all the male descendants of Levi up to the generation of the Exodus, he pointed out that 25 males were born to this tribe in Egypt. By doubling the figure to account for females and multiplying the result by 12 to account for the other tribes, he obtained a total of 600 Israelies who went out from Egypt at the time of the Exodus.

Citing Israel's topography, the Premier questioned the feasibility of moving millions of people and their livestock through the desert. He said he doubted that such a large number could have been supplied by water which Moses believed to have brought forth from the rock. He said he had seen the water coming from the rock at Kadesh Barnea, in the Negev, and added that the amphitheater around the rock could accommodate only about 600 persons.

CHURCH FIRE LOSSES INCREASE

BOSTON (EP)—A report released here by the National Fire Protection Association reveals a sharp increase in church losses from major fires in the United States and Canada. The report shows more than \$3 million worth of church property destroyed in 10 large-loss fires in 1959, compared with 1958, in which there were only four major fires causing damage of some \$1,170,000.

The analysis, compiled annually by the fire safety organization, includes only large-loss fires — individual losses of \$250,000 or more.

A detailed analysis of church losses in all types of fires is issued annually by the Association in the fall.

The largest single loss in the U. S. in 1959 was the \$400,000 destruction of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Westphalia, Mich., on April 20.

JAPANESE PROTESTANTS OPPOSE IKE'S SHRINE VISIT

TOKYO (EP)—An announcement by U. S. Government officials here that President Eisenhower will visit the Meiji (Shinto) Shrine on June 20 has stirred vocal objections among Japanese Protestant leaders.

The National Christian Council of Japan has endorsed a resolution declaring that the President's visit to the nationally-famous shrine would have a serious affect on the relig-

ious situation in the island empire. If the shrine visit is not cancelled by U. S. embassy officials, the NCC plans to send a cablegram directly to the White House.

Buddhists and other religious leaders reportedly fear the plan also because, they say, it could encourage the revival of state Shinto.

CHURCH LEADERS ASK DRINKING BAN ON COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Thirteen prominent Protestant Church leaders have joined in asking Congress to ban drinking on commercial aircraft.

In a letter headed "Churchmen for Air Safety," the clergymen urged Congress to close this "glaring gap in air safety," and said "It is difficult to understand why no decisive action has yet been taken to eliminate the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on commercial airlines."

Copies of the letter were addressed to Senate Majority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (Dem., Tex.), Speaker Sam Rayburn (Dem., Tex.), Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (Dem., Wash.), chairman, and other members of the Senate Commerce Committee, and Rep. Oren Harris (Dem., Ark.), chairman, and other members of the House Commerce Committee.

Several bills which would ban drinking on passenger planes are pending in both houses.

A recent regulation of the Federal Aviation Agency prohibits passengers from taking their own liquor aboard a plane and serving themselves, subject to a \$1,000 fine, and also bars crew members from serving drinks to a passenger who appears to be intoxicated.

This regulation does not go far enough, the clergymen said, and puts "an impossible burden" upon the crew.

REMEDY "POST-LENTEN SLUMP"

CHICAGO, Ill. (EP)—Does your church have a let-down after Easter? Then you might do well to study the example of St. Paul's Union Church here.

Under the leadership of the Rev. William F. McDermott, interim pastor, the church launched a "Spiritual Enrichment Campaign" to "offset the feeling that the big task is now

done and it's all right to sort of drift along."

The campaign culminated on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.

"St. Paul's intention was to make the season as interesting and intensive as Lent is," Mr. McDermott said, "with Pentecost Sunday having as festive and impressive an observance as Easter has.

"This is in keeping with the practice of the early church, which made little of the period before the Resurrection but a great deal of the time following it."

The Rev. Mr. McDermott presented a special series of sermons on "The Spirit of Pentecost" with the nearly 1,100 members of the church participating in daily scripture readings related to the sermon topics.

AFRICAN MISSION CLOSED

TRIPOLI, Libya (EP)—The clinic of the North Africa Mission here has been closed by order of the Director of the Libyan Ministry of the Interior. An official directive gave as the reason: "Lack of reasons to justify its presence."

Known locally as the Tripoli Medical Mission, the clinic has been treating more than 300 people each clinic day, and has been the only evangelical missionary effort in Libya. Its history goes back to 1889 when it was first opened during the Turkish regime.

Representations to the government by the Mission personnel and from friends both official and unofficial have been unable to have the decree withdrawn. The missionaries at the station, Dr. and Mrs. Patrick McCarthy and Miss Vivian Bradshaw, R. N., have not been asked to leave. They continue to occupy the premises for residential purposes and quiet personal witness.

NEW SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION RECORD REPORTED BY ABS

NEW YORK (EP)—Scripture distribution efforts of the American Bible Society reached an all-time high last year with 17,650,917 volumes in 296 languages according to reports of the organization at its 144th annual meeting here.

The highest output in the history of the ABS since its founding in 1816 was reflected in circulation totals showing 1,114,647 whole Bibles... 1,846,267 New Testaments... and 14,690,003 Gospels and other Bible

portions. For the first time, the Society showed a marked increase over the previous six years, for which the yearly average was more than 15 million volumes.

Distribution in the U. S. totaled 10,068,959 volumes, including 531,186 Bibles, 1,072,023 New Testaments and 8,465,750 portions.

Distribution overseas amounted to 7,581,959 volumes, consisting of 583,461 Bibles, 774,244 New Testaments and 6,224,253 portions.

But the report reminded that the total issue of whole Bibles and Testaments across the world by the 23 United Bible Societies, of which the American Bible Society is a member, is barely one-fifth the total annual increase in population. "A way must be found," the report pointed out significantly, "to increase the supply of Scriptures to the world during the next ten years, which may be one of the most significant decades of the twentieth century."

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY OPENING DRAWS 5,000

OBERAMMERGAU, Germany (EP)—Climaxing nine months of rehearsal, the 1960 production of the world famous Passion Play in this Bavarian village opened in May.

An audience of 5,000 people from all over the world saw the opening performance of the eight-hour spectacle which has been faithfully performed by villagers every 10 years since 1634, with only a few interruptions.

PRIESTS SAY SEA MONSTER SURFACED NEAR BOAT

DUBLIN (EP)—Three Catholic priests say they spotted a weird sea monster while fishing near Athlone, Ireland. And judging from the description, the beast tops Scotland's famous Loch Ness tourist attraction.

The phenomenon had a flat, pythonlike head, the priests told reporters of the Irish Independent, and surfaced about 100 yards from their rowboat.

"The monster's body was as thick as that of a man," one clergyman said. "It was like a giant conger eel—which would be very unusual in a fresh-water lake."

A coil measuring about 15 feet long wended in and out of the water, but most of the monster seemed to remain below the surface, said the priests.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL JUNIOR RALLY

ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR Junior Brethren Youth and advisors attended another well-planned rally on June 4th—this time in Louisville, Ohio, and held for the Northeastern Ohio Juniors (age 8 through 12).

The theme, "Jewels for His Crown," was accentuated from the very start for the program booklets were cut in the shape of a crown; and this theme continued through the song service and the flannelboard display in the front of the sanctuary.

After registration the morning program consisted of the following:

- Prelude:Lola Ankrom
- Welcome:Rev. L. V. King
- Song ServiceMrs. Nina Gilliam
- ScriptureRoger Fallot
- PrayerRev. Thomas Shannon
- Special MusicDonna & Kathy Miller
and Keith Minton
- Two Films .."Skin Diving (for entertainment)
"A New Heart for Donna"
(for commitment)

A very tasty lunch was followed with a business meeting at which time Louisville was awarded the attendance banner and it was determined that the next rally in October would be held at Fremont if they would be able to have the group then.

The closing inspirational program contained an offering, remarks by Youth Director Phil Lersch, special music by Elaine and Shirley Clapper, and a puppet Bible Story about King Saul by Mrs. M. F. Henkel of Malone College in Canton.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it was another profitable way for our Juniors to use their time in learning more about God's work and their part in it.

JUST FOR THINKING!

- "You cannot kill time without injuring eternity."
- "When men speak ill of you so live that none will believe them."
- "An atheist is one who has no invisible means of support."
- "To be better off is not always to be better."

MAC'S MIND

Most of you school kids will be out for the summer as you read this article. A thought came to my mind as I thought about this. What are you going to be doing this summer? How will you spend your time?

Some of you no doubt will be working at summer jobs. Others of you will be helping out around home or on

the farm. Still others of you will be going to summer school. Many of you will be doing nothing. I hope that none of you just waste away your summer vacation. Even if you don't have a job working somewhere, you can be of some use. In the summer time many BYC groups do nothing. They do not even meet. If you are just sitting around wondering what to do, why not see if you can think of some interesting programs or outings that you and the other members of your BYC group can do. Or, you might want to help your local pastor in some of his work. If you are old enough, volunteer your services as a camp counselor. There are many different things that you can do this summer without just wasting your time away doing nothing.

I hope that many of you are planning on coming to your district conference. This would be a most valuable time spent in learning and in fellowship with your friends.

There would be no better place to spend a week of your summer vacation than at **General Conference**. Adults, this includes you also. Here you can learn how the Brethren Church works in its annual Conference. Fellowship and Spiritual Uplift have been planned for you and your friends. Plan on attending.

Whatever you do this summer, make it count for Jesus Christ and His Work.

Remember the Crusaders

As this article reaches your homes, many of our Crusaders will be out in their respective Bible Schools. Remember these Summer Workers in your Prayers as they carry on Christ's work. Remember also the children in the different Bible Schools.

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 12-14 Ohio District Conference. West Alexandria, Ohio.
Ohio District Brethren Youth Speech Contest is going to be held on **Wednesday** evening, July 13.
- July 18-21 Pennsylvania District Conference. Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.
The Youth will have their own Conference again this year.
- August 15-21 General Conference. Ashland, Ohio.
National Speech Contest Finals. Special Speakers. Music.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"The current vogue of stringing together words of opposite meaning to form a "happiness" slogan is sheer idiocy. What is meant by "active leisure"? It sounds to me like informed stupidity. Next, we'll be hearing about "vitamin-enriched atomic fallout".—Alexander King.

"Most of us don't mind doing what we ought to do if it doesn't interfere with what we want to do."—Olin Miller.

We ought to be in the church as the saints are in heaven, and in the house as the holiest men.

The Women's Corner
by Helen Jordan

THOUGHTS

"An ounce of love is worth more than a pound of knowledge.
A continual critic never constructs.
It doesn't take horse sense to nag.
He who is not grateful soon becomes grouchy.
One minute of keeping your mouth shut is worth an hour of explanation.
To find the will of God is the greatest discovery.
Brooding over blunders is like bruising a fresh wound.
People who live right, never get left.
He who is unwilling to serve should never be critical.
Many church members are like a snowman—cold all winter, and run away in the spring.
He who is constantly watching the walk of others usually stubs his own toe.
Pick your friends but not to pieces.
Peace rules the day when Christ rules the mind.
The better you know yourself, the less fault you will see in others.

Everything in the home today seems to run by a switch, except children.
The bent knee is more powerful than a sharp tongue.
A face without a smile is like a lantern without a light.
A little of the oil of courtesy would save a lot of friction.
Don't give anyone a piece of your mind, you may need it all.
God cannot have His way when you are in the way.
He demands unconditional surrender."

Miss Vianna Hackett,
Hampton, N. J.

OHIO MEN ONLY

Anyway you look at it—you should plan NOW to attend the Laymen's Sessions at Ohio District Conference on July 12, 13, and 14 at West Alexandria, Ohio. Bring the family and get set for a time of spiritual feasting, Christian fellowship, and inspiration to become a more effective witness for Christ. No one can take your place, so make arrangements to use a portion of your vacation for the betterment of your spiritual life. An inspirational and beneficial program is planned for YOU. Don't relegate Conference out of your mind—be a delegate. See you all.

REVIVAL WILL COME

- When the thorn tree of strife is rooted from the heart.
- When apologies are made for unkind, nasty words and grievances are adjusted in a manner pleasing to God.
- When the dead atmosphere of indifference, indolence and lukewarmness is dispelled by a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- When there are long vigils of prayer in which the soul is laid bare before God in humiliation and contrition.
- When the killing frost of smug complacency is confessed and renounced.
- When fasting is practiced for self-discipline and self is forgotten in service.
- When faith takes hold of God's promises and resists every attack and accusation of Satan.
- When a proper evaluation of time and eternity is made.
- When holy people are willing to face opposition, ridicule, persecution, hate, suffering and shame for Jesus' sake rather than compromise their convictions or soften their witness against sin.
- Then revival will come in supernatural power.

—The Wesleyan Methodist.



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MY PRAYER

This is my prayer, that I may live
My life through every passing day,
That God may know the faith I hold,
The love I have for young and old,
That I may help and cheer the lone,
And make my brother's joy my own;
With Heaven's help to never cease
To make my world a world of peace;
To show how much I really care
For a friend like God, this is my
prayer.

DESTROYING ONE'S ENEMIES

The way in which a certain Chinese emperor is said to have destroyed his enemies illustrates the method which every Christian should employ:

A Chinese emperor, being apprised of his enemies having raised an insurrection in one of the distant provinces, said to his officers, "Come, follow me, and we will quickly destroy them." He marched forward, and the rebels submitted upon his approach. All now thought that he would take

the most signal revenge, but were surprised to see the captives treated with mildness and humanity.

"How!" cried the first minister, "is this the manner in which you fulfill your promise? Your royal word was given that your enemies should be destroyed; and behold, you have pardoned them all, and even caressed some of them."

"I promised," replied the emperor, with a generous air, "to destroy my enemies; I have fulfilled my word, for, see they are enemies no longer; I have made friends of them."

IF WE WANT HIM AS MUCH AS

If we want God as much as the astronomer Herchel wanted the distant stars, with such sincerity that he would sit all night on a balcony in the wintry winds with an awkward telescope; if we want Him as much as Edison wanted an electric filament, so that he would experiment with six hundred different substances that he might get his radiant light—if we hunger like that for God, we will quit arguing and postponing, and begin this very hour to seek Him.—Sci.

THE DISCIPLINE OF RELIGION

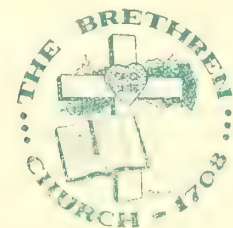
One of the complaints parents often make about their children is that they seem to be undisciplined. Stories of hard days on the farm, of long hours in the factory, have been used by fathers to try to shame the luxury-loving sons into doing something worthwhile. This criticism is rarely justified. We are all sufficiently alike so that older people are as hard or as soft as the younger. All of us need discipline. Life becomes frayed, loose, ineffective, unless it holds itself to a standard and a routine. The "undisciplined life" is a synonym for the futile and even dangerous life.

There are times when discipline needs to be applied from the outside. People need to be told now and then: "This thing you must do." But the goal of discipline must be, not outside compulsion, but inner restraint. Many people grow to maturity without any capacity for self-control, because they have always thought of discipline as something applied by someone else—the rod, the law, the policeman, the government.

All democracy is based on the assumption that men will discipline themselves. In proportion to the amount of discipline wielded from outside, democracy is falling short. It is the responsibility of an individual in a democratic government to make up his own mind, to guide his own life, to vote his own ticket, to work out his own salvation.

Whatever laws are devised for disciplining the members of a community are always to be regarded as temporary expedients, to be dropped when individuals can discipline themselves. And it has been tragically obvious in recent history that if men do not operate by self-imposed standards of discipline, then some force will come from outside to tell them what to do.

We need the discipline of self, the discipline which free men exercise upon their own minds and wills.



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The Editor's Pulpit

Suffering Is Essential To The Christian

A CLERGYMAN who had been injured in an automobile accident was carried to a small-town hospital and admitted for care. It was a tedious experience, and week after week dragged by. Then one day at least several weeks in advance of the time he had been promised release, the doctor came in with the word: "You have been such a good patient, and you have assisted your own recovery so much by your patience and calm, that we are going to let you leave the hospital tomorrow." Then, after a moment or two, the doctor added: "I have been practicing medicine a good many years, and I have made the discovery that the people who bring their religion into the hospital with them, usually get to go home a little earlier than the other folk."

A pastor today is not in the active work very long until he learns a lot about how people react in times of sickness, accident, or other adversity. It does not take very long, either, to discover that suffering is met in different ways by different Christians. Some are completely overwhelmed when trouble comes; others never seem to take their eyes off of God at such times.

Picture a pastor going into a home where there is a sudden illness or accident. Everywhere, there is an atmosphere of doubt, anxiety, and a utter lack of reliance upon God. The general feeling is that "all is lost," and if the doctors and nurses cannot do something, there is no other hope. Oftentimes this happens in homes in which the members are regular in church attendance and participation. How account for the fact that these people can stand up and praise God on Sunday and yet act as if there is no God when adversity strikes?

This can best be answered by turning to another home which has suffered a similar tragedy. In this home when the pastor calls, there is likewise concern and care, and the atmosphere is tense with a measure of "not knowing just how things are going to turn out." But there is one notable difference. These people, having learned to trust God through the week as well

as on Sunday, portray in their faces and their outlook that God knows, hears and understands. They show the faith and confidence which tells the world that God will never leave them nor forsake them.

The first family operates on the premise that every heartache, every tragedy and bit of trouble must be borne with human strength, must be accepted as the product of everyday living, and must be solved on purely human abilities. The second family has learned the glorious secret of abiding in the presence of God through His Son, Jesus Christ. The same tragedies, happening to the two families, result in completely different conclusions.

Some things we must understand in the proper Christian approach to suffering.

1. Suffering is a part of the human experience on earth. None are immune. Some may appear to be immune; others may appear to be getting more than their share. Our troubles may look greater than those suffered by others.

2. Suffering is a signal to put our faith in God to a test. None of us ask for the sudden illness, the accident which comes, the snatching of a loved one from our midst. We would rather avoid all of these. (O, yes, sometimes our misdeeds and carelessness do bring on suffering, accident and heartaches, but these we know how and why they came upon us.)

3. The coming of suffering does not mean that God had His back to us and wasn't concerned about us. It will always be a problem to many that if God can heal and bring peace to the troubled heart AFTER adversity comes why He couldn't have "been around" to prevent it in the first place. If we know that what happened was not a direct result of our own sinful desires, our greed or by being wrathful, then we know that God does certainly have some great lesson in life for us. What happens when you are suddenly snatched from a busy life and placed flat

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HIGHLIGHTS OF MISSIONARY BOARD MEETING

Some of the action taken by the Missionary Board at their recent meeting (May 24, 25) is contained in the following paragraphs:

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At Newark, Ohio, where Reverend Thomas Shannon serves as pastor, the work has been expanding to the point where the portable chapel in which they worship is not adequate; the parsonage also needs enlarging to meet the needs of the family occupying it. In view of these circumstances, the Board has authorized the addition of a dining room to the parsonage. The Board hopes too that the Newark congregation will see their way clear to add a garage to the parsonage property.

The Board is encouraging the Newark Brethren to secure lots adjacent to the present church property for future building needs. They are eager to have a permanent church building erected as soon as possible. It is expected that a Ten Dollar Club call will be made later for this church—likely early in 1961.

With the continuing advance in our home mission program, there comes the need for an adequate church-extension strategy to be followed in developing new churches in the future; hence a committee has been designated to bring such recommendations to the August Board meeting. (Committee: Virgil Ingraham, J. M. Bowman, Harlan Hollewell)

The establishment of new home mission churches makes it desirable to formulate a standard agreement for home mission pastors and the Missionary Board. A committee from the Board was selected to recommend such an agreement at the August meeting. (Committee: Virgil Ingraham, J. M. Bowman, Harlan Hollewell)

The Missionary Board agreed to request General Conference to recognize the new church at Tempe, Arizona as a duly-organized congregation, operating under the supervision of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church.

One evening at an informal meeting in the Lindower home, the Krafts and the Bylers brought challenging and informative accounts of their work on the mission fields. Chuck and Meg demonstrated how the various Nigerian tongues are studied and used.

Rob and Jane gave encouraging accounts of the mission in Argentina and of their experiences during the past six years. Rob challenged the Board by presenting the possibilities of a new commercial radio program that might be carried on with other evangelical bodies in Argentina. In reply to his request, the Board agreed to allow Rob the months of September to December, 1960 in which to travel among churches (Brethren and other denominations) in the interest of this new radio work. He may receive offerings which will be used, after his traveling expenses are taken out, for the radio work in Argentina.

The Nigerian Committee of the Missionary Board, in response to an appeal from the General Brotherhood Board, recommended that a representative from our Board visit the Nigerian field for a period of pastoral ministry to our missionaries. The Board accepted this recommendation, but deferred making definite plans until the August meeting.

A nominating committee, to present names to General Conference for Missionary Board membership and late



Jeep for Evangelistic Work in Argentina.

to nominate Board officers, was named as follows: George Solomon, D. C. White, William Anderson.

A new policy regarding eligibility for office on the Missionary Board was adopted: Any member of the Missionary Board who has members of his immediate family (parents, children, brothers, sisters) employed by the Missionary Board shall be declared ineligible to serve on the Executive committee.

The Ashland College Seminary Study Committee having requested a statement from this Board, these men were named to prepare such a statement—including what our Board expects of the Seminary and what the Seminary can expect from this Board: William Anderson, Virgil Ingraham, W. C. Berkshire.

In reply to a questionnaire sent out by the Polity Committee, this action was taken: That we favor limitation of the time one person may serve as a member of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church to three consecutive terms of three years each.

A committee from the Missionary Board was instructed to review the Board's policy regarding all transportation to and from the mission field and while on furlough. They will bring a recommendation to the August meeting. (Committee: William Anderson, John Golby, Kenneth Solomon)

The following budget was approved by action of the Missionary Board:

Home Missions	\$40,180.00
Argentina	30,140.00
Nigeria	26,755.00
General World Missions	8,950.00
General Expense	25,865.00

EVANGELISTIC PROGRAM AIDED

John Rowsey

Recently the powers of attorney in Argentina were able to sell the old 1937 Chevrolet pickup truck and buy a fairly new Jeep truck with four-wheel drive. The Field Council then voted that this Jeep truck be used exclusively for the evangelistic work of the church in Argentina which will be the hauling of the tent and equipment to the churches for the campaigns that are held regularly and for the work in our camp in the mountains of Cordoba.

Many difficulties had been encountered in having the campaigns in our churches in recent years; but now that legal problems have been overcome, the main problems remaining have been the roads and transportation. The roads to the smaller churches are dirt, and after rains, they were almost impassable. Now with the four-wheel drive, we can move right along with the meetings as scheduled.

Pastor Varela has been put in charge of this phase of the work and will be traveling with the Jeep and equipment for the campaigns. We thank the Lord and the brethren at home who once more have made possible a forward step in the growth of our church and its work here in Argentina. May the Lord bless Pastor Varela and help him care for the equipment now available, as this expanded part of our work is carried forward.

THE EDITOR'S PULPIT

SUFFERING IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CHRISTIAN

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upon your back? What does really happen depends on whether or not your professed faith and trust in God makes itself felt as a real, abiding, working power in your life, during those days of adversity.

That is why suffering has a place in the life of the Christian. It is one more opportunity to testify to the world about us of the saving grace and mercy of the Lord, to draw us closer to Him, and to learn more of His will for our lives. When suffering comes, carry your faith with you. The world needs that kind of a testimony in a day when so much of life is being strangled by the net of materialism. W. S. B.

Items of General Interest

WASHINGTON, D. C. The public program of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood was given the evening of June 5th, which included the presentation of a playlet entitled, "How Do We Give To Missions?"

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. A farewell service for Brother John T. Byler and family was held the evening of June 12th by the New Lebanon Brethren. Brother Byler and family have since moved to South Bend, Indiana, where he becomes pastor of the South Bend Church.

Jack Falkenburg was the scheduled speaker in the New Lebanon church on June 19th.

LOREE, INDIANA. Brother Horace Huse notes the baptism of one new member on June 5th.

NORTH MANCHESTER, INDIANA. Mrs. Dale Smith writes: "Rev. C. Y. Gilmer had charge of our Communion Service on May 1st until Rev. Leland (who has just recently come into our church) becomes better acquainted with our practices. Everyone present certainly received a real blessing."

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WORK"—IN US.

CONFERENCE TEXT: "... O Lord, revive thy work in
the midst of the years." Hab. 3:2.

PROGRAM

Monday Evening—July 18

- 7:45 Song Service
DevotionsWilliam E. Boyer
Special MusicMeyersdale Choir
- 8:15 Vice-Moderator's AddressRev. Guy F. Ludwig

Tuesday Morning—July 19

- 8:30 Simultaneous Sessions:
MinisteriumLower Sunday School Room
Woman's Missionary Society, Church Auditorium
Laymen's OrganizationChurch Basement
Sisterhood of Mary and Martha
Sunday School Room
BrotherhoodPrimary Department
- 9:30 DevotionsRev. Charles Huff
Address of WelcomeJohn H. Blocher
Response for Ministerial Delegates
Rev. Paul H. Tinkel
Response for Lay DelegatesJames I. Mackall

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StatisticianIda S. Kimme

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- Conference Guest SpeakerVirgil M. Ingrahan
Music DirectorFloyd Benschof
Conference PianistMrs. John Golb

- 10:00 Moderator's AddressRev. David L. Rambse
10:40 Special MusicBerlin
Report of Credential Committee
Election of Committee on Committees
11:15 MessageRev. Virgil Ingrahan
12:00 Noon Adjournment

Tuesday Afternoon

- 1:30 Song Service
PrayerRev. N. V. Leatherman
1:40 District Mission Board Session
2:10 General Mission Board Session
Rev. W. C. Berkshir

DUES

The Delegate fee shall be one dollar for each Lay Delegate. Each congregation shall pay annually to Conference the full amount of dues for the delegates for which it is entitled, whether attending the Conference or not. Payment of these dues is a prerequisite to the congregation's membership in this Conference. Credentials will not be accepted from churches failing to fill out and return statistical blanks.

2:40 Ashland College and Seminary
Dr. Glenn L. Clayton
3:00 Publication Board Session ..Rev. W. S. Benshoff

Tuesday Evening

7:30 Song Service
DevotionsRev. William S. Crick
Special MusicMeyersdale
8:00 MessageRev. William H. Anderson

Wednesday Morning

8:30 Simultaneous Sessions
(Group listings under Tuesday)
9:30 Song Service
DevotionsRev. D. C. White
Business Session
Minutes of the Secretary
Reports of Committees
Credential Committee
Committee on Committees, Report and election
Report of Statistician
Ministerial Examining Board
Ashland College Trustees
Report of Sunday School Board
Brethren Youth Board
Brethren Training Camp Committee
District Mission Board
Other Committees

11:15 Song Service
MessageRev. Virgil Ingraham
12:00 Noon Adjournment

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 Song Service
DevotionsRev. Cecil Bolton
1:40 Fraternal Relations Address
Rev. Earl C. Brubaker,
Moderator Pa. District Church of The Brethren
2:00 District Sunday School Board Session
2:20 The Sunday School Board of The Brethren Church
Session
2:40 District Brethren Youth Board Session
Recognition of Youth Organizations
3:00 Presentation by the National Brethren Youth
5:30 Brethren Youth Banquet

Wednesday Evening

7:30 Combined Worship Service With Brethren Youth
in Charge
Brethren Youth Speech Contest Elimination
Brethren Youth Speaker
9:00 Camp Fire Program

Thursday Morning

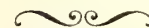
8:30 Simultaneous Sessions
(Group listings under Tuesday)

9:30 Song Service
DevotionsRev. Ralph Mills
Business Session
Minutes of Secretary
Reports of Committees
Credential Committee
Resolutions Committee
Auditing Committee
Committee on Moderator's Address
Election of 1960-61 Conference Officers
Unfinished Business
New Business
Final Reading of Minutes

11:15 Song Service
MessageRev. Virgil Ingraham
12:00 Noon Adjournment

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 Song Service
PrayerRev. W. B. Brant
1:40 Layman's SessionHarvey Arnold
2:25 Woman's Missionary Public Service
5:30 Woman's Missionary Banquet
Speaker, Missionary on Furlough from South
America
7:30 Song Service
DevotionsRev. Charles Huff
Installation of 1960-61 Conference Officers
8:00 SermonRev. Henry Bates

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Theme: "Work and Witness—Night is Coming"

Tuesday—8:30 A. M.

Prelude
Hymn
Prayer Period
DevotionsMrs. William Anderson
Special Music
TalkMissionary on Furlough from Argentina
BusinessMrs. George Leidy, President
W. M. S. Benediction

Wednesday Morning—8:30 A. M.

Prelude
Hymn
Prayer Period
DevotionsVince No. 2,
"Work and Witness In The Home"
TalkMissionary on Furlough from Argentina
Business—Election of Officers
Roll Call
Project Offering for Levittown
W. M. S. Benediction

Thursday Morning—8:30 A. M.

Prelude
Hymn
Prayer Period
Devotions..Wayne Heights "Work and Witnessing in the
Community" Soul Winning
TalkMissionary on furlough from Argentina

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Special Music
 BusinessMrs. George Leidy, President
 W. M. S. Benediction

Thursday—2:25 P. M.

Prelude
 Memorial Service
 Installation of Officers
 Offering
 Closing Prayer

Thursday—5:30 P. M.

BanquetMeyersdale Church of The Brethren
 Prelude
 Invocation
 Group Singing
 Special MusicVince No. 3
 SpeakerMissionary on furlough from Argentina
 Prayer Period
 Hymn
 W. M. S. Benediction



LAYMEN'S PROGRAM

Tuesday—8:30 A. M.

Hymn: "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning"
 DevotionsBerlin
 SpeakerMasontown
 BusinessJames I. Mackall
 Hymn: "I Am Thine, O Lord"
 Benediction

Wednesday—8:30 A. M.

Hymn: "Stepping In The Light"
 DevotionsBrush Valley
 SpeakerVince
 BusinessJames I. Mackall
 Hymn: "Jesus Is Always There"
 Benediction

Thursday—8:30 A. M.

Hymn: "Blessed Assurance"
 DevotionsSecond Brethren—Johnstown
 SpeakerThird Brethren—Johnstown
 BusinessJames I. Mackall
 Hymn: "In The Service of The King"
 Benediction

Thursday—1:30 P. M.

Song ServiceFloyd Benschoff
 GreetingsB. F. Buzzard, Vice President
 DevotionsMeyersdale
 Special MusicSolo by Rev. Charles Huff
 Announcements and offering
 SpeakerMr. Harvey Arnold
 Hymn
 Benediction



BRETHREN YOUTH CONFERENCE

THEME: "Proving Christianity" Romans 12:2

Monday Evening

9:00 Group Mixer in charge of Levittown Youth

Tuesday Morning

8:30 Simultaneous Meetings
 9:30 Coffee BreakMarlin McCann, M. C.

10:00 Youth Speaker and Discussion .Rev. William Fells
 11:00 General Conference Session
 12:00 Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon and Evening

1:15 Planning Session
 2:00 Recreation, Hike and Picnic
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Conference Session
 9:00 Movie

Wednesday Morning

8:30 Simultaneous Meetings
 9:30 Coffee BreakMarlin McCann, M. C.
 10:00 Youth Speaker and Discussion .Rev. William Fells
 11:00 Conference Session
 12:00 Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon and Evening

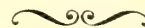
1:15 Planning Session
 2:00 Recreation
 5:00 Brethren Youth Banquet
 7:00 Brethren Youth Speech Contest
 Evening MessageRev. William Fells
 9:00 Camp Rally

Thursday Morning

8:30 Simultaneous Meetings
 9:30 Coffee BreakMarlin McCann, M. C.
 10:00 Youth Speaker and Discussion..Rev. William Fells
 11:00 Conference Session
 12:00 Lunch

Thursday Afternoon and Evening

1:15 Planning Session
 2:00 Recreation
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Closing Session



MINISTERIAL PROGRAM

Tuesday—8:30 A. M.

Hymn: "Give Of The Best To The Master"
 DevotionsRev. N. V. Leatherman
 SpeakerRev. Virgil Ingraham
 Business
 Benediction

Wednesday—8:30 A. M.

Hymn: "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go"
 DevotionsRev. William Anderson
 SpeakerRev. Virgil Ingraham
 Business
 Benediction

Thursday—8:30 A. M.

Hymn: "Where He Leads Me"
 DevotionsRev. William Crick
 SpeakerRev. Virgil Ingraham
 Election of Officers
 Benediction



SISTERHOOD OF MARY AND MARTHA

Theme: "Savior, Mankind, Myself"

Tuesday Morning—8:30

Hymn
 Devotions and Special MusicJohnstown I
 Talk: "Savior"Mrs. Charles Clague

BusinessAppointment of Nominating Committee
S. M. M. Benediction

Wednesday Morning—8:30

Hymn
Devotions and Special MusicBrush Valley
Talk: "Mankind"Mrs. Charles Clague
BusinessElection of Officers
S. M. M. Benediction

Wednesday Noon—S. M. M. Luncheon
(For S. M. M. Girls and Patronesses)

Guest Speaker

Thursday Morning—8:30

Hymn
Devotions and Special MusicMasontown
Talk: "Myself"Mrs. Charles Clague
BusinessSelection of Project, Committee Reports
S. M. M. Benediction

Laid to Rest

MALLORY. Mrs. Ivan (Mary Catherine) Mallory, 71, died Oct. 29, 1959 following an extended illness. Member, Masontown Brethren Church. Her husband and four daughters survive. Funeral services by the pastor, with Rev. William Keeling assisting. Interment, Mennonite Cemetery.

LEWIS. Mrs. Claudia Lloyd Lewis, 75, died Nov. 11, 1959 after an illness of several years. Had been in a coma for quite some time. Had been a faithful Christian and a minister's wife. Member, Masontown Brethren Church. Survived by four children. Services conducted by the pastor.

MARTIN. Mrs. Anna Lescher Martin, 76, died Feb. 23, 1960. Member of the Masontown Brethren Church. There were no known members of her immediate family living. Services conducted by the pastor.

McGILL. Mrs. Laura Jennie McGill, a member of the Masontown Brethren Church, died Feb. 25, 1960. Survived by one son. Services conducted by the pastor.

SKILES. Mrs. Kasiah Piper Skiles, 76, died Apr. 18, 1960 after many years of suffering. Served the Lord faithfully until her strength failed. Survived by five children. Services by the pastor with the assistance of Rev. William Keeling. Interment, Church Hill Cemetery, McClellandtown, Pa.

DEBOLT. Mrs. Nellie Viola DeBolt, 75, died Apr. 21, 1960. Member of the Masontown Brethren Church. Survived by four children. Services by the pastor assisted by Rev. William Keeling. Interment, Masontown Cemetery.

LONGANECKER. George F. Longanecker, a member of the Masontown Brethren Church, died May 17, 1960. Services conducted by the pastor. Interment, Mennonite Cemetery.

David L. Ramsel, Pastor.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

AS THE LIGHT SHINES

"That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world" John 1:9.

A TRAVELER TELLS of standing on the deck of a ship anchored in one of the great sea-ports in the far East. He recounts how there were several light-houses on the shores of the great port. As he was watching the light from the great lamps at the evening hour he was intrigued by a previously unnoticed fact. That fact was that no matter from which direction the beams of light came, the beams from each lighthouse made a path of light to his feet.

At first thought one would almost feel that the beams of light were for the narrator of the experience alone; but a bit of quiet thought would convince one that the light was for all who would put themselves into the field of the lamp's beams.

In John's Gospel 8:12 we have Jesus saying, "... I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." In this passage we have a vindication of the scientific fact taught the traveler, if we put ourselves in the path of the light we shall be able to see, and shall not walk in darkness.


And that is the picture of God's love; it is like a beam shining in every direction, providing light for lost souls, who will let the light shine upon them. Jesus says that all who follow Him—"the light of the world"—shall not walk in darkness but the light of life shall illumine all his way.

"Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee.
Sweetly the light has shined upon me.
Once I was blind, but now I can see—
The light of the world is Jesus."


Perhaps I should have titled this study "Standing in the light."

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"What Father's Day Means to Me"

(A Guest Editorial in the Warsaw Times-Union,
June 17, 1960)

Rev. C. Y. Gilmer

A FATHER is supposed to be SOMEBODY, the head of the home. It would be a sin for children to have to grow up in the home without any authority over them that has the sanction of the Almighty. The boy who is not controlled in the home is not controlled away from home. God said of Eli, "I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not" (1 Samuel 3:13).

Father's Day is a good day for fathers to strengthen their God-given rights and duties in the home. God said of Abraham, the father of many nations, "For I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment" (Genesis 18:19).

Man in the home relationship is in the image of God (1 Corinthians 11:7). Man is to be fit to rule in the home (Ephesians 5:22, 23). God expects a father to be an example of moral purity and spiritual devotion (Joshua 24:15). God made man the bread winner according to Adam's assignment at the fall (Genesis 3:17-19). He is to lead his family in religious matters as outlined by the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 11:18-21). God expects fathers to be strong for righteousness and not weaklings.

Father, "Beware the barrenness of a busy life." No husband and father can afford to desert the society of his wife and children for any money. It would be better for all to struggle together in poverty than to disintegrate as a family and miss home training in ways of usefulness, truth, honesty, respectability and Christian faith. Too many prodigal fathers are in a "far country" to the neglect of home in the hot pursuit of an ambition that does not interest that boy at home who needs his daddy. Many a boy has been wrecked in soul and body because he never had the companionship he needed with his father. "What is home without a father?"

For children to grow up in sin because of parental neglect is certainly a reproach to their parents. For what do children have parents? And what is home without instruction? Children are what they are, or are not, taught. Other responsibilities do not excuse a man from being a father to his children. A father is not just a father. He should be a Christian father. God in His Word has laid out the blueprint for fatherhood. Eli's children did not know the Lord, and they did not even know their own father (1 Samuel 2:25; 3:13). Fathers who are up to their eyes in something that they like may be leaving the kids to mother and the Sunday school. There is no sub-

stitute for father! "Ye fathers, bring them up in the discipline of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

Many a father is not a bad man—just too busy, to busy for the spiritual welfare of himself and his own. He can say, "They made me the keeper of vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept" (Songs of Solomon 1:6). He can accommodate everybody else and be polite to their wishes to the sad neglect of his own loved ones, home and garden.

Back of a father's trouble in his own home is the trouble in his own heart. His own heart is closed to Heaven. He has no word, no directive from God, no vision, no time for the first things of life. What is the use of worldly success if one is a failure at home! His Bible is a closed book, and his family without affection. A father can work ever so faithfully and sacrificially, but he is only wasting time and life if he has no desire to look to God, and thus the stars of Heaven are against him. A neglected Bible spells a neglected life, a neglected family, and a wasted career. But Christ says, "If any man love me, I will love him and will manifest myself to him" (John 14:21). To love the Deity is to do the loving thing without fail.

"Here is a rule and it standeth true:
What is the loving thing to do?
Here is a contract for father and son,
Husband and wife—ere the deed is done;

A test for one and a test for two:
WHAT IS THE LOVING THING TO DO?"

The time that children need a father is when they are young. "By the time a child is seven he has reached three-fourths of his education. By the age of three parents have done more than half of what they will ever do for a child." The time to write one's name permanently on a brick is before it is baked. There is danger in delay. "While thy servant was busy here and there he was gone" (1 Kings 20:40).

"A careful man I want to be—
A little fellow follows me;
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

"I cannot once escape his eyes,
What'er he sees me do he tries;
Like me he says he's going to be—
That little chap who follows me.

"He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine;
The base in me he must not see,
That little chap who follows me.

"I must remember as I go
Through summer's sun and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be
That little chap who follows me."

Something To Tie To . . .

You are on a ship at sea, or on a lake, or perhaps you are on a ferry-boat. At last you approach the pier, with speed retarded, a swishing of waters, and unsteadiness of movement. The heavy ropes are thrown out, and quickly tied to the great, solid posts which bring the ship to rest and make it possible for you to disembark in safety.

To have something to tie to is important for men as well as for ships. If you feel that there is nothing solid, nothing dependable, to which your life can be moored, you are tossed about on a sea of uncertainty, with a sense of frustration, and with no adequate goal in sight.

Fortunately, there is something to tie to. God has given many exceeding great and precious promises. They are dependable, because God is

dependable. They bring to us an assurance that our lives can be a success. If we dedicate ourselves unreservedly to God and seek to do His will, we may experience both rest of soul and cleansing from all sin. And the promises cover even the supplying of our material needs.

Most comforting it is to have something to tie to, as one nears the end of life. The person who can see no heaven ahead is to be pitied, indeed. The promise of a glorious future in which we shall be forever with the Lord is as an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast. It gives meaning to life, and helps us to endure the trials and resist the temptations that cross our path. May we so live that we have a right to make God's promises ours.

—B. L. Olmstead.

Three Philosophies of Life

By Rev. Ernest Carroll

"But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him" (Luke 10:33).

THE THREE PHILOSOPHIES of life which are set forth by the characters of the Good Samaritan parable are still quite evident today.

Thine is mine, I'll take it, was the philosophy of the men who assaulted and robbed the traveler in his journey from Jerusalem to Jericho. This is the philosophy of the gangland, the password of the underworld. There is a class of people who take the attitude that this world owes them a living, and what the other person has is theirs if they can get it by any means, fair or foul. This is a covetous philosophy and is condemned by the Word of God; nevertheless it has a large following today. It produces such characters as Jesse James, John Dillenger, and Al Capone. It fills our prisons and penitentiaries. But does not confine itself to the hoodlum class. Many respectable people are snared by its cleverly devised means to lawfully gain its end without incrimination.

This philosophy fills the coffers of the rich, and diminishes the substance of the poor. May God save us from sharing any part of this spirit of greed which caused this poor man to be robbed, stripped of his raiment, and left wounded and half dead on the Jericho road.

Mine is mine, I'll keep it, was the philosophy of the priest and Levite who passed him by without rendering any assistance. This selfish philosophy which caused the priest to pass by this unfortunate man has little regard for other people, and is unmoved by their needs. The priests were representatives of the Mosaic law, and through their learning and position they were able to greatly influence the civil laws of their day. Laws are necessary, but they are cold and hard. They uphold justice, but do not heal the heart wound.

The law seeks to bring the criminal to justice, but it does not make an atonement for his crime. It does not return the money he stole, repair the heart he broke, nor restore the life he took. It offers no remedy for broken bodies, and no balm for wounded souls.

The priest may have sworn vengeance upon his abductors, and promised himself that he would do all in his power to bring them to justice, but he would not touch the wounded man. He doubtless excused his apathy for the suffering man by saying that this was a case for a doctor and not an attorney. As he went on his way muttering that he would use his influence to see that laws were enacted to prevent the re-occurrence of such tragedies, the poor man continued to bleed and pine away. More laws could not profit him in his present condition. His need called for more sympathetic love.

The Levite represents the church. There are indications that he felt sorry for him as he passed by, however telling himself that his interest was in the souls of men, and the church could not take the place of the hospital. Besides a man on his way to conduct religious services should not risk staining his garment and soiling his hands. Perhaps he was not inconsistent enough to go on his way singing, "Rescue the Perishing," but consistently practising his philosophy, "Mine is mine, I'll keep it."

Let us be careful that we do not become so involved in the mechanics of religion, that we fail to concentrate our efforts on soul-winning.



Mine is thine, I'll share it, was the philosophy of the Good Samaritan, and of every other true Christian. This business of sharing with others is a pretty good test of love. The Word gives the maxim for this philosophy, "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? (I John 3:17).

By contrasting the actions of these three men we discern their attitudes. The priest was apathetic, the Levite was sympathetic, and the Good Samaritan was compassionate. One turned his head, another shook his head, but the other bowed his head. The priest manifested no feeling of emotion at all as he hurried by. The Levite stopped and looked, indicating some measure of pity, but the Good Samaritan knelt by his side and bound up his wounds. He poured in the oil and wine, and probably mixed in a few tears. Tears seem to increase the potency of any medicine, and sometimes they heal the hurt which medicine can not reach. The oil which he had brought along to protect his own skin from the burning sun could now be used to a better advantage. His own thirst was forgotten as he gave his wine to slake the thirst of a stranger. Strips torn from his own garment could serve as bandages until they arrived at the inn. Walking never had been easier, and never seemed more enjoyable, than while his beast was carrying this unfortunate man. A complete and speedy recovery was the Samaritan's chief concern for his patient, as he gladly underwrote all of his expenses at the inn. **Mine is thine, I'll share it.**

Peter and John were possessed with this spirit as they went up to the temple at the hour of prayer. Fortunately they had no silver and gold when confronted by the lame man, or they might have failed to share with him that far greater blessing which he needed so much. "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6).

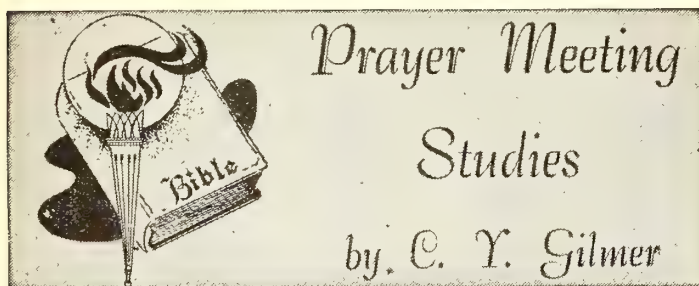
Some have not yet learned that the spirit of sharing is the secret of abundant living. The blessings of life are richest when shared with others. The benefits of life profit most when sanctified to God, and working for others and ourselves. Jesus gives us a climactic statement concerning the matter of sharing. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40).

—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

WHICH IS THE FOREIGN LAND?

"Go ye into all the world," the Master said—
And to this great command my feeble heart replied,
"Oh God, the world is big—so broad, so wide!
With lands too far remote for such as I to ever reach,
I am no traveler, Lord. I care not for adventure.
Just to stay at home with family and friends
Is all I ask of life. Besides, why should we try
To force beliefs upon all races of the earth?
For centuries they've lived apart and worshipped gods
According to their needs. Why should our race disturb
The thoughts and rites which have become to them a form
Of holiness? Are they not happier without
Invasion from our race and teachings which are foreign
To the customs which mean happiness to them?"
Then suddenly a vision passed before my eyes.
I saw a lonely hill which I could not recall.
"This is a foreign hill," I thought. "A foreign land."
And then my eyes, accustomed to the darkened scene,
Beheld a wounded, bleeding form upon a cross.
A rudely written sign was posted over Him
Announcing that He was the King of all the Jews.
"A foreign land," I thought, "and now a foreign King."
The shadows of the cross were slowly changed into
The form of Christ! The foreign land was Calvary!
The foreign King was Jesus Christ **our** Lord and King!
Again I heard the gentle voice of Jesus say,
"Go ye into all the world." This time my fearless heart
And humble soul replied, "Send me, O Lord! Send me!"

—Selected.



GOD IN THE NATION'S LIFE

Putting God in the nation's life,
 Bringing us back to the ideal thing—
 There's something fine in a creed like that,
 Something true in those words that ring.
 Sneer as you will at the "preacher air,"
 Scoff as you will at the Bible tang,
 It's putting God in the nation's life
 That will keep it clear of the crooked "gang."

We've kept Him out of its life too long,
 We've been afraid—to our utter shame—
 To put Him in our speech and song,
 To stand on the hustings and speak His name.
 We've put all things in that life but Him,
 We've put all our selfishness, pride and show;
 It is time for the true ideal to come,
 And time for the low ideal to go.

Putting God in the nation's life,
 Helping us think of the higher thing—
 That is the kind of speech to make,
 That is the kind of song to sing.
 Upward and forward and let us try,
 The new ideal in the forthright way—
 Putting God in the nation's life,
 And putting it there in a style to stay.
 —Baltimore Sun.

"BLESSED IS THE NATION whose God is the Lord" (Psa. 33:12). Is God concerned about the affairs of nations (Deut. 29:29)? All peoples are to stand in awe of Him (Psa. 33:8). He brings the counsel of the heathen to nought and their devices to none effect (v. 10). It is the Lord's counsel that will stand forever (v. 11). The Lord has His eye on all men (vs. 13, 14). He takes into account their works (v. 15). Military strength does not avail to save (vs. 16, 17). Man's only sure hope is in God (vs. 18-22).

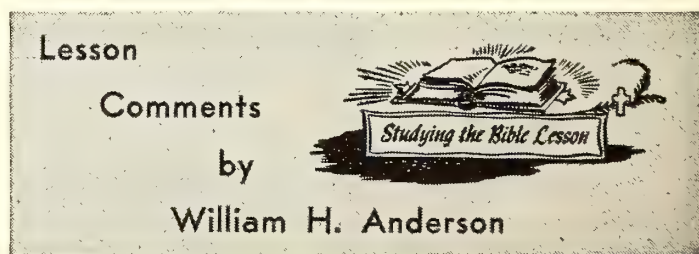
Note in the Bible four great deliverances which are filled with teaching and comfort for the Lord's oppressed: Abijah against Jereboam (2 Chron. 13:18); Asa against the Ethiopians (2 Chron. 4:11, 12); Jehoshaphat against the Moabites (2 Chron. 20:27); Hezekiah against the Assyrians (2 Chron. 32:21, 22).

From the above Scriptural deliverances five great principles are for the benefit of godly nations: (1) God in His dealings with nations has never failed to keep His promises (Ex. 2:24, 25; 32:13; 2 Kgs. 13:23); (2) God holds every ruler responsible for the condition of his country (2 Chron. 25:8, 20; 26:5); (3) the blasphemy of rulers against God was answered by Him (2 Kgs. 19:6, 22; Lu. 10:16), but not always speedily (Eccl. 8:11); (4) God has always had a people, a believing

remnant, though sometimes hidden (1 Kgs. 19:10, 14, 18; Rom. 11:1-5; 2 Kgs. 2:16; 4:43); (5) In the time of the Judges God raised up leaders for deliverance in answer to prayer (Judg. 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25).

If a nation will rid itself of apostasy, God will bring deliverance (1 Sam. 7:3, 9, 10). Christian patriots are to give the ministry of intercession its rightful place (Isa. 62:6, 7). If God's conditions are met there will be a speedy deliverance from the hand of the enemy (Lu. 18:7, 8).

I know three things must always be
 To keep a nation strong and free.
 One is a hearthstone bright and dear,
 With busy, happy loved ones near.
 One is a ready heart and hand
 To love and serve and keep the land.
 One is a worn and beaten way
 To where the people go to pray.
 So long as these are kept alive,
 Nation and people will survive.
 God keep them always, everywhere—
 The home, the heart, the place of prayer.
 —C. E. Flynn in The Watchman-Examiner.



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Lesson for July 3, 1960 MEN WHO SPEAK FOR GOD Lesson: Amos 7:7-15

GOD HAS ALWAYS had His spokesmen. Today men from the pulpit are "Holding forth the word of life" (Phil. 2:16). In former days God spoke through His faithful prophets.

As we begin this quarter's study of "The Century of Great Prophets" we do well to consider the role the 8th Century Prophets played in God's program.

THE PROPHETS

"A prophet is a person who is called to be an intermediary between man and God; to speak to men as God's messenger, and to God as man's intercessor" (A. E. Thompson).

The first prophet mentioned in the Bible is Abraham. In Genesis 20:7 God said: "For he (Abraham) is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live." This verse illustrates the second part of Mr. Thompson's definition of a prophet: **Abraham spoke to God as man's intercessor.**

In Exodus 7:1 God refers to Aaron as a prophet: "And the Lord said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet." Notice how this is in keeping with the first part of

Thompson's definition: **Aaron spoke to man as God's messenger.**

One of the great prophetic teachers, Dr. W. Graham Scroggie, had this to say: "The prophets were both **forth-tellers** and **fore-tellers** of truth; they had both **in-sight** and **foresight**."

"The popular modern idea that a prophet is merely a fore-teller of events is a very mistaken one. The prophet in Israel was much more concerned with **current** than **coming** events... It is no more difficult to foresee things to come than to rightly interpret things that are" (Thompson).

THE PROPHET AMOS

Amos gives a brief biography of himself in 7:14-15:

"I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit: And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto My people Israel."

From these verses we glean several things relative to Amos' background. He was chosen from an agricultural vocation and sent forth on a particular mission. He did not choose to become a prophet, was not a student of a prophetic school or member of a prophetic order, but was chosen by God.

In the first chapter of the book that bears his name, we are told Amos' home was Tekoa, a little village 10-12 miles south of Jerusalem, and 6 miles from Bethlehem. He prophesied during the days of "Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel" (1:1). Even though he lived in the Southern Kingdom, Amos prophesied against the Northern Kingdom.

Jeroboam II had a very successful reign. But his 41 years as king were spent in wickedness. Someone has written of the nation at that time:

"Israel was in the high tide of prosperity; but brazen in its idolatry, and reeking in moral rottenness; a land of swearing, stealing, injustice, oppression, robbery, adultery, and murder."

THE PROPHECY OF AMOS

Chapters 7-9 contain a series of five visions given to the prophet. These visions deal with the general theme of the book, namely pending judgment upon the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Three of the visions are found in chapter 7:

1. Vision of grasshoppers—vs. 1-3.

2. Vision of fire—vs. 4-6.

3. Vision of plumbline—vs. 7-9.

When Amos was given the first two visions he interceded and the nation was spared from destruction. But God permitted the third vision to be fulfilled. Notice:

VISION	FULFILLMENT
1. Grasshoppers—vs. 3, "It shall not be."	
2. Fire —vs. 6, "This also shall not be."	
3. Plumbline —vs. 8, "I will not again pass by them anymore."	

What was this third vision which Amos saw? "And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of My people Israel; I will

not again pass by them anymore; And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

"God is testing with a **plumbline**. Now, plumblines are used by builders and bricklayers to determine whether the structure is straight and true, and the walls perpendicular...

"The intimation is clear: the walls of the 'house' being built by Jeroboam and his people were not good. There were bulges, defects, fatal flaws. There was corruption in high places, and irreverence and wickedness and oppression so infamous that God, measuring Israel and finding her badly 'out of plumb' with His divine plan, threatens to cut her off: 'I will not pass by them anymore.'" (Frank S. Mead).

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church
by Jim Rowsey

AM I MAKING THE MOST OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR?

THE WEEK BEFORE - - ?

1. Do I pray daily for the Lord's help and leading for the responsibility that He has given me in the Sunday school and church; do I intercede for my pupils and my co-workers too?

2. Do I begin planning for next Sunday as soon as possible after this Sunday school hour is over, preferably Sunday afternoon?

3. Do I choose one central aim for the whole hour based on the interests, needs, and problems of my individual pupils?

4. Do I plan ahead in time to get others to share in the program, so both teachers and pupils are given opportunities to participate?

5. Do I start preparing early—laying out (even timing) everything to be included in the hour; familiarizing myself with songs, stories, memory verses; gathering materials for visual aids, object lessons, or hand-work?

6. Do I contact my pupils by phone, card or visit to encourage their lesson preparation and prompt attendance next Sunday?

THE OPENING ASSEMBLY - - ?

1. Are opening exercises aimed at opening hearts to the Lord and His Word?

2. If the Sunday school is not divided into departments for opening exercises, have we exhausted every possibility of obtaining needed space and leadership?

3. Is the opening program varied, with interesting features and participation by classes and individuals?

4. Are music, Scripture reading, offering, prayer, and "truth-clincher", carefully chosen and aimed at helping pupils worship? Are these elements also planned to

carry out the aim and to stress the Bible truth for the lesson?

THE BIBLE LESSON - - ?

1. Do I spend time in preparation to save time in presentation?

2. Do I aim to teach the Bible rather than the manual; the pupils rather than the book?

3. Do I strive to "make the Bible live" for my pupils by using illustrations, visuals, objects and models, and by relating it to their lives and experiences?

4. Do I get my pupils to study the Bible for themselves by using thought questions, research assignments and reports, and guided discussion in class?

THE WEEK AFTER - - ?

1. Do I review the Sunday school hour as soon as possible after its completion to check on achieving my aim, timing, evidence of pupil response, and special problems for prayer and consideration in next Sunday's planning?

2. Do I check my record book, and follow up each old and new contact with a home visit, and absentee or welcome card this week?

3. Do I prayerfully begin early to prepare for next week, aiming to improve on my past service and to help my pupils find all their needs met in Christ?

World Religious News in Review

BIBLE HANDBOOK REACHES ONE MILLION MARK

CHICAGO, ILL. (EP)—Dr. Henry H. Halley, 86, has received the millionth copy of *Halley's Bible Handbook* from his printer.

Author and publisher of the sourcebook that grew from a 16-page leaflet in 1924 to the present 968-page volume, Dr. Halley declares, "I'm getting to feel that the book is about complete." The work of nearly half a lifetime, the Handbook is an encyclopaedic commentary on the Old and New Testaments, with information about archaeological discoveries in the Holy Land and church history facts. It has been revised 22 times by Halley and is now in its 33rd printing. It has also been translated into Spanish, Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

Dr. Halley's modest description of his book: "A brief book that tries to explain to the average person what the Bible is about."

For 20 years, from 1921 to 1941, the author traveled throughout the United States and Canada, reciting from memory portions of all 66 books of the Bible. But, "I was always afraid I would forget something," he says, so he gradually wrote his introductory comments and abridged Bible passages.

His notations were continually revised and expanded until they grew into the present bulky and widely used sourcebook.

HOUSTON CHURCH SPONSORS BROADCAST IN CHINESE

HOUSTON, Tex. (EP)—Religious broadcasts in the Chinese language are being beamed into the southeast and south central sections of Texas through the efforts of a Houston church serving as headquarters for the Chinese-American New Testament Missionary Fellowship.

The broadcasts originate at radio station KCTA in Corpus Christi, about 200 miles down the Texas coast from Houston.

The broadcasts are sponsored by Houston's Grace Chapel, a non-sectarian church, which also has sponsored Chinese language broadcasts to the thousands of Chinese living in Cuba. The Texas broadcast, titled "God's Word Today," are programmed during the afternoon everyday except Saturday.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS IN FINLAND

In Finland, authorities crack down hard on drunken drivers. Conviction almost always brings a term in prison or a labor camp—40 to 90 days for the first offense if no one is injured, is to three or four years in more serious cases, or even eight years if the driver has seriously injured or killed someone. Drunken drivers serving out their sentences of hard labor helped build the beautiful airport at Helsinki.

—Paul W. Kearney in Traffic Safety

FORESEE CATHOLIC GROWTH IN NIGERIA

NEW YORK (EP)—An expert on international relations, just returned from a visit to Nigeria, foresees a period of intensive growth in the Roman Catholic church in the West African nation.

Dr. Thomas Patrick Melady, president of Consultants for Overseas Relations, Inc., says that the Roman Catholic church is expanding its efforts to bring its message to the millions of Nigerians who still are not members of any formal religious group.

The Catholic Church in Nigeria has a membership of some 1,250,000 out of a total population of more than 35 million people, he said. This compares with a total Protestant population of 275,000 in the predominantly Moslem territory.

Since 1900, Dr. Melady noted, the Catholic Church has developed from a small missionary operation to an establishment that includes three archdioceses, with 634 priests (including 31 Nigerians) carrying out the Church's activities.

J. EDGAR HOOVER: DEATH PENALTY NECESSARY

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has declared that the death penalty is a necessary deterrent to "atrocious crimes" such as murder and treason.

Writing in the monthly FBI law enforcement bulletin, Hoover cited the Rosenberg atom spy case and that of plane bomber Jack Graham as examples of crimes which clearly warranted the death penalty.

"To abolish the death penalty would absolve other Rosenbergs and Grahams from fear of the consequences for committing atrocious crimes," he declared.

BAN COMMIE COMICS

TAIPEI, Formosa (EP)—The Formosan Garrison Command has threatened severe punishment for publishers in Nationalist China printing comics originating in Red China. The comics have been found to contain subtle Communist propaganda.

**CATHOLICS WARNED OF
"BELIEVER-CITIZEN"
CONSCIENCE SPLIT**

ROME (EP) — Shortly after cautioning the world's Catholics that the Roman Catholic hierarchy has "the right and the duty to intervene" in the political field to guide its flock, *Osservatore Romano* told its readers that members of the church should allow no division within themselves "between the believer and the citizen."

The official Catholic newspaper editorialized: "(Catholics) should adhere to the teachings of their church and reject any split in their consciences between the believer on the one side and the citizen on the other."

The article bore the initials of Raimondo Manzini, the newspaper's new editor. The writer went on to say that the Catholic Church has "full moral jurisdiction over the life of the faithful in every moment of private and public activity" and that the Catholic religion "inspires and regulates all of each citizen's (individual) and social activity."

An agency of the Federal Council of the Evangelical Churches in Italy, commenting on the editorial, said that the newspaper's assertions would, if carried out, "produce enslavement of civil life to the will of ecclesiastical society."

"Such demands," declared the Council's Commission on International Affairs, "actually deny to the state its fundamental function of a common home for all citizens having equal rights and dignity according to the principles of modern democracies."

A whole area of opinion on the matter of faith and conduct was represented by Boston's Cardinal Cushing who said recently that he can't see why the religious issue keeps cropping up in the nation's politics. The idea that the Pope would dominate a Roman Catholic President he called ridiculous. "Papal officials care little about U. S. politics," he said.

CHRISTIANS IN POLITICS

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—"In any threat to free government in America, religious people have more to lose than any other class. If the basic freedoms were to go, not only the churches would be closed, but the mouths of believers as well." So declares Rep. James E. Van Zandt (Rep.; Pa.) in a talk printed in the *Congressional Record*.

Van Zandt, a Lutheran, continued, "If the church people will vote during the week as they vow on Sunday, representative government will gain a victory, whichever candidate wins."

In a talk originally delivered to the United Churchwomen of Altoona, Pa., under the subject of "Citizenship—Free and Responsible", he emphasized that Christian citizens can effectively participate in party politics. "Idealistic Christians should come to realize the enormous importance of party organizations as instruments for creating a concensus that is necessary for decision and action."

"It is a major error for any Christian citizen to look down on politics because he regards the whole political world as a bit shady," Van Zandt observed. "However well or badly the political affairs of the Nation may be conducted, politics is the process by which a nation or a community makes decisions."

"The question is, therefore, are you willing to sit back and let others make the basic decisions which will control your destiny?"

**KOREA'S ACTING PRESIDENT
REPORTEDLY AN ACTIVE
CHRISTIAN**

SEOUL, Korea (EP)—Like his predecessor, Korea's Acting President Chung Huh, is a Methodist Christian trained in youth at a missionary school.

The mild-mannered ex-foreign minister is particularly respected by Koreans for his outspoken advocacy of thorough political reform, even-handed justice and integrity in public office.

Mr. Huh and his wife are members of the Ehwa University Methodist church in Seoul and are active in interdenominational affairs. Mr. Huh serves as vice-chairman of the Seoul WMCA's board of directors and chairman of its reconstruction committee. While in America as a stu-

dent, he helped found the Korean Methodist Church in New York.

His role as head of the Republic of Korea is a transitional one, for he reportedly has no ambition to become President. New elections will be held on approximately June 15—after the present General Assembly amends the Constitution to limit Presidential powers.

**830 MILE STREET TO
DESTRUCTION**

830 miles of liquor stores can be found in this country, if one allows twenty feet for each licensed place, and lines the street on both sides. This is the report given in the March 24 issue of *The National Voice*, a temperance publication from California.

The article points out that 443,000 stores are now selling alcoholic beverages to gullible imbibers. It requires more than 15,000 trucks to deliver the drink to the stores. The stores take in ten billion dollars annually. Five million alcoholics are produced as a result. Allowing two alcoholics to a home, this affects 2,500,000 homes. If you allow a 50 foot frontage for each home, it would require 14 streets equal in length to liquor street to provide space for these homes. 14 streets 830 miles in length. One street gets the money, while the fourteen streets get the drunks.—United Evangelical.

**CANADIAN GOVERNMENT
TOSSES PARTY LIQUOR OUT**

OTTAWA, Ontario (EP)—At all official entertainment given by the Canadian government in the future, something will be missing—liquor. The temperance move was inaugurated by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, a devout Baptist, at a Montreal dinner to celebrate the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Diefenbaker banned cocktails on that occasion, and the experiment was so successful the government decided to make it an official and regular practice.

**CATHOLIC FAMILIES ARE
BIGGER**

NEW YORK (EP)—The Catholic Digest reports that the average Roman Catholic household has 4.04 members, compared with the national average family size of 3.35 persons.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

MIAMI VALLEY DISTRICT RALLY

The Gretna Brethren Church was host to the Miami Valley District Rally on June 5, 1960. Approximately 100 youth and adults were present, plus the crew who helped serve the supper.

The theme, "Shield of Faith", was carried throughout the afternoon and evening. Name tags in the shape of shields were given to all who registered, then the business meeting was conducted by **Don Roby**, president. Project "dollars" were totaled for the District and money was received for the District Project of building a cabin at Camp Bethany. Election of officers was held with **Don Roby** being re-elected as president, **Lynn Shellenberger** of Pleasant Hill as vice-president, and **Rev. Charles Lowmaster** of Gretna as advisor with **Rev. Carl Barber** of Pleasant Hill as assistant advisor.

A "yummy" supper of hot chicken sandwiches, potato salad, punch, pie and "rabbit food" was served by the women of the Gretna Church. Volley ball, softball and lots of gab followed the meal on the church lawn.

In the evening, **Rev. St. Clair Benshoff** installed the new officers, **Phil Brenner** read the scripture and the film, "Shield of Faith," was shown. The next rally will be held on September 11th, at West Alexandria. (West Alexandria took the banner attendance this time also and challenged all the other youth groups to attend the next rally.)

FLASH!

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE CONFERENCE SPEAKER

REV. KENNETH HULIT, Pastor of the First E. U. B. Church in Canton, Ohio is the Youth Conference Speaker. **Rev. Hulit** is a graduate of Ashland College and Ashland

Theological Seminary. He is a fine speaker and a friend of all Youth. Be sure to complete your plans now to attend National Youth Conference.

WATCH THIS PAGE FOR FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT **REV. KENNETH HULIT**, THE YOUTH CONFERENCE SPEAKER.

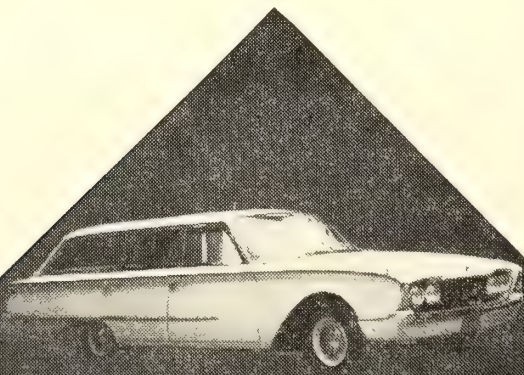
A Word Fitly Spoken . . . Wesley Keltcher

"What is the difference between a salary and a salad? A lot, of course, but they come from the same Latin root word *sal* which meant salt. A salad was so-called because it was seasoned and made more tasty, I suppose, with salt. Salary was salt money given at regular times to the Roman soldiers to buy salt. In fact salt was a precious item in early days and some people even used it as a medium of exchange like we do silver.

No wonder then that the word has come to be used as a symbol for seasoning, preservation, and purification. The priests in early Hebrew times were instructed to use salt with all sacrifices. The Indians of America used salt as a medicine to purify wounds. We still preserve food with salt, and we speak of saving money as "salt-ing" it away. We doubt some statements so they need to be taken with a grain of salt (that is, they need to have something added to make them pure or right).

Jesus found the word helpful in explaining the power and worth of Christianity. He said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." Christians are those who season and preserve the world and make it good. Then he said, "If salt has lost its saltiness (or ability to season and preserve), wherewith shall it be salted?" If Christianity loses its force to preserve and make the world good, then what other hope can there be? Obviously, none. It is best that you and I be a part of this salt of the earth."

"Church service was over, and three members walked home together, discussing the message they had heard. 'I tell you,' said the first, enthusiastically, 'Doctor Blank can certainly dive deeper into the truth than any minister I ever heard!' 'Yes,' said the second man, 'and he can stay under longer.' 'Yes,' echoed the third 'and come up drier.'"



A new station wagon has been purchased by the National Youth Board to speed **Billy Booth** to our rallies and conferences and churches. Be sure to watch for it coming down the road.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

ENLARGING OUR VISION

Our vision should be primarily evangelistic. I am writing as one of our W. M. S. women, and if we do not have an evangelistic vision we will be a group of women who are self-centered or seeking for social entertainment which will be an end in itself rather than a means to an end.

If we do have an evangelistic vision we will be mainly missionary in heart and soul.

The true missionary is an evangelist serving at home as well as abroad.

If a medical missionary, this practice becomes a tool for reaching the hearts of the unsaved with the Gospel.

Paul had a vision, and being obedient, accomplished much. "The Love of Christ constraineth us" 2 Corinthians 5:14. This is not our love for Christ, but His love in us. Our love for Him is a proper motive for serving Him. His love operating in us without hindrance is a mighty power. It moves us within to compassion, intercession and evangelism. Through us, His great love reaches out to the poor lost sinner. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" Gal. 2:20.

"Pressed in the spirit," Acts 18:5. This is the spirit of God working mightily in us to enable us to feel, to see, and to be urged onward to testify for Christ with the Spirit's own earnestness and power.

"Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men" 2 Corinthians 5:11. All men who have not received Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour are LOST, LOST,

LOST. "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the WRATH of God abideth on him" John 3:36b.

These things we should experience constantly. The love of Christ constraineth us, pressed in the spirit, knowing the terror of the Lord. I believe that one who experiences these things will not lack evangelistic or missionary vision for their own community as well as for the whole world.

Anna S. Beachley,
Cumberland, Maryland.



WERE YOU THERE?

On the week-end of May 20-22, the Ohio Laymen held their first Spiritual Retreat at Camp Bethany. We may well call it the Laymen's "TREAT"; a week-end of Spiritual refreshing, of Christian fellowship, of private meditations and quiet rest.

The two dozen laymen who were present all or part of the time shared in the above experiences. To the many men who would liked to have attended, but could not, we can only say you missed some real blessings, and we urge that you look forward now and plan to attend the Spiritual Retreat next year.

Be on the lookout for a detailed writeup with a picture of the group attending which will appear in The Brethren Laymen in the August-September issue.

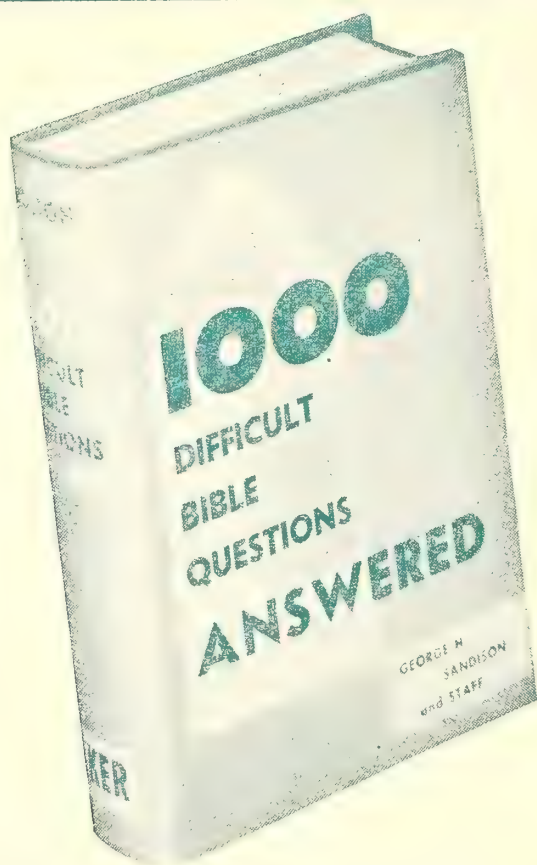
A. Glenn Carpenter,
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NEIGHBORLY

By Jessie Whiteside Finks

My violets spilled through the fence
Into my neighbor's yard;
And beautified a barren spot . . .
An embossed calling card
Then ragged robin and larkspur
Grew very friendly too.
They lifted their bright faces
Full in my neighbor's view.
And . . . strange to say . . . my own yard
Was lovelier than before,

Because my flowers spilled themselves
Before my neighbor's door.
That I must always give and share
Is the lesson plain to me . . .
Any loveliness I may have
That other friends may see;
And so be led to seek the Source
And Fountain that I know.
Yes, give myself in loving deeds
As through this world I go.
—Herald of Holiness.



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For amber waves of grain,
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God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
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O beautiful for heroes proved
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Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
'Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!





FAITH

Faith is believing in people and things
And the strength of the word of
our Lord,

Faith is the lift that's given the ones
Who'd rise o'er the vast sinful
horde.

Faith is the look in the eyes of a
child,

Unblemished by failure of trust,
Faith is the maiden clean and un-
touched

By the ruinous scavenger, Lust.
Faith is living the life that is
planned

By God in His wisdom for all,
Faith is the ticket of life evermore
When we answer the Lord's final
call.

—Selected.

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A good pastor will protect his flock
as wholeheartedly as a devoted fath-
er protects his family.

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WHAT I SEE IN ME

Herbert Buffum

I have so many faults myself
I seldom ever see
A defect in another's life,
But what I see in me.

I make so many foolish mistakes
I feel condemned to find
A bit of fault in anyone
When I'm so far behind.

I used to censure everyone;
I was a Pharisee,
Until, quite unexpectedly,
I got a glimpse of me.

I tried to justify myself,
And frame some alibi;
And here I stood—caught by myself,
And I to me won't lie.

And now whenever I'm inclined
Some other's judge to be,
I always go and take a look
At him whom I call me.

I find it is a splendid thing—
Just try it and you'll see—
To keep from criticizing folks,
Let each "I" look at "me."

* * *

"DO YOU KNOW THE LORD?"

Two men were sawing wood in a
gentleman's yard. As they worked they
talked; as they talked they swore
—swore as glibly and fluently, per-
haps as unconsciously, as if it had
been their native tongue—which it
doubtless was.

A little son of their employer stood
leaning against the shed, intently
watching them. The face of the boy
was a study. He was a beautiful
child, and the emotions of his mind
were distinctly painted upon his lu-
minous countenance.

Evidently there was a great strug-
gle going on in his little bosom, and

at last he mustered courage to ask
in a low, awed voice, and with a
indescribable expression beaming
from his large grey eyes, "Do you
know the Lord?" Low as were the
words, they sounded so loudly in the
ears and in the consciences of those
wicked men, that they were both con-
founded and put to shame. There
was little more swearing there that
day.—Gathered Gems.

* * *

"CO-OPERATION"

Surely some workman has builded
The pillar as well as the spire;
The cross that the painter has gilded
Was fashioned in somebody's fire.

Surely men dug in the ditches
Preparing the plans for the wall,
And someone has made her stitches
The flag that shall fly over all.

Someone has blended the plaster
And someone has carried the stone
Neither the man nor the Master
Ever has builded alone.

Making the roof from the weather
Building a house for the king,
Only by working together
Men have accomplished a thing.

All have a share in the beauty
All have a share in the plan,
What does it matter what duty
Falls to the lot of a man?

Each has a hand in the building
No one has builded alone,
Whether the cross he was gilding,
Whether he carried a stone.

—Author Unknown.

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"It is amazing to hear how much
better some people know a job, and
could do it, who are on the outside
looking in, than the person on the
inside actually doing it."

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The Editor's Pulpit

What Makes America Great?

ALL COMMENTS from the Russian propaganda machine to the contrary, America is great! One needs only to look at American life objectively, to realize that there has never been any nation, any people which has ever risen to the heights as spectacular as has this American people.

In the field of conveniences, the world has seen no equal; likewise in the fields of communication and transportation we surpass anything ever seen or heard by man. The rights and the freedoms of the individual tops anything previously attained by man.

Yes, we are a great nation. One of the greatest testimonies ever given to the measure of what we have here in America is that we are the one nation upon the earth which more people are trying to get in to than to get out of. Note that our immigration laws are necessary to keep multitudes of the world's population from swarming our shores. Do you find that many people trying to get into Russia? Reports from Berlin indicate how eagerly people are trying to flee the Russian-dominated east. This should teach us the lesson of appreciation for what we Americans have as our very own.

Since we are a great nation, we look for a moment at the reason why we are great. Right here many segments of the American population will come up with many different answers. There is only one reason—God has blest us! The ebb and flow of the tide of man's existence on earth may, by some be attributed to the so-called natural progression of "man's evolution", even to the long, slow progress of learning to live together (which lesson man seems to be forgetting). We do not go along with this, as, according to the scriptures, God deals with man according to man's desire to walk in his way, or not. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people", is still God's standard for man.

As now we stand on the eve of another national anniversary, we must take a moment to think concerning our present status and our potential

future. It is without doubt true that most Americans have had their faith shaken in themselves. Very few of us are so confident as to declare that there is no trouble ahead. We literally are an island of liberty in a world gone mad with lust, hate and rioting. Holding on to tremendous supplies of food while most of the rest of the world is forever hungry, receives not the blessing of either God or man. To take the apathetic attitude that "nothing's really hurting us yet," is to spell disaster.

We are a great nation with a divine commission to walk in the way of God's will, to become an instrument of world-wide evangelism. Surely these tremors of unrest around us should be taken as a warning from God that things are not fully as they should be within our own ranks! We as a great nation are too proud, we have too much living for self, and the debauchery of many lives is no testimony to the God who has made us great.

Before it is too late, let us learn the lesson of God's favor versus His disfavor. Let us fall on our knees as a nation, seeking God's mercy and the forgiveness of sin as we resolve to forsake sin—the unclean thing which God hates.

How is this possible, when so many people, even church members, seem to retain no interest in God in their lives—when so many people are living in open sin? We, who are His in Christ Jesus, can take a check on our own lives, making sure that personally we are living as we should; we can give a good Christian testimony to our fellowmen, proclaiming the knowledge of the source of our strength as individuals, and as a nation. We are a great nation; it would be a shame to go down in history as a nation which had the most and best of everything, yet one which failed to remember from whence came our blessings, forgetting to walk in His ways.

Independence Day 1960, a glorious opportunity to show the world that we fear not, for our trust is in God which hath made us and preserved us as a nation. To merit this, we must clean house and walk in His ways of righteousness. W. S. B.

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PETER . . . LEFT NO WILL!

By Catherine Marshall, author and widow of the Reverend Peter Marshall, former U. S. Senate chaplain.



PETER—to the surprise of all who had known him well—had left no will. Apparently he had thought that since he possessed little other than insurance, making me the sole beneficiary of that took care of the situation. If only he had known how much it left to be taken care of! Yet in thinking a will unimportant for those with a small or moderate estate, my husband was not unusual. I learned that an estimated 70 percent of American property owners die intestate.

The first business complication developed when Peter's checking account (we did not have a joint one) was frozen. Consequently, no money could be drawn out even for funeral expenses or immediate needs. All of the insurance policies were in a strong box at the bank. That box was immediately sealed by the bank under the Internal Revenue Department's regulations. It took three weeks of cutting red tape before even the insurance agent could get into the strong box "to initiate the collection of death proceeds," as the insurance term has it.

Then I learned that, under District of Columbia law, when a man dies without a will, after all the debts are paid, his widow receives one-third of his estate, his child or children, two-thirds. It was necessary for me to appear in probate court to post an expensive bond and to be made administratrix of Peter's affairs. Everything thereafter came under the jurisdiction of this court. Not even funeral expenses, doctor or hospital bills, nor ordinary household expenses could be paid until the court passed on them.

Following this, some of my husband's possessions had to be appraised—his car, his stamp collection, a few power tools. The appraisal of something like a stamp collection is a highly technical matter. It has to be handled by men who know the value of stamps. But all appraisers had either to be appointed by the probate court or specifically approved by them. Such appraisal

can be time consuming, a great deal of trouble, and costly.

I found it hard to keep my mind on these business affairs, because my heart kept intruding. The business men who were trying to help me would have found many of my thoughts highly irrelevant... How much are a few British colonial stamps worth? So many dollars and cents? A hundred hours of pure pleasure?

I could see Peter bending over the stamp books spread out on a card table in our living room. To him the stamps were not just stamps. They were cargo ships on their way to romantic, far-flung places—Antigua... Barbados... The Cayman Islands... Grenada... Montserrat... Trinidad. The very names were music...! The commemorative issues were some of history's most dramatic moments... The stamps were beautiful... "Catherine, take a look at this new St. Kitt's ultramarine on blue violet—and this magenta, and look at this carmine rose..."

And sermons? How could sermons be appraised? So much lift and lilt to the human spirit? So much bowing down of the heart in adoration to its Maker? Yet the sermon manuscripts were an integral part of the estate and the next thing that had to be appraised. Obviously, how much they were worth commercially was anyone's guess. But even after some arbitrary value has been placed on them, then what disposition was to be made of them? It took several lawyers a little over four months to figure out that one.

It seemed that almost daily, everywhere I turned, legal proof of my husband's death was required. Finally I had a whole sheaf of photostats of his death certificate made. To the uninitiated in grief, this may seem like a small matter. Still it scarcely has a soothing effect on the bereaved.

Then came the day when I had to reappear in probate court to be made Peter John's guardian. Since then

I have been required to give a detailed financial accounting of my guardianship to the court each year. This will go on until my son becomes of age. Each year the account figures must be sworn to before a notary public. Each year a fee must be paid to the office of register of wills for the accounting.

The amount of cash in Peter's checking account at the time of his death was not large. Most of this had been given to us as a gift on the occasion of our tenth anniversary at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, and had been meant to pay part of our expenses for a trip abroad. Yet by the time the final accounting is made to the probate court, almost every cent of the original sum will have been drained away in legal and court costs.

When I discovered the amazing amount of red tape involved even with such a small estate, I almost ran to a lawyer to get help in making a will of my own. Not only that, but I began urging my parents and close friends to consider the same move. Though in my case there was little to leave anyone, I reasoned that the tiny sum involved in making a will might some day save many times that amount in fees for dealing with quite unnecessary legal technicalities.

Of course, Peter had no idea of all this. Yet some of his close friends were lawyers. And often he himself had been called on to help recently bereaved in practical matters as well as spiritual ones. I marveled that he had never even once encountered some other widow entangled in the same difficulties with which I was wrestling.

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GIVING THAT GOES ON LIVING

Quite a number of our Brethren people have found and are continuing to experience the joy of Christian stewardship—especially in upholding missions by prayers and financial support. This faithfulness in sharing their spiritual and material resources has produced for them a fulfillment in life not possible of achievement in any other way. We are all grateful too for the maintenance of our mission work by such Christian stewards.

Some others of our number have discovered even further means by which they may insure the continuance of our missionary task; they invest in annuities or name the Missionary Board as beneficiary in their wills. These people have learned the added pleasure of giving so that their property will support missions after they no longer need it for themselves; in other words, their possessions live on after them and continue to work in the Lord's service.

Recently the Missionary Board received a rather substantial bequest from a faithful Brethren member; his money is now carrying on the ministry of preaching the Gospel to the unsaved. His influence is living on in his gift. Similarly, a number of other Christian friends in the Brethren Church have designated their substance for missions, by means of their wills. A few wills are presently being probated and, upon settlement, will provide for the establishment of new churches at home

and for carrying the Gospel to the unsaved in distant lands.

We may all do well to follow the excellent pattern of these thoughtful and provident Christians. We can make sure our money is spent wisely and as we want it spent—in His service. We will experience great joy in such disposition of our material possessions, and God will be glorified in them.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY DINNER—

During General Conference Week

The first call is being made to our annual dinner of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church on Tuesday, August 16, 1960, at 5:15 P. M.

We are planning a splendid time of inspiration and fellowship. **YOU WILL WANT TO ATTEND.** Anyone interested in the Brethren Church and its missionary program is invited, but it is imperative that you send in your reservation before August 10. (We will not know where to have the dinner until we know how many will attend—and we cannot schedule large dining areas on short notice.)

The cost of the dinner will be \$1.50. Please send in for reservations **EARLY.** None can be accepted after August 10.

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Baptismal services were held on June 5th. The services were held in the Sarasota Bay.

QUIET DELL, PENNA. The Quiet Dell W. M. S. public service was held the evening of June 26th. The film, "Treasure Islands", was shown.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. Brother Charles C. Bader, present pastor of the Sergeantsville, N. J., Brethren Church, has received and has accepted the call of the New Lebanon church to serve as pastor. Brother Bader, with his wife and two children, will begin his pastorate at New Lebanon as of August 14th.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. The W. M. S. public service was held on Sunday evening, June 19th.

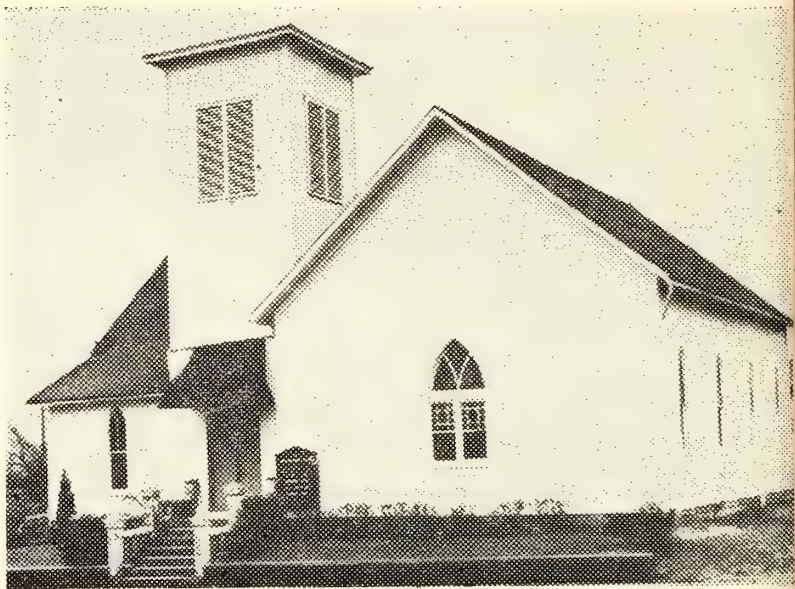
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. A reception for new pastor, Brother John T. Byler and family, was held the evening of June 26th. Ministers and their wives from Northern Indiana churches were guests.

OHIO MEN ONLY

Anyway you look at it—you should plan NOW to attend the Laymen's Sessions at Ohio District Conference on July 12, 13, and 14 at West Alexandria, Ohio. Bring the family and get set for a time of spiritual feasting, Christian fellowship, and inspiration to become a more effective witness for Christ. No one can take your place, so make arrangements to use a portion of your vacation for the betterment of your spiritual life. An inspirational and beneficial program is planned for **YOU.** Don't **relegate** Conference out of your mind—**be a delegate.** See you all.

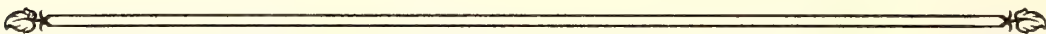
**Program of the
SEVENTY-SEVENTH
CONFERENCE
of the
OHIO DISTRICT
Brethren Churches**

July 12th to 14th, 1960
Eastern Standard Time Prevails



West Alexandria Brethren Church
West Alexandria, Ohio

THEME: "Lift Up Your Eyes"
Text: John 4:35



PROGRAM

- Tuesday Morning—July 12**
- 11:00 Registration of Adults and Brethren Youth
(Conference Delegates Fees \$1.00—1960)
 - 12:00 Lunch served by the church.
- Tuesday Afternoon**
- 1:30 Call to Order
Song Service
DevotionsModerator Donald Rowser
 - 2:00 Business Session:
Report of Credential Committee
Organization of Conference
Recommendations of Executive Committee
Election of Committee on Committees
 - 3:00 Song
Vice Moderator's AddressDale J. Long
 - 3:30 Simultaneous Sessions
 - 5:30 Supper
- Tuesday Evening**
- 7:30 Singspiration
Conference Offering
First Reading of Committee on Committees
Report
 - 7:50 Ashland College Presentation
Special Music
 - 8:30 Moderator's AddressRev. Donald Rowser
- Wednesday Morning—July 13**
- 9:00 Prayer Service and Devotions. Rev. Richard Allison
 - 9:20 Song Service

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- ModeratorDonald Rowser
 - Vice ModeratorDale Long
 - Ass't. Sec'y.-TreasH. William Fell
 - StatisticianL. V. King
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- 9:30 Inspirational MessageRev. Phil Lersch
"Evangelism and Its Relation to Time"
Special Music
 - 10:15 Bible LectureRev. Smith Ross
"Our Heavenly Calling"
 - 11:00 Simultaneous Sessions
 - 12:00 Dinner
- Wednesday Afternoon**
- 1:30 Song
Inspirational Message ..Rev. Charles Lowmaste
"Evangelism and its Relation to Talent"
 - 2:00 Business Session
Report of Credential Committee
Action on Report of 1960 Committee on Committees
Statistician's Report
Report of Ministerial Examining Board
Report of Board of Evangelists
Conference Treasurer's Report
Report of Brethren Youth Board
Report of Brethren Publishing Company
 - 4:00 W. M. S. Open Session
 - 5:30 Supper

Wednesday Evening

- 7:30 Singspiration
 Devotions
 Youth Night
 Speech Contest
 National Brethren Youth Presentation
 Presentation of Speech Contest Awards

Thursday Morning—July 14

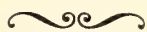
- 9:00 Prayer Service and Devotions
 Led by Rev. Wilbur Thomas
- 9:20 Song Service
- 9:30 Inspirational MessageRev. Virgil Meyer
 "Evangelism and Its Relation to Treasures"
 Special Music
- 10:15 Bible LectureRev. Smith Rose
 "Our Earthly Service"
- 1:00 Simultaneous Sessions
- 2:00 Dinner

Thursday Afternoon

- 1:30 Song
 DevotionsWest Alexandria Church
- 2:00 Business Session:
 Reading of Minutes
 Final Report of Credential Committee
 Election of 1960-61 Conference Officers
 Report of Mission Board
 Camp and Sunday School Report
 Auditing Committee Report
 Resolutions Committee Report
 Special Committee's Report
 Selection of place of meeting for 1961 Conference
 Unfinished Business
 Final Reading of the Minutes
- 4:00 Simultaneous Sessions (If desired, to complete business)

Thursday Evening

- 5:30 Banquets
- 7:30 Song Service
 DevotionsWillard Andrews
 Installation of 1960-1961 Conference Officers
 Missionary Board Program:
 "Forward With Christ Thru World Missions"

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Theme: "Adherence To the Task"

Psalm 24:7—"Lift up your heads O ye gates ... and the King of Glory shall come in."

Tuesday, July 12

- 3:30 W. M. S. Opening Service
 Call to Worship: The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Psalm 24:1, I Corinthians 15:58.
 WelcomeWest Alexandria Society
 Song Service—Mrs. Emerson Goad, Chorister
 Mrs. Clayton Berkshire, Pianist

- DevotionsWilliamstown
 Topic: "Insistence" ...Mrs. Janet Wright, Guest Speaker
 Business
 Benediction

Wednesday Morning, July 13

- 11:00 Song Service
 DevotionsNewark Society
 Topic "Resistance"
 Roll Call
 Offering for Ministerial Fund
 Business
 Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon

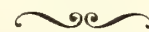
- 3:45 W. M. S. Open Session
 Call to Worship (standing)
 Song Service
 DevotionsNorth Georgetown Society
 Topic.. "Consistence"Mrs. Robert Byler
 Business
 Benediction

Thursday Morning, July 14

- 11:00 Song Service
 DevotionsGretna Society
 Topic .. "Persistence"Rev. Robert Byler
 HymnGreat Is Thy Faithfulness
 Business—Election of Officers
 Adoption of Goals
 Benediction

Thursday Evening

- 5:30 Banquet:
 Menu—West Alexandria Societies
 DecorationsPleasant Hill
 Recognition of Banner Societies
 Mrs. Dale Roesch
 Installation of Officers.....Mrs. Robert Byler

**OHIO BRETHREN YOUTH CONFERENCE****Tuesday—July 12**

- 11:00 Registration (50c per person)
 12:00 Lunch
 1:30 Call to Order Kent Bennett, Youth Conference Director
 Inspiration
 Getting Acquainted
 3:00 Vice Moderator's Address
 3:30 Recreation
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Conference Session
 9:00 Camp Fire Service
 InspirationRobert Byler Family

Wednesday—July 13

- 9:00 Prayer Service
 9:20 Song Service
 9:30 Inspirational ServiceHostettlers
 10:15 Bible Lecture
 11:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Separate Sessions
 (Brotherhood Boys meeting with Laymen)

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- 12:00 Lunch
 1:30 Choir PracticeMarlin McCann in charge
 3:30 Recreation
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Conference Session
 Speech Contest
 National Brethren Youth Board Presentation
 Presentation of AwardsOhio B. Y. Board
 9:00 Weiner Roast

Thursday—July 14

- 9:00 Prayer Service
 9:20 Song Service
 9:30 Inspirational ServiceHostettlers
 10:15 Bible Lecture
 11:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Separate Sessions
 (Brotherhood Boys meeting with Laymen)
 12:00 Lunch
 1:30 Recreation
 5:30 Picnic (Secure your ticket in advance)
 7:30 Conference Session
 Missionary Board Program
 9:00 Closing of Conference

OHIO DISTRICT LAYMEN

Theme: Laymen Advance In Evangelism—Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:20; John 17:18; Acts 1:8.

Tuesday, July 12

- 3:30 Song ServiceJerry Millikin
 Call to OrderJohn Dillon, President
 WelcomeWest Alexandria Laymen
 DevotionsWest Alexandria Laymen
 Message from the PresidentJohn Dillon
 Business SessionPresident

Wednesday, July 13

- 11:00 Song ServiceJerry Millikin
 DevotionsNortheast Laymen
 Special Music
 Message from our MissionaryRob Byler
 Business Session
 3:30 Song ServiceJerry Millikin
 DevotionsHoward Winfield
 Message from a LaymanHerb Edwards

Thursday, July 14

- 11:00 Song ServiceJerry Millikin
 DevotionsMiami Valley Laymen
 Special Music
 Business Session:
 Election of Officers
 Unfinished Business
 Evaluation Discussion PeriodPresident
 5:30 Ministers-Laymen Banquet
 West Alexandria School
 (Secure your ticket in advance)

SISTERHOOD

Theme: "Lift Up Your Eyes"

Wednesday, July 13

- 11:00 Devotions
 Special Music

Susan Byler:

"The Fields Are White Unto Harvest In South America"

Thursday, July 14

- 11:00 Devotions
 Special Music
 Nancy Hostettler:
 "The Field Is White Unto Harvest in Kentucky"

MINISTERIUM

Tuesday, July 12

- 3:30 ChairmanDonald Rowse
 DevotionsThomas Shannon
 LeaderDale J. Long
 "The Unified Financial Program"

Wednesday, July 13

- 11:00 ChairmanDr. L. E. Lindowe
 DevotionsA. J. Tinke
 LeaderPhil Lersel
 "The Alternative Service Program"

Thursday, July 14

- 11:00 ChairmanDr. L. E. Lindowe
 DevotionsCarl Barbe
 LeaderPercy Mille
 "The Christian Outreach Program"

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

"ABUNDANCE is 'SOME TO SHARE'"

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" Malachi 3:10.


WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL in our interpretation of terms in the consideration of our topic. The little boy had sought the definition of the word "abundance" in his dictionary, and came with the explanation that it meant "some to share". On a second thought it seemed to him that such a definition was not quite right so he corrected himself by saying, "Well, it means 'more than enough.' Isn't that the same as 'Some to share'?"

"Not exactly," replied the boy's mother. "You may have more than enough without feeling that you have any to share. But your idea is right, son; as long as we have 'some to share' we have real abundance."


A continuous supply of meal and oil came to the widow of Zarepath, when she in faith, obedience and gratitude first shared her meal and oil with the old prophet, Elijah.

"And prove me now herewith, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing (in abundance), that there shall not be room enough to receive it." As long as men panic in fear that their supply is limited, and hoard their material wealth in selfishness, they deprive themselves of the blessings which God promises. All that the Father has is ours, and His abundance is inexhaustible. Bring the gifts, and prove Him in that very hour.

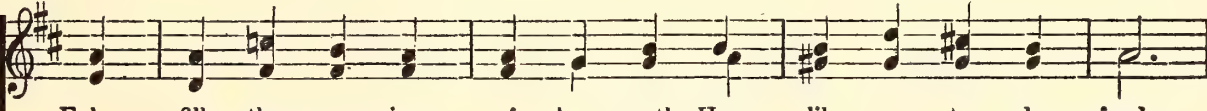
A Prayer for Independence Day




1. O Lord our God, Thy might - y hand Hath made our coun - try free;
 2. The strength of ev - 'ry state in - crease In Un - ion's gold - en chain;
 3. O suf - fer not her feet to stray; But guide her un - taught might,
 4. Thro' all the wait - ing land pro - claim Thy gos - pel of good - will;



From all her broad and hap - py land May wor - ship rise to Thee.
 Her thou - sand cit - ies fill with peace, Her mill - ion fields with grain.
 That she may walk in peace - ful day, And lead the world in light.
 And may the joy of Je - sus' name In ev - 'ry bo - som thrill.



Ful - fill the prom - ise of her youth, Her lib - er - ty de - fend;
 The vir - tues of her min - gled blood In one new peo - ple blend;
 Bring down the proud, lift up the poor, Un - e - qual ways a - mend;
 O'er hill and vale, from sea to sea, Thy ho - ly reign ex - tend;



By law and or - der, love and truth, A - mer - i - ca, A - mer - i - ca be - friend!
 By u - ni - ty and broth - er - hood, A - mer - i - ca, A - mer - i - ca be - friend!
 By jus - tice, na - tion - wide and sure, A - mer - i - ca, A - mer - i - ca be - friend!
 By faith and hope and char - i - ty, A - mer - i - ca, A - mer - i - ca be - friend!

"SPENDING

A

CHRISTIAN

V.

Rev. H. William Fells

WHAT A SUBJECT! When do we start? Where shall we go? How long will we be gone? Mother has one idea. Brother has another. Sister thinks we should take several of her friends and just go to the places that they want to see. There should be at least four weeks, and then we should have the privilege of wiring for extended leave to come home on. No. No. Dearly Beloved, this is not our consideration today. The subject is "Spending a Christian Vacation".

First of all let it be said that the word VACATION is not in the Bible. That should give the Christian something to think about. Can there be such a thing as a Christian Vacation? This is a serious matter, especially in this day and age when the unions and each employee thinks that this is so important that it must be considered as part of the contract or else there will be time taken from the workers for striking for Vacation Pay. We all should have time for vacation is the

thought expressed by most Americans. What the Christians think and do about this? Generally, we go along.

Let us begin to think of the subject by using the first word, SPENDING. The writer is very glad that this word was included in the assigned subject. Spending indicates that there is something of value here, doesn't it? It further indicates something earned. This is where the Christian should begin to consider "Spending A Christian Vacation". This is more valuable time than someone must pay for. If you have worked long enough for a firm, you are entitled to a vacation. The company feels that you are an asset to the operation and you will improve your capacity by taking a vacation. Now, if this time to be given or earned, whichever is the case, is considered this valuable by the company, should it be considered valuable enough by the receiver to be used in the wisest manner?

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One question could be asked here, is it wise to END a vacation of two weeks by driving six thousand miles, eating forty-two meals in a hurry (many times overeating), and making a lot of calls on people you haven't seen in many a moon? Is this "Spending a Christian Vacation"? Many of these people you have not taken time to drop a word to warning them that you will be there on such and such a day to spend a lunch hour, or overnight with them. Thereby you are imposing, and are doing what you have already said you would rather they would not do to you? Is that Christian? "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you", are Jesus' words. Let us give consideration to not just getting our money's worth out of this Christian Vacation. May we also get all the value a Christian should place on this time.

The word Christian in our Subject does add something, doesn't it? Or can a Christian go to

the same places, wear the same style clothing, present themselves for the world to see in the same manner in which those of the world present themselves? Can we say, "Oh, it won't make any difference if we go into Howard Johnson's to eat with just our shorts (or bathing suits) on?" Maybe, while we are we won't want anyone to know we are Christian. Dearly Beloved, that is why the word was placed in this thought, to help us see that our vacation time is just as important, if not more so, in this matter of being witnesses for Christ.

Even if we are not considering going on a trip, if we are just aiding our children in thinking through the activities of the three summer months, we should consider our Christian life in these also. The notices have come out in the papers now that certain churches will have a curtailed program for the summer months. Several have dismissed their choirs for the summer

months. Would it be Spending a Christian Vacation to just shut the doors of the Church for the summer? It is too hot to go there and sit and listen to those stuffy old sermons. It is bad enough in the winter time, but now that it is hot, whew, what does that preacher think we are?

Oh, Christian, just let me ask one question? Where in the Bible, or any where else in the plan of God, do you see or hear of either the devil or the Lord shutting down operations for the season? Did you ever stop to think that the summer months might be one of the best times for "Growth in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Savior"? The Public Schools have our children so involved these days that there is little time for the Church to get to them during the school term. We still try to build a program that will include everyone the year around, but do you think that it would be good to endeavor to put forth our best effort when others are relinquishing their hold upon our time, our minds, our bodies. Think it over, and maybe you will be responsible for your church changing its tactics some.

Study the life of Jesus and see when He tried to get in the greatest amount of effort. Read once again the Gospel of John and see if He didn't use the EXTRA minutes and HOURS to greatest advantage. He visited with Nicodemus at night, after the heavy part of the day was past. He used a part of his "lunch hour" to converse with the Samaritan Woman. You will find other examples of how he used what we could term "Free Time", and what the dictionary terms **vacation** as you study the Gospels with this idea in mind. Maybe we need to reconsider our ideas of vacation. Whether it is the three months between school terms or just our two or three weeks we do not have to work at our regular work, we should ask ourselves if we can stop being Christian for this time.

Thorndike-Barnhart's "Comprehensive Desk Dictionary" defines vacation as a time of rest and freedom from work. This does not indicate any need to quit living either physically or spiritually. If you were to take a vacation and do with your physical life as some people are inclined to do with their spiritual lives you would not eat a thing for the entire time of your vacation. The writer hopes that, if this is the case, you have a very short vacation coming this year, because if you don't have a short one this year, you probably won't need any vacation next year. Let us each one be aware of the fact that the definition of vacation says it is a time of freedom from work and it does not include any word of freedom from living. Just as we are sure to need three meals a day, plenty of exercise and rest, to keep physically alive, even so, we will need at least the same amount of spiritual food and exercise as we normally need. Maybe the devil will be working in such a way that some will feel the need of greater spiritual nourishment during vacation time.

One of my friends says he feels the ideal vacation is just what the definition indicates. He likes to get away from the routine surroundings and work. He says it takes about three days of a two-week vacation to unwind, to get everything regarding the work and the regular living scenes out of his mind. He called it unraveling, I believe. Then he likes about eight days to just do what he wants to do. If he and his family want to travel, they will do it at a leisurely pace (anywhere from one hundred and fifty miles a day to three hundred miles a day). No one gets so tired they can't see, or they get sick, and make everybody else uncomfortable. Then, my friend likes to take three or four days to pick up the strings and begin to work back slowly in the swing of things, so that when the end of vacation comes he can truly say he has been restored



and renewed. Is this your idea of spending a "Christian Vacation"?

Here in this great and wonderful land of ours we have so much of everything we need that we Christians need to be careful lest the powers of evil overtake us and woo us and win us to thinking just as the world does—"It's mine, I've worked for it, I've got it coming, and I'm going to use it just as I well please. The boss gives us the time off. The AAA will help us plan the trip, marking the best roads, even make the reservations for motels if we desire, and tell us where the best spots are."

Wouldn't it be too bad if we should take our brand of vacation, leaving the Lord and His program out, and He were to return for His Bride on one of the hottest summer days, and find "The foolish virgins" with their lamps not filled with oil, the wicks not trimmed, and the people just generally not ready for His appearing. Yes, Christian people, "Spending a Christian Vacation" is very important for us to consider at this season, and we do need to remember that "Spending" indicates that there is something of value here. Time is valuable.

Paul tells us in Romans 13:11-14, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting, and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Our vacation should not be called a Christian vacation unless we do endeavor to make it so. Be sure that you take your Christian Testimony along with you on your vacation. Again Paul says "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Cor. 10:31.

Last of all, remember that a vacation is a time of rest and freedom from work. This does not mean that it has to come in June, July, or August. Neither does it mean that we have to neglect our spiritual life to enjoy the vacation. But it does indicate that it should be a time of refreshment and enjoyment. Enjoy yours.



DON'T STAY DOWN!

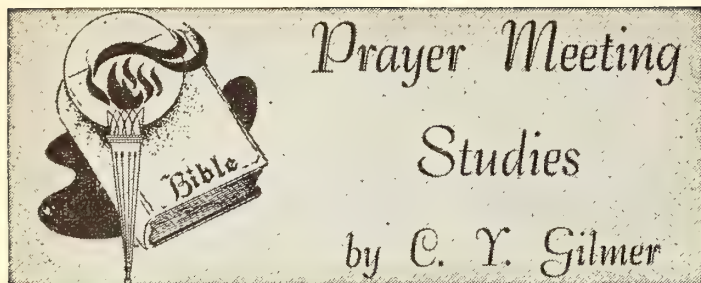
If you've floundered in the valley
And you've failed to climb the hill;
If you've let the devil keep you
From the things your life should fill;
If you're drooping, pining, sighing
Over failures in the strife,
O dear soul, look up to heaven,
God can yet redeem your life!

Go before Him in repentance,
Sorry you have failed so much;
Tell Him you are longing, yearning
For His mercy and His touch;
Ready now for future service,

Though it be an humble place;
Ready where He leads to follow
By His guidance and His grace.

Don't give up for years of failure,
Don't despair because you're down;
Just resolve to climb up higher,
Reaching for a master's crown;
Even if you never gain it,
Still it's best to look ahead,
Rather than to droop and languish
For the past that's gone and dead.

Walter E. Isenhour,
Taylorsville, N. C.



"Brethren Advance In Evangelism"

THE CALL TO EVERYDAY SOUL WINNING

Can you say at evening time,
When the day is done,
That one soul for Jesus Christ
Has by you been won?

Have you done your part today,
Helping others on the way?
If you've helped another through,
You'll find God is helping you.

Not alone you're asked to give
Of yourself this hour,
Through Him only you shall live
And through Him have power.

Harvest fields today are white,
And the laborers few;
All too swiftly comes the night,
When nothing you can do.

Others need you—don't delay;
Can't you hear them call?
Serve the Master while you may—
Just surrender all.

—Ruth Lamkins.

CHRISTIANITY IS AN EVERYDAY TASK (Acts 5:42). Cross bearing and following Jesus is a daily matter (Lu. 9:23). The early church had a daily fellowship (Acts 2:46). Their church grew daily (Acts 2:47). It grew rapidly into a "multitude" of believers (Acts 4:32). Ere long there were "multitudes" of believers (Acts 5:14). The apostolic church met the challenge of the daily needs of lost humanity (Acts 3:2). Daily the church met the necessities of the saints (Acts 6:1).

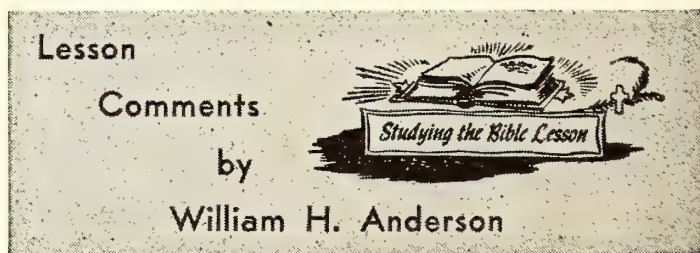
Daily Christian activity soon changed the word "church" to "churches" (Acts 16:5). The early Christians had Bible study daily (Acts 17:11). Paul, in persistent evangelism, taught daily (Acts 17:17; 19:9). In those days every born-again person helped daily in the winning of the lost (Eph. 4:11, 12). When persecution came and the apostles remained in Jerusalem (Acts 8:14), the scattered laity went everywhere preaching the Word (Acts 8:4).

Jesus called two brethren to leave their fishing nets to follow Him daily to fish for men (Matt. 4:18-20). Jesus did this twice (vs. 21-22). John sent two of his disciples to inquire of Jesus (Matt. 11:2, 3). Jesus sent the twelve forth by two and two (Mk. 6:7). The same was true of the seventy sent forth (Lu. 10:1). Whatever the errand, Jesus sent two men (Mk. 11:1). Two angels sat in the resurrection tomb (Jn. 20:12). Two men in

white delivered a message to the disciples at the time of their Lord's ascension (Acts 1:10, 11). Two witnesses prophesy in Rev. 11:3. "Two are better than one" (Eccl. 4:9). Two make better witnesses (Matt. 18:16). They did not wait for the world to come to the church, but they went to the lost and won them from house to house and brought them to be baptized and taken into the fellowship of the church (Acts 20:19, 20). The laity at Thessalonica sounded out the whole gospel (1 Thess. 1:8).

Surrendered Worker

If only we had faith and power to venture
Beyond the bounds of comfort and of ease,
Upon a path that leads from self and pleasure,
From interests that amuse and aims that please!
If only we had eyes to read our duty
In terms of harder tasks and more austere,
Then should we find the highest joys of service,
Then should we hear His voice become more clear,
Happy must that surrendered worker be
Who says in truth, "God's whisper came to me."
—Selected.



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Lesson for July 10, 1960

SOCIAL JUSTICE THEN AND NOW

Lesson: Amos 5:10-15; 21-24

"During the Eighth Century, B.C., there were four great prophets ministering unto the people of God. Two of these, Micah and Isaiah, conducted their ministry in the south, preaching to Judah, and two, Amos and Hosea, carried on their work in the north, bringing God's Word to the northern tribes" (Dr. Edward J. Young).

AMOS, MORE THAN any of the other prophets, speaks out against Social Injustice. Vividly he portrays the judgment which will be poured out upon those who are unjust in their dealings with others.

INJUSTICE CONDEMNED

There were many forms of injustice practiced in Amos' day. Some of these are mentioned in chapter 5 of his book.

1. **There was injustice against the righteous**—"They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly" (vs. 10).

"The expression, 'Him that rebuketh in the gate,' denotes the person, who indicts, impeaches, and seeks to convict the wrongdoer. The reprover (A.S.V.) was hated by Israel. The expression, 'Him that speaketh uprightly,' denotes anyone who came forward to speak

honestly in defense of the innocent. Right and justice were utterly despised and abhorred in Israel" (W. S. Hottel).

2. **There was injustice against the poor**—"Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat..." (vs. 11).

"This was directed at the rich princes who were the 'upper class' in Israel... They loaned money at nine per cent—sometimes at thirty per cent; they were robbers in silk gowns. They demanded of the poor farmer an excessive amount of his wheat—it was like plundering a sharecropper. They built fine houses of hewn (carved, shaped) stone with the sweat of the poor laborer, who was paid barely enough to hold body and soul together" (Frank S. Mead).

Woe unto the society that has no regard for the poor and unfortunate! Hear the words of John: "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (I John 3:17).

3. **There was injustice in general**—"For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right" (vs. 12).

Their sins were many and great.
They afflicted the righteous.
They engaged in bribery.
They refused to allow justice in the courts.

4. **There was formalism instead of worship**—"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon. Take thou away from Me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols" (A.S.V.—vs. 21-23).

"Here there occurs one of the strongest condemnations of mere formalism in religion to be found in the entire Bible. Amos introduces the Lord as speaking (5:21), and the Lord proclaims His utter contempt for mere sacrifice and religious form in itself...

"The Israelites... lived as they pleased, thinking that as long as they went through the forms of religion, they had nothing to fear. This was hypocrisy, and the prophet vigorously speaks against it. He makes it clear that God does not want sacrifices for their own sake, but rather a righteousness of heart. Thus Amos enunciates the great principle that faith without works is dead; that a religion which consists of form alone is one that God despises" (Young).

Are we guilty of these same things today? Is God pleased when we are more concerned with going to church to meet our friends than to meet Him?

"Our solemn assemblies may still be despised by God. Whenever mere ritual and form are allowed to take the place of filial communion with God and moral obedience, our worship will be as lightly esteemed by Him as was the worship of Israel long ago, and our sanctuaries will fall, as did the ancient high places. Our churches will be empty, their services be despised,

and the heart and mind of men will turn for sustenance elsewhere" (Dr. W. J. Farley).

JUSTICE ENJOINED

The Israelites were urged to turn from their unrighteousness to God. "Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live... Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment (justice) in the gate" (vs. 14-15).

Justice and righteousness do not come by accident. They must be pursued! Evil must be despised, and good must be favored.

Four times in chapter five the word "Seek" is found:

- 1. Vs. 4—"Seek ye Me."
- 2. Vs. 6—"Seek the Lord."
- 3. Vs. 8—"Seek Him."
- 4. Vs. 14—"Seek good."

But these gracious invitations were spurned by Israel, and God had to say to her: "Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the Lord, whose name is The God of hosts" (5:27).

In an age when irresponsibility, bribery, greed, dishonesty, and moral laxity are prevalent, we do well to heed the warning found in this Old Testament book. For what will happen to America if she continues in her evil ways and refuses to heed God's warning?

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church
by Jim Rowsey

V. B. S. FOLLOW-UP

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS ENDED. The closing program is over. The last pupil has gone home. Now what do you do? Do you breathe a deep sigh of relief and say, "Thank heaven that's done; no more Bible school until next year?" If that is your only reaction you'd better take another look, for Vacation Bible School is not successful unless the results are followed up and conserved.

In other words, V.B.S. is not an end in itself; it is only a means to a greater end. The ultimate purpose of it is to bring boys and girls into a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; to train them and build them up in the Christian life; and to strengthen and enlarge the church and its work.

How can the results of V.B.S. be followed up and conserved? Here are a few ways of giving your V.B.S. lasting value.

- 1. Give the pastor the names and addresses of all pupils who made decisions for Christ during the school. Give the Sunday school teachers the names and addresses of all boys and girls who should be in their classes but are not.
- 2. Unreached families with a child in V.B.S. should be contacted by special follow-up visitation teams, Sunday school teachers, and the V.B.S. workers.
- 3. Try to enlist all V.B.S. pupils in the total program of the church. Give them special invitations to such

groups as Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Brethren Youth Crusaders.

4. Songs, memory work, and other lessons learned during V.B.S. should be integrated into the Sunday school program. Remember that Sunday school and V.B.S. are working for the same goals; they are not competing organizations.

5. A complete descriptive and statistical report should be presented in writing to the committee or board of Christian education, to the Sunday school executive committee, or to the church official board. This report should be just as comprehensive as you can make it and should be deposited in the permanent files or minutes for reference in future years.

6. Start at the conclusion of this summer's V.B.S. to plan for next year. Write down your ideas while they are

still fresh in your mind. Note especially things that should be repeated next year, mistakes to be avoided, and new items that might be helpful.

7. Start a teacher training class for the workers from the Vacation Bible School. By giving additional instruction to the new helpers and assistants from V.B.S., your Sunday school can acquire some valuable new teachers. If there is no other way to do it, let them meet in a special class during the Sunday school hour for three months to be trained by the pastor.

Whatever you do, don't stop with the close of Vacation Bible School. That is only the beginning of greater things to come. Use V.B.S. as a foundation on which to build growing Christian lives for the glory of our Lord.—by Jerry Flora (reprint)

World Religious News in Review

DROP PROPOSED POSTAGE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Religious publications and publishing firms across the country are hailing the move of Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, who has withdrawn, on behalf of the administration, proposed rate increases for religious and other non-profit organizations using second or third class mail.

As the House Post Office and Civil Service committee was about to open a public hearing to consider arguments of both Roman Catholic and Protestant periodicals against the proposed increase, Chairman Tom Murray (Dem.—Tenn.), read a letter from the Postmaster General officially withdrawing the requested increases.

Earlier, in conferences behind closed doors, a number of religious leaders had told the postal official that his proposals would result in an increase of as much as 400 per cent in the mailing costs of some religious periodicals.

The Post Office Department had proposed that non-profit periodicals in second class mail circulate at a rate 50 per cent of that established for profit-making newspapers and magazines. This would have affected individual publications in varying

amounts, depending upon how centrally located they are with respect to their subscribers and how much advertising matter they carry.

If Congress agrees—and all indications are that it will—the mailing rate for these periodicals will now remain at the present one and one-half cents a pound, with a one-eighth of a cent per piece minimum.

The Post Office Department had also asked for an increase in the third class (bulk mail) rate for non-profit organizations which would have increased their rate to a cent and a half per piece. The rate, now one cent, will go to one and one-quarter cents on July 1 as a result of 1958 postal rate legislation passed by Congress.

Religious organizations will still be subject, of course, to other increases in the bill if Congress approves it, including five cents for first class postage, eight cents for air mail, and four cents for postcards.

POPE SOFTENS NEWSPAPER ULTIMATUM

VATICAN CITY (EP) — In a speech delivered in French to African Catholics, Pope John XXIII said the Catholic church has a doctrine that "permits her to answer the grave problems of men" but that the church

intervenes in human affairs only when moral and religious issues are involved and places full responsibility on civil authorities for their acts.

This statement was apparently given to tone down the recent newspaper statement in *Osservatore Romano* which asserted that the Roman Catholic church had spiritual jurisdiction over Catholics in public office—an editorial which stirred opposition in Italian circles and in many groups abroad. The Pope said the church does not "hinder or contradict the autonomy of political action," and added that the church could solve the problems of Africa if given an opportunity.

PROTESTANT CHURCHES SUSTAIN HEAVY LOSSES

NEW YORK (EP) — Although no American missionaries are known to be missing or dead, reports from various mission groups indicate that many Protestant churches were destroyed or damaged as a result of the recent earthquakes and tidal waves in southern Chile.

Many national church workers and Christians were included in the total of some 5,000 who were killed and the millions who were left homeless as a result of the tragedy.

The denominations reportedly sustaining serious church losses include Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Seventh-day Adventists, Southern Baptists, and International Church of the Four Square Gospel.

A report from Rev. Raymond A. Valenzuela, Methodist missionary in Concepcion, said that while all 18 Methodist missionaries in the earth-

quake zone were safe, all 26 Methodist churches and parsonages in the 1,000-mile long affected zone were severely damaged.

According to word received by the National Lutheran Council's Department of Lutheran Cooperation in Latin America, "several" churches and parsonages of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile were destroyed and others damaged in the quakes.

The Presbytery of Chile, independent of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., but receiving assistance from that body, reported destroyed churches in Parral, Concepcion, Buelves and Yungay. The Presbytery has some 65 churches or chapels.

About 20 of the churches of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in the main cities of southern Chile were affected, according to reports. A missionary boat being built near the shore was swept to sea and lost.

In addition to the Protestant losses, a report to the Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference—indicated "tens of millions of dollars" loss and damage as a result of the Chilean tragedy.

"SAFETY SABBATH" OBSERVED IN MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, Minn. (EP)—At the request of Gov. Orville Freeman, Minnesota churches and synagogues throughout the state observed Minnesota "Safety Sabbath".

Purpose of the drive was "to awaken in the conscience and mind of every driver the realization that negligence at the wheel of an automobile is a transgression of God's command, 'Thou Shalt Not Kill.'"

Drivers were urged by the governor "to keep this commandment and to practice the Golden Rule by 'doing unto others as you would have them do unto you,' not only on Safety Sabbath, but throughout the year."

Stickers distributed for the observance promised:

"As I drive, my religion can help me to:

"Know my responsibility.

"Deepen my reverence for life.

"Show courtesy and kindness.

"Obey the rules of the road.

"Help others by my example.

"I will drive as I expect others to drive."

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES TO INCREASE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Month after month the story is the same—and May was no exception.

Church construction, estimated at \$77 million, was the highest on record for May, exceeding the 1959 May record by \$6 million, or 11 per cent.

This brought total church construction for the first five months of 1960 to \$381 million, an increase of 9 per cent over the \$348 million recorded in the same period last year.

NEW FILM HAS UNUSUAL PLOT

How the high religious principles of a high school quarterback succeed in frustrating the efforts of gamblers to "fix" football games is the theme of a full-length film to be released soon by Gospel Films, Inc., Muskegon, Mich.

The picture will have its premier showing at the Youth for Christ convention at Winona Lake, Ind., this summer before being released generally to high school and church groups all over the United States and Canada.

"Goal to Go" tells the story of how the quarterback, approached by a representative of a small-time gambling syndicate with a proposition to "throw" or "fix" certain grid games, activates his Christian convictions among his team mates to foil the plotters.

A series of sequences, including excellent shots of actual football contests, make this an entertaining and meaningful film directed primarily at teen-age high school audiences. Several of the cast are members of the Grand Haven and Muskegon, Mich., high school football teams. (EP)

CRIME HITTING ALL-TIME RECORD

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has announced that the first three months of 1960 constitute the worst period in the nation's history for crimes. He said that a seven per cent increase in the total number of crimes reported by cities over 25,000 includes an 11 percent increase in murders, a 10 per cent jump in burglaries and a seven per cent rise in robberies.

Forceful rapes and felonious assaults showed a five per cent increase

over the 1959 rate, while auto theft increased six per cent and larcenies increased five per cent.

The material is based on preliminary statistics supplied by municipal police forces.

MOSCOW RADIO: CHRISTENING IS A DROWNING HAZARD

MOSCOW (EP)—Replying to a letter from a young mother whose atheist husband was opposed to christening their new-born child, Moscow Radio declared that the ceremony was "dangerous" for children because "recently a number have been drowned while being immersed in Holy Water."

"Other children," the broadcast continued, "have contracted severe illnesses from unhygienic conditions in churches."

The mother, who had insisted on having the child christened, was one of numerous listeners, Moscow Radio said, from whom it has received letters containing questions on religious matters.

Many people, the broadcast claimed, have asked the question: "Why does our state ensure complete freedom from the celebration of religious cults?"

In reply, Moscow Radio said: "It would be the biggest mistake to attempt to exterminate religion by force or administrative means or to begin to persecute people for their religious convictions."

This could only lead to the opposite result—a strengthening of religious beliefs," the broadcast said. "The best and only way to overcome religious prejudice in a nation in which the exploiting classes have been liquidated is by carrying out educational work in scientific atheist propaganda.

"In our country, scientific atheist propaganda is conducted under the direct supervision of the Communist Party. The effect may not be instantaneous, but in the long run it will be completely successful."

FOREIGN WOMEN TOLD TO HIDE FACES

CAIRO, Egypt (EP)—Officials of the Moslem-dominated Saudi Arabian government have issued a decree forbidding foreign women from appearing unveiled on the street. News of the law appeared in the Arab newspaper *Al Gomhouria*.

NEWS FROM
BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

Southern Indiana Brethren Youth
Elect Officers

DURING the spring meeting of the Southern Indiana District Youth meeting, election of officers was held. Following are the results of this election:

- PresidentJerry Gable
- Vice PresidentArden Gilmer
- SecretaryCynthia Carter
- Assistant Secretary.....Connie Brower
- TreasurerJan Martin
- Assistant TreasurerDwight Pullen
- ChoristerAlice Kindley
- Assistant ChoristerConnie Brower

Congratulations to all of you, and may God bless you as you carry on the work of the Southern Indiana Brethren Youth.

BRETHREN YOUTH
PARTICIPATE IN
DAMP DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Seventy-Third Conference of the Indiana District Brethren Churches was held at Shipshewana Lake June 13-16, 1960. This was the third year that a Brethren Youth Conference was held at the same time. Over 40 young people attended this Conference.

The first get-together was Monday evening after the Vice Moderator's address. All the youth gathered together in the Sisterhood house for a time of singing and fellowship. The Sisterhood girls provided refreshments for everyone.

Tuesday morning at 8:30 was the first youth session. Phil and Mac had charge of this one. A filmstrip from a series of filmstrips on Christian Stewardship was shown. This was entitled, "Guide for Living." In the discussion period that followed, the young people gave their thoughts and ideas on questions such as, "Why is Christ the center of time?"; "When can God work through our lives?"; they also discussed the statement: "We have a right to use our time as we see fit." Much good thinking was done by the young people on these different questions and ideas. Part of Tuesday morning was spent in the Tabernacle listening to Rev. William Anderson of Johnstown, Pennsylvania give a Bible Lecture on part of the Book of Isaiah.

From 1:00 to 2:00 in the afternoon the S. M. M. and Boy's Brotherhood meetings were held. Both groups had a different speaker each day. Recreation was held each afternoon. Tuesday afternoon was spent learning games

that can be used indoors. Rain prevented the volley-ball net from being put up.

That evening after the main session, the campfire was held again in the Sisterhood house because of the rain.

At the Brethren Youth meeting Wednesday morning, another filmstrip was shown, entitled, "Guide for Serving." In the discussion period that followed, the young people decided that God has given man a wide variety of abilities. A Christian has many special abilities that God has given to be used. Among some of these were leadership, the ability to pray effectively, the power to think and to reason, different skills and manual abilities. A Christian does have an obligation to fulfill to God more than just attending services and contributing toward the upkeep of the church. Bringing, not just inviting the unchurched is just one of these obligations.

By Wednesday afternoon it had cleared off and warmed up sufficiently so that the volley-ball net could be set up. It kind of looks like Mac's side will have to do a little more practicing before they play Phil's side again. Many of us cooled off (and I do mean "cooled off") by taking a dip in the lake. It was quite refreshing.

Wednesday evening was the highlight of the Youth Conference when the youth presented their program. The Youth Choir sang two numbers, "Lord, I Want to Be A Christian", and "Breathe on Me, Breath of God."

The Indiana District Speech Contest was held with the two contestants from Northern and Southern Indiana competing against each other. Miss Cynthia Carter of North Manchester won first place. Miss Martha Rose, representing the Northern District from Bryan, Ohio, was the runner-up. Cynthia will now compete in the National Finals.

The Kindley sisters, LaVaughn, Margaret, and Alice, from the North Manchester Church sang a special number.

Phil presented Mac to the Conference audience and then Mac gave the National Board presentation. To close the service, Rev. Herb Gilmer presented the Speech Contest awards.

The Campfire was held again in the Sisterhood house. Phil presented a challenging message to those present. The evening's activities were closed by group singing.

Thursday morning's filmstrip was entitled, "A Tip or a Talent." It showed the value of tithing God's money. The young people were quite interested in this type of program.

The Conference program was very well carried out. I am sure that the young people there received a great blessing for having come and taken part in the Conference.

Is Your Church in the News?
Send in your Report Today!

It takes the preaching of SAVING and SANCTIFYING truths to bring intensive conviction to get needy souls through to victory.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

"JUST TELL HIM NOW"

"If with pleasure you are viewing any work a man is doing,

If you like him or you love him, tell him now;

Don't withhold your approbation 'till the parson makes an oration,

And he lies with snowy lilies on his brow;

For no matter how you shout it, he won't really care about it,

He won't know how many teardrops you have shed.

If you think some praise is due him,

Now's the time to slip it to him,

For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.

More than fame and more than money,

Is the comment, kind and sunny,

And the hearty, warm approval of a friend;

For it gives to life a savor, makes you richer, stronger, braver—

Gives you heart and hope and courage to the end.

If he earns praise, bestow it;

If you like him, let him know it;

Let the word of true encouragement be said.

Do not wait 'till life is over and he's underneath the clover,

For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead."

—Daddy Silverwood.

Taken from "Poems That Preach" compiled by John R. Rice. Published by "Sword of the Lord" publishers, Wheaton, Illinois.

Mrs. Charles Lowmaster,

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Brethren Annual Changes 1959-60

JOHN T. BYLER: p. 84—change address to 1214 S. Michigan St., South Bend 18, Indiana. Also, pp. 80 and 82, change from New Lebanon, Ohio, Brethren Church, to South Bend, Indiana, Brethren Church.

WAYNE SWIHART: p. 88—change address to 1704 Wood St., Valparaiso, Indiana, and listing to: Pastor, Milford, Indiana, Brethren Church. Add to Milford church listing on page 81.

CARL BARBER: p. 87—change address to Pleasant Hill, Ohio, and listing to: Pastor, Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Brethren Church. Add to Pleasant Hill listing on page 80.



**What's Doing
in the
Churches**



NORTHEAST OHIO DISTRICT MINISTERS HOLD GET-TO-GETHER

Northeast Ohio ministers, wives and families enjoyed a get-to-gether at Clay's Park, near Massillon, Ohio, on Tuesday afternoon and evening, June 21st.

Boating, Volly Ball, Visiting, Fellowship and a delicious carry-in meal prepared by the wives, was enjoyed by the group. This was the first venture of this nature by the ministers of the area, and all agreed that there was need for more times of Christian fellowship like this.

There were 31 in attendance, including one guest, Rev. A. T. Ronk, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, who was in Ashland on business concerning the publication of the Indoctination Manual, at the time. The next meeting of the group is scheduled for September 13th, at which time there will be a discussion period on matters relevant to our work. W. S. B.

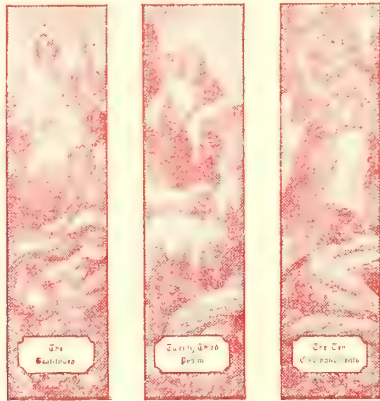
NOTICE: ALL OHIO CHURCHES!

The Secretary of the Ohio District Conference has mailed credentials for twenty churches to the secretaries of the churches. Pastors and Moderators please contact the secretaries for same.

H. William Fells, Ass't. Secretary,
Ohio District Conference of Brethren Churches.

God can give power only to surrendered souls who have come to the end of themselves.

Biblical Awards and Memory Aids



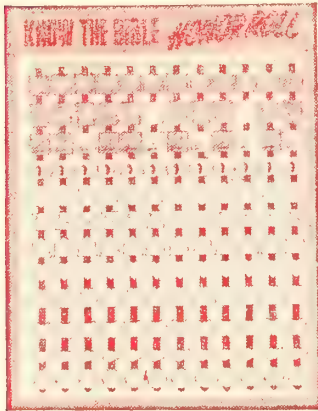
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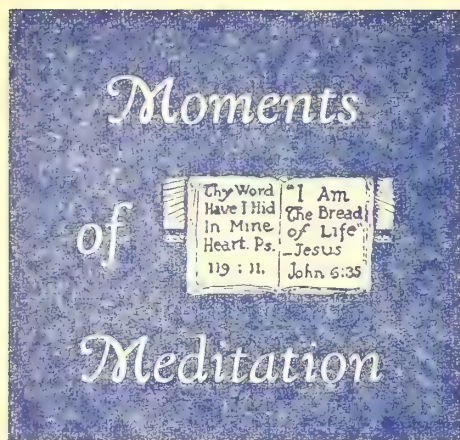
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CHRIST LIVES IN ME

Do not suffer yourself to get excited by what is said about you. Let the world talk, you strive to do the will of God: as for that of men, you could never succeed in doing it to their satisfaction and it is not worth the pains. A moment of silence, of peace, and the union to God, will amply recompense you for every calamity that shall be uttered against you.

We must love our fellows without expecting friendship from them; they leave us and return; they go, they come; let them do as they will, it is but a feather, the wind. See God only in them: it is He that afflicts and consoles us by means of them as we have need. Let the water flow beneath the bridge. Let them be weak, vain, inconstant, unjust, false, and presumptuous, He sees it all more clearly than you do, and yet permits it. Be content to do quietly and gently what it becomes you to do, and let everything else be to you as though it were not.—Sel.



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HOW TO SUCCEED

A story is told of Lepaux, a member of the French directory, that with much thought and study he had invented a new religion, to be called "Theophilanthropy," a kind of organized Rousseauism, and that being disappointed in its not being readily approved and adopted, he complained to Talleyrand of the difficulty he found in introducing it.

"I am not surprised," said Talleyrand, "at the difficulty you find in your effort. It is no easy matter to introduce a new religion. But there is one thing I would advise you to do, and then perhaps you might succeed."

"What is it? what is it?" asked the other with eagerness.

"It is this," said Talleyrand; "go and be crucified, and then be buried, and then rise again on the third day, and then go on working miracles, raising the dead, and healing all manner of diseases, and casting out devils, and then it is possible that you might accomplish your end!" And the philosopher, crestfallen and confounded, went away silent.

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"I FAILED TO GO THROUGH!"

A minister friend tells the story of a revival meeting in a little red school house some years ago. God had been blessing His people, and the story of salvation through Jesus' Blood had reached the hearts of many, and some had become "new creatures in Christ Jesus," as a result of repenting at the old mourner's bench.

There were many, however, who upon becoming deeply concerned over their souls' salvation, refrained from coming to the house of God, so as to strive to avoid the issue of repenting.

Among these was a certain lady who was deeply wrought upon by

the Spirit of the Lord. She was expected to surrender to Christ, but resisted every invitation to do so.

A few weeks passed and the lady who so soundly and firmly resisted and resented the invitations to find Christ, lay upon her death bed. Her friends urged her to trust in Christ and pray to God for salvation, but she only replied: "I failed to go through for God in that little red school house during that revival. Oh! if only I had gone through for Jesus then!" She died in that state without hope.

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BEING A MISSIONARY

Sophie Brugman, a pious German servant girl whose sacrificial giving and faith in God have become legendary, was a member of Dr. A. F. Simpson's congregation in New York City half a century ago when that great missionary leader was at the peak of his power. Moved by Dr. Simpson's appeal for the heathen world, Sophie decided she would become a missionary and prayed for the way to open.

One day a voice seemed to say to her, "Who lives on the floor above?"

She answered, "A family of Swedes."

"And who lives in the rear?"

"Some Italians."

"And who lives a block away?"

"Chinese."

Then she said to herself. "And I have never said a word to these people about the blessed Jesus. No wonder I am not sent to the heathen thousands of miles away, when I do not care enough for those at home to witness to the laundryman around the corner."

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The tongue that is used much in prayer and praise has no time to get behind his neighbors and "rip them up the back."

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The Editor's Pulpit

Springs Of Living Water

THE TRAVELER on the mountain trail had walked for several hours through some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. It was getting late in the afternoon of a very hot day. The last water he had had to drink was at noon, when he had drained the last few swallows from his canteen. So now, thirst was such that it caused him to lose interest in the beautiful scenery; worse, the trail now led uphill, and was rocky underfoot.

As he slowly trod onward, thirst gnawed at his whole being; every step was painful; each one becoming seemingly more hopeless. At the turn of the trail, however, the whole aspect changed, as he saw a sign which read, "Spring, 100 ft." An arrow pointed down a side trail. He rushed downhill in the direction indicated by the arrow, and there, in a clump of small trees and underbrush, was a bubbling, fresh-flowing spring of water. How refreshing, how satisfying to both body and soul was the water as the weary traveler drank to his heart's content.

After filling his canteen and resting awhile, the traveler was able to continue his hike up the trail to where, several hours later, beside another refreshing spring, he was able to make his camp for the night—another day's journey completed—made possible because at the right time, refreshing, life-giving waters were available to quench his thirst.

Spiritual thirst often goes unrecognized by many people. We, who were created in the express image of God, not a product of evolution as many seem to claim, were made spiritual beings. The Psalmist said, "My soul thirsteth after God." It is good to know the reason for our thirst, for many there are who have a soul-thirstiness who do not know the reason back of it.

Thus, thirsting is often temporarily satisfied through drinking at the poisoned springs of the world. How eagerly people seem to swallow the sin-poisoned waters of worldly pleasures, vices and habits. Since this takes on the form of "soul-satisfying" material, it produces a blighted, depraved condition of the soul. That is why so many times you see people who are depraved in

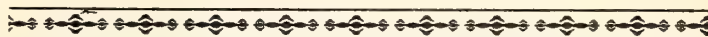
nature, in thought and act. They are following in the way in which their souls have been filled.

Sometimes, mirages are ahead of us. Reports from desert travelers inform us that thirst often becomes more acute as, during the hot day, the heat of the desert forms mirages which appear as great lakes of water just a short distance ahead. Rushing to the spot the traveler discovers he has been fooled. So do the pleasures of riches, evil amusements, etc., appear to the traveler of life.

Only God's refreshing, living water, even Christ, can fully satisfy the thirst of the pilgrim through this journey of life. Christ told the woman of Samaria, that if she were to drink of the living water He was able to give to her, she would never thirst again. That living water is available to us today. How do we get it? By walking in fellowship and communion with Christ, who is the Living Water.

If, today, you are restless, unsettled, and "at sea," try the living water which Christ can give. Drink yourself full on the precious promises of His holy Word. We should have a thirsting for the knowledge of the Word of God. If such were true, our churches would be full, preachers would stick to preaching the true word of God or find themselves without a pulpit, and our lives would be overflowing with spiritual goodness into the lives of thirsting people around us.

Let's be sure that the Spring where our soul satisfies its thirst is a stream of living water which flows from the throne of God. Anything less than that, will blight, deprave and cause great spiritual loss. If you have been drinking at the fountains of the world, turn away, seek the springs of living water, and be completely and eternally satisfied. W. S. B.



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FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE

Mrs. Drushal concludes her work at Lost Creek

After 55 years of uninterrupted service in the Lost Creek community, Mrs. George Drushal is leaving to take up her life in new surroundings.



Reverend and Mrs. Drushal began working among the people of Kentucky in 1905 and have continued there throughout the years. Mrs. Drushal has taught at Riverside Christian Training School; she has served as a Sunday school teacher, and in many other areas of Christian service. Ever since the passing of Reverend Drushal in 1958, she has gone on with her help among the people in Breathitt County.

In the fall she will accompany her daughter, Adah, who will be teaching away from Lost Creek. The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church is grateful for the many years of unselfish service Mrs. Drushal has given to the Lost Creek community and the Brethren Church. In token of their appreciation, they will provide Mrs. Drushal with monthly retirement support for the remainder of her life—to supplement that given by the Benevolent Board of the Brethren Church.

Mrs. Drushal's friends—both in the Brethren denomination and in other Christian circles—wish her continued good health and many years of service to her Lord.

Staff members at Riverside at the beginning of the 1959-60 school year. (Mrs. Drushal stands to the right of Harold Barnett—who towers above all the others.)

WHEN WE WORK AND PLAY TOGETHER

—IN NIGERIA

Though the work camp tradition is only one year old in Nigeria, the church is already depending on work campers to help with a major project. Irven Stern, principal of the new Bible School, sent out a call for two persons from each church to be sent to one of three week-long work camps. The job: to build houses for Bible School students. Twenty-five compounds of two huts each were required.

Each person was to bring either nine dishes of guinea corn or 55c.

This would be used for his food for the week. He brought also his bedroll, dish, spoon, cup, and Bible. He would either pay for his own transport or it would be paid for by his local church.

In a country where, traditionally, boys and girls do not associate except for immoral purposes, much shyness and many fears had to be overcome when the work campers ate together, attended class together, and enjoyed recreation together. The young men and women had separate grass mat shelters in which they

slept. Otherwise, their work, play, worship and study was all shared.

The one bond uniting Bura, Margi, Kilba, Hona and European was Christ. This meant that some had to eat differently than they were used to. It also meant that some allowance for different tastes was made. The morning meal, eaten at 9:30 a. m., consisted of ground guinea corn cooked until it had become a thick mush. With this was served a bean broth and beans (black eyed peas) and some cooked greens. Evening

meal was some more of the same only this time with meat and meat broth. However, those who preferred could have rice instead of guinea corn. The midday snack consisted of tea, ground bean fritters and peanut sticks.

Since most Africans appear to be slender, many people conclude that they do not eat much. However Bob Bischof, a missionary who was in one of the work camps, says, "I always marvel at the amount of difu (name for the mush) that the African can eat. I usually took about half of what they did and still could not eat it all. But most of them were able to go back for seconds."

The campers arose at 5:30 a. m. and had a worship service and three and a half hours of work before breakfast. After two more hours of work, they had a rest period, tea and a Bible class during the heat of the day. In the late afternoon they finished up their eight hours of work, had their evening meal and recreation before the 10:00 lights out.

The three crews had very distinctly different jobs. The first group mixed the mud. Water had been piped to the source of their building material, so they dug up the ground, added some dry grass to it, and walked around in it to mix it properly.

The second group transported the mud to the building sites. There the builder took the balls of mud about the size of a soft ball which his helpers formed for him and worked them around the wall of the hut in "courses." After two courses on one hut, he had to move on to another while they dried before he could add more courses. It is very fascinating to watch the skillful hands of a builder smooth and shape the mud into the walls of a hut.

The work campers thus built walls of the Bible School "dormitories" and a crew of laborers were hired to construct the roofs and doors.

Irven Stern reports, "They did work well and hard, these forty to fifty workcampers in the three work

camps. The third workcamp worked too fast, however, and they built too much in one day. The mud did not have sufficient time to dry out before they built the next course on top, and by the time they left, the walls were beginning to bulge and sag in places. The next day a big rain came and spoiled most all of the work of that third workcamp. So I have had to hire laborers to re-do all of that work."

Does this mean that the work camp was, therefore, a failure? Not if these campers felt as Paul Bassi did after the first workcamp last year when he wrote, "This work camp was to bring both boys and girls together for better spiritual and social communion as well as for mutual collaboration. It was for leading the young fellows to learn to understand that it is also blessed to witness Christ in working. Surely, the work was the solution to some of our spiritual and social problems. It is the best place where cooperation can be fully practised. It is a place where development of the soul, body, and mind could be obtained.

"This great project continued under the guidance of the Lord. Everyone was putting forth great effort and growing in love and friendship . . . We believe that the people around us saw the light and perhaps many have decided to choose His way for such a love His son bestowed."

(This is a composite of reports on the work, edited by one of the staff members.)



Women's work is an important phase of the mission program.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Due to the delay in mailing letters to pastors and church secretaries, the date of deadline for the acceptance of orders, with discount, for the Indoctrination Book—**OUR FAITH**, is extended from July 1st to August 1st.

Albert T. Ronk,
Committee Chairman.

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Brother J. D. Hamel notes that nine new members, six by baptism and three by letter, were added to the church recently.

MAURERTOWN, VIRGINIA. Brother Robert L. Hoffman writes: "Six deaconesses were called by the congregation and ordained by the pastor and Brother John F. Locke recently. These are: Annie Emswiller, Margaret Emswiller, Helen Finks, Ruth Finks, Jeanette Locke,

and Betty Orndorff. Mrs. C. L. James has been serving in this capacity for a number of years. These seven constitute the deaconesses of the church."

The Sisterhood presented their public service on the evening of June 19th. A playlet entitled, "Suzie's Sisterhood Shoes," was presented.

MEYERSDALE, PENNA. Miss Miriam M. Bird writes: "Rev. Guy F. Ludwig underwent eye surgery several weeks ago in the Memorial Hospital, Cumberland, Maryland. He is recuperating very nicely, and expected to be back in the pulpit, July 3rd. During his illness, Rev. D. C. White filled the pulpit."

SMITHVILLE, OHIO. The Sisterhood public service was held on June 26th, featuring the film, "The House that Hunter Built."

LOREE, INDIANA. An Indiana Temperance League speaker brought the message on June 26th. Services for the following two Sundays were being cared for by lay members of the congregation. On July 3rd, meditations by three men, and on July 10th, meditations by three women.

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA. Rev. and Mrs. Gary Deeter, who are in missionary service, were speakers in the Falls City church on June 12th. Gary is a grandson of Brother and Sister W. R. Deeter, who were also planning on being present in Falls City for the day.

The Junior Sisterhood presented their public service on June 19th.

MORRILL, KANSAS. Dedicatory services for the new piano and new hymnals were held on June 19th.

ATTENTION:

1960 GENERAL CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS

SISTERHOOD GIRLS are requested to make their reservations for General Conference by July 15th. Any available space in Kate Myers Hall after July 15th will be reserved for adults only.

Send all reservations for these rooms to:

**Robert M. Adams,
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Ashland, Ohio.**

Two Christian men were talking together. One said, "I am so glad that God knows our frame, and He remembers that we are but dust."

"Yes," replied his friend, "but do you really think we ought to be as dusty as we sometimes are?"

That was a good answer! That is why our progress in Christ is often so slow. We remain in the dust when we have no business to be there—Alan Redpath in **THE ROYAL ROUTE TO HEAVEN**, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

NOTICE:

Pennsylvania District W. M. S. Banquet

If you plan to attend the W. M. S. banquet, Thursday, July 21st, at Meyersdale, please send your reservation to Miss Miriam M. Bird, P. O. Box 188, Meyersdale, Penna. Deadline is **July 16th**. Missionary Robert Byler will be the guest speaker.



**What's Doing
in the
Churches**



FIRESTONE PARK, AKRON, OHIO

How easy it is to fall behind in reporting our various accomplishments at the Firestone Park church, so in order to catch up on a few things I will start with our building program.

On May 20th, 1959 we had the ground breaking ceremony for a new sanctuary and basement classrooms, a banquet room and kitchen. Many, many delays later the building was completed and we were able to move into it on March 27th of this year. A special program was arranged and certainly a rich blessing was received by all for work well done.

We especially want to thank Rev. Dodds for his perseverance and untiring determination in this work. The men of the church worked many extra hours after working at their regular jobs all day to help keep the cost to a minimum. Naturally, the women had their hands full cleaning up after the men.

On April 10th, Palm Sunday, the church was dedicated during an all day service. Professor Charles Munson was our guest speaker.

The following week, Rev. Munson held our Pre-Easter Revival in the absence of Rev. St. Clair Benshoff who was ill.

Easter Sunday morning was a joyous occasion in the new sanctuary when Rev. Dodds led us in the Sunrise Service and the evening service was in charge of the choir.

Rev. Dodds conducted his last service in the Firestone Park Church on April 24th, having been called to Muncie, Indiana to take up the work there. Since that time Rev. Munson has very capably taken charge, with the exception of two Sundays when Rev. Bruce Stark was with us. We were happy to have had them here.

The Mother and Daughter banquet was held on April 29th with ninety-one being served. On Mother's Day Sunday night, Mrs. C. C. Thomas, wife of the Supt. of the Haven of Rest Mission, showed slides of their trip to the Holy Land.

Sunday night, May 15th, the Brethren Youth had their Public Service by giving a play entitled "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor are the sponsors for the group and are working hard to interest more in the church work.

The Children's Day program was well attended and the children were wonderful under the direction of Mrs. Justine Mollahan and Mrs. Ruth Corey.

Our D.V.B.S. was from June 13th through the 17th with 43 pupils enrolled under the direction of Mrs. Twila Scott. A good staff of teachers and helpers made the week pleasant in spite of the rainy weather.

I think our latest and most wonderful accomplishment here at Firestone Park is our securing a full-time Pastor, Rev. James Black, who is originally from Akron. Rev. Black conducted the first service June 19th and we really feel the Lord has blessed us in his coming. May He also bless Rev. Black and his family.

Kay Dunn, Cor. Sec'y.

Laid to Rest

PLEASE NOTE: Publication Board policy is that Obituaries, except in the case of ministers, their wives and prominent lay people in the church, shall be kept

to the minimum of details for publication in the **Evan-gelist**. For this reason, the Editor of Publications re-writes all Obituary notices which are sent in for publication, to conform to the pattern suggested by the Publication Board. We trust that this explanation will answer some of your questions on this matter.

While we are on this subject of Obituaries, we would encourage those responsible for sending in such notices to do so as soon after the death as possible; **at least not later than two weeks after the date of death**. All such notices, too, should bear the name of the person sending them in. W. S. B.

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DONAT. Mrs. Etta Donat, 90, eldest member of the Ardmore Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind., passed away June 8th, 1960. Preceded in death by her husband. Survived by three daughters, eleven grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild. Services by the pastor, Rev. C. Wm. Cole. Interment, Rice Cemetery, Elkhart, Ind.

Mrs. Reah Harman.

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KREIDER. Mrs. Gertrude Kreider passed to her eternal reward Apr. 20th. Member in good standing of the North Liberty, Ind., Brethren Church. Survived by her husband and three foster children. Burial, cemetery at Corinth.

Wm. E. Thomas, Pastor.

From the Heat of the Heart

FOR ONE QUIVERING INSTANT, a tense silence gripped the audience gathered in the music hall to listen to this celebrated violinist. The last notes of the concerto had died away. Then came the thunder of applause! The artist smiled, started to bow in acknowledgment—

Then a strange thing happened!

The smile was instantly wiped from his face by an invisible hand. Hurriedly he straightened, and fled from the platform. The applause grew louder...louder...but all to no avail. The artist did not put in a single appearance in acknowledgment.

A friend hurried to the artist's dressing room, greatly distressed. He found him in a chair, slumped deep with trembling, face in hands. It was only when the strong grip of friendship was laid across the shoulders, that he looked up. Inexpressible grief lined the features.

"I...I have failed" the artist whispered slowly, to answer the question in the eyes and gestures of his friend. "I thought I was quite ready to play in this hall, but I...I was so wrong. As I finished the concerto, I felt so sure of myself... but as the applause broke out, I glanced down

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EVANGELISM

by Rev. J. D. Hamel

GOD'S CALLING

in The

LAITY

FIRST, A DON'T. Don't ever say to yourself: "I'm ONLY a layman." If you do, the chances are you're not being humble; you're trying to shirk responsibility and get out of work—telling yourself that ministers are carefully trained in things religious, and since you're "just a layman" you'd better leave the hard religious work in the parish to the experts.

No one is ONLY a layman. You're **especially** a layman. "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people God means to have for Himself; it is yours to proclaim the exploits of the God who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

IRREPLACEABLE YOU: T. V. propaganda and 20th century advertising sink deeper into our minds than we realize. Somehow we've got to neutralize the poison. We've got to develop a clear awareness of why we're on earth. What's the purpose of life.

God has a special plan **JUST FOR YOU**. He has a job **ONLY YOU CAN DO!** And if you don't, it just won't be done. In Christ's mind, and in His heart you mean much more than the whole material world. You're more important than all the planets, stars, and galaxies of this universe. But we keep forgetting this. We live in an as-

sembly-line, machine civilization. We stay home from the factory one day, and another is hired to take our place. The job goes on just as well without us. We've come to feel that we're as replaceable as the machines. For that matter, in General Motors you are decidedly replaceable. But in the kingdom of Christ you are most certainly not replaceable. That's the first basic idea I want to get across.

We live in an inter-planetary civilization. We think of ourselves as atom-sized people, lost in the billions of light years of astronomy and space travel. Galileo was on the right track when he tried to prove that the earth is not the pivot of the universe (though his proof really didn't hold water). But his modern disciples get way off the track when they try to prove from this that mankind is just a passing flicker, of no importance in the evolution of the universe. That's both science fiction and religious nonsense.

The fact is, of course, that long after our Milky Way and its neighboring galaxies have dissolved into space, you and I and our friends will be just beginning to find our way around the suburbs of heaven.

THE WAY OF SALVATION FOR MANY DEPENDS ON YOU: This you've got to really think

about. It's not only your own eternal life that's at stake, but the **LIFE OF MANY OTHERS** as well. Start with this as a first principle. Going on from here you can begin to discover your role as a lay person in the world.

Admittedly God **COULD** deal with each of us by individual revelations. But as a matter of **FACT** God planned differently. He entrusted His way of Salvation to twelve energetic Palestinian workmen and to their successors, the members of the Church of Jesus Christ on earth. He made the success of His plan depend on the dedicated lives of the early Christian laity, whose Greek and Roman neighbors exclaimed, "See how these Christians love one another," then asked for baptism.

The salvation, then, of future generations depends on your success and mine in doing the job God has assigned us. Your failure or mine would be a world failure. It's hard to understand why He left His plan in such clumsy hands. But He did. Really, I suppose, it's His supreme compliment to our intelligence and free will. He could have made us puppets; instead, He has incorporated us as His partners.

WHAT'S A LAYMAN?: First, I've got to clear up the precise meaning of this word, laity, that we've been discussing. The word originally meant a "specially chosen people." In ancient Greece, Homer sang of the **LAOS** of Agamemnon, the king's chosen followers. And that's the basic meaning in the Church also—you are the **CHOSEN FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST THE KING, CALLED APART FROM THE WORLD** to save the world. That was the meaning Our Lord had in mind at the Last Supper: "I am not asking that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them clear of what is evil . . . I have sent them into the world on my errand . . . it is not only for them that I pray; I pray for those who are to find faith in Me through their world."

In this sense, then, you are special followers of Christ, commissioned to do a job no one else can do.

In the course of the centuries the word has taken on a more specific meaning. So that now it refers to those among His special followers who haven't been ordained ministers. The Church is made up of laymen and ministers, all united under the head of the Church, Jesus Christ the Saviour of the World.

FROM FOOD TO BODY: Now I'm going to describe the obvious. But it's so important, I've really got to spend time on it. For when you see clearly how a natural body lives, it's much easier to see how the Mystical Body lives and where you fit into that life.

You were born with a brain, a central nervous system, internal and external organs. Fortunately they all worked together, and you grew up. Eventually the big day came when you could feed yourself. Baby fingers reached out, grasped a tempting piece of cake, stuffed it into your mouth, and gurgled it down with milk. Then began the process of digestion and assimilation. Lifeless protein and starch were broken down, then built up into tremendously complex molecules. Eventually they were transformed into living cells of your body, cells kept alive by your soul, sharing the soul's life. Thus you grew to physical maturity. What was once passive, external food and drink has now become active, living cells. These cells now obey the directives of nerve and brain; they now help your body develop even further. For example, as cells of finger, hand, or arm they in their turn now bring more food to your mouth. They help assimilate more of the lifeless outside world and transform it into fully living tissue.

FROM DEATH TO LIFE: There's the basic picture of the Church of Jesus Christ. I've deliberately emphasized **ONE** of the many things a body's new cells may be expected to do—to help assimilate more food—because I want to set up a picture of your Christian obligations.

The Church is made up of parts that are specially coordinated, like the parts of your natural body. There is the head (**JESUS CHRIST**), there are nerve connections that convey the directives of the head to hands and feet, etc. (The ministers to the laity). It is primarily through the outside organs—tongue, hands, fingers, etc., (the laity) that the Head contacts the outside world.

Before your salvation you were not a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, you did not live by Christ's supernatural life. Then some living member of His Body came along, took you to Church, where you confessed, repented, was baptized, and now you become a strong member of the Church.

You must be ready to obey the head. A hand is not much of a hand if it refuses to move when the head commands: "Take up your cross and

follow me." A tongue is not much of a tongue if it refuses to give voice to the ideas the mind wants to express. So as a layman you must not only be spoken to by Christ, but you must also be spoken THROUGH. Through you, and possibly through you alone, can Christ's voice reach YOUR children, YOUR neighbors, YOUR buddies in the factory or in the shop.

As a layman then, you are an essential, irreplaceable contact between Christ's Church and the outside world.

NEEDED: INTELLIGENCE AND INITIATIVE: This comparison between your growth as a baby and your growth as a member of the Church of Christ is accurate as far as it goes. Only it doesn't go far enough. Hands, feet and tongue do what they're told, blindly. But the members of Christ's church are endowed with intelligence and freedom. You're not supposed to be robots under the push-button remote control of the ministers. You're to use your intelligence to the full, to plan and think, to suggest, to move with foresight and initiative.

Not to use your mind, not to plan and suggest, can be a sin of omission. I'm afraid this is much forgotten. Those who should be writing articles for the *Evangelist* too often prefer to read the editorials instead. And those who should be organizing a Laymen's group in their parish just sit down, hoping the minister will get around to it. Sometimes they have an excuse: they tried once and got their fingers burnt, so now they're going to be "obedient children of the Church," trying to camouflage ill-feeling under the pious mask of literal obedience?

Keep this in mind when you meet with opposition, for wounded self-love leads to the worst kind of defeatism.

You've heard people complaining that the clergy want to do everything; they don't want the help of the laity. Usually, as I said, the objectors are only trying to get out of work. But even when they have a just complaint the solution is to begin tactfully to DO something.

In general, the greater health of the Church demands that decisions be made by those who are best able to make them. There's no sense the pastor trying to install an air-conditioning system if some of his parishioners are refrigeration experts. Their work, besides saving money, frees the minister for sermon preparation, visitation, counselling and other spiritual direction.

That example is obvious; but the same holds for labor-management decisions and family problems. You can't wait for prophetic decisions from the ministers; they're waiting for you. You've got to study the Biblical teachings of the Church, learn the general principles, then try to adapt them to your particular union or your particular business. The same goes in your family life. The Church tells you what attitudes and what kind of a Christian character your children should have; she wants you to suggest the best means of achieving this in view of modern television, advertising, and education.

NEEDED: DIAPER SPECIALISTS: Some people seem to think that the reason the laity haven't started moving is that there aren't enough ministers to do the job. Well, there aren't; but that's got nothing to do with the case, except to suggest that you start praying now that God call some of your children.

From the long buildup I've given the idea of the Church, you can see, without my spelling it out, that Christ needs you, a layman, not because He is short of ministers but because He needs specialists in your field—He needs specialists in language and in floor sweeping, particularly specialists in diaper changing. Some of our friends qualify in the first two; you've got to compete in the last!

The way you take care of these material jobs is important, for on these you will be judged at the end of the world. And this doesn't mean just distributing baskets to the poor at Christmas time, or giving a sandwich to a beggar at the door. God demands that you use your BRAIN.

Be a Soul Winner

His service. To "feed the hungry, and clothe the naked" with a world population of over two and a half billion, you've got to do a better job of sowing wheat. You have to help dam rivers, construct homes, and develop atomic energy; you have to work for peace in labor-management relations, for a great improvement in your district school, for honesty in local and national policies.

You're not free to shirk this responsibility. I know you can't tackle single-handed the immense job of reforming the world. But that's the devil's worst temptation. After you've batted away his whispered "I'm ONLY a layman"; then he winds up with this curved ball, "Well I really do have an important job; but it's so big I'd have to be a saint to do it. Anyhow I can't do it, so I can't be a saint . . . I guess I'll just muddle through."

Let me hammer down once and for all the fact that Christ really demands your collaboration, and that doing nothing is a sin of omission. When we'll go on to WHAT in general you can

OUR BATTLEFIELD: If the Church were a bowling society your contribution would, I suppose, be anything that promoted bowling, whether as pin boy or advertising artist. Well, the Church is a society whose one purpose is to extend through space and time the work of Christ. As the Father sent Me," He said, "I also send you." Our world is groping in the dark, cowering before the screech of sirens, despairing of the future. It is now that you, as a member of the Brethren laity, should stand out as a beacon of light marking the road to safety, and assuring the timid that "Not a hair of your head shall perish" without the will of your Father in heaven. "I am the vine; you are the branches." Such is our Lord's description of His Church. This vine, planted in the 1st century, is now growing more vigorously than ever in the soil of the 20th century. Alive with the life of Christ you must never think that sanctity means running away to the desert. Rather, you must go willingly to

office or factory, to supermarket and laundrette, working "to restore all things in Christ."

As Christ made Himself totally present in the world, so must you make yourself (and Christ in you) totally present in your neighborhood, in your work-group, in political life, and if you should happen to get the chance, in national and international organizations.

This is a dangerous assignment, dangerous for your own soul. Since you're working wholeheartedly in and with "the world"; you will have to be doubly careful not to work ONLY FOR this world. A spirituality of total presence in the world can so easily degenerate into a craving for success here below.

The lay apostle will never walk far along the block before he meets someone who asks him to carry a cross. Your attitude to that cross must be totally different from that of the passing crowd. By the courage and readiness with which you lift it to your shoulders, you will proclaim to the world your allegiance to Christ who has led the way and taught us the value of suffering.

Christ's journeys in Palestine led deliberately from Bethlehem to Calvary. But the road did not end there; it led from the tomb up the steep slope of the Mount of the Ascension. The Crucifixion would have been meaningless without the Resurrection. So, in the Mystical Body of Christ, there is bound to be suffering, but it must never be a suffering divorced from hope and joy. In your heart there must always be peace and a conviction of His presence and love. And you will find that this PEACE and DEEPSET JOY is the most powerful witness you can give to Christ in the modern world.

Your life as a layman will be fruitful and pleasing to God in so far as you share Christ's love and passion for the lost, cooperating with Christ in the growth of His Kingdom on earth. You see, it's all very simple. Your calling as a layman is to be yourself—to the full, for Jesus Christ!

Christ this Summer!

FROM THE HEAT OF THE HEART

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to the front row where my teacher was sitting—and he was not applauding. He just shook his head in a slow, sad way. Since he did not approve, it mattered nothing what others did. I owed myself to him, to his patience, his training, and I repaid so poorly . . .”

What a solemn lesson for every Christian to ponder, slowly, carefully! We have been bought with a price, even the high price of crucified blood; therefore we are no longer our own in any possible sense of the term. “I am what I am by the grace of God,” becomes the theme of the transformed life. All that we are, all that we have, all that we possess, all that we claim. All is received full and free of the blessed bounty of His great grace. As so often we sing, “Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my life, my soul, my all,” for such divine demanding is required as we show forth the praises of Him who hath called us out of sin’s darkness, into salvation’s marvelous life and liberty and light.

Very familiar, isn’t it? Perhaps, too much so. It is easy to locate chapter-and-verse telling out the truth of supreme surrender and complete consecration. Perhaps we would do better to turn to other verses not quite so familiar, which bare sharp edges for our shabby spirits. Consider for example Paul’s work concerning the crux of our Christian service, “not with eyeservice as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart” (Eph. 6:6).

Evidently he considered it a word of such importance to be carried over into another inspired letter, “not with eyeservice as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God” (Col. 3:22); to which he appended this thought, “and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not unto men” (v. 23).

Suppose we were weighed according to that which actually was done from the heart unto the Lord . . . how tragically under-weight many of us would be! Perhaps the spiritual scale would give scarcely a flicker.

Human applause, even from Christian circles . . . it is very pleasing—and perilous. We must learn that all too often a snare is attached thereunto, for at such times doth the sting of pride find the easier lodgment. One often wonders whether that question of old, “seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not” (Jer. 45:5) ever received the respectable hearing beyond the range of being but a text-from-the-Book. Of course, when great things are sought on behalf of a great Lord, then we are encouraged to seek diligently. But there will be next to nothing in the way of applause for such achievement, and alas! too many of the saints cannot stand such silence.

The voice of the Lord is still the “still, small voice,” requiring silence of soul and hush of heart for the hearing and heeding. Nothing of outward dazzle . . . but ah! what a “deeper delight” to fix the heart’s eye single upon Himself, waiting apart and alone for the blessedness of His, “well done thou good and faithful servant”!

—Evangelical Visitor.

THAT REVIVAL

Rev. Leo E. Welch

“For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left” Isaiah 54:3.

THESE WORDS were quickened to my heart, as God’s ultimate design for the nucleus of believers who have not bowed their knee to Baal

and have been used of God to keep the fires burning on the altars of our churches. I wish to use this text in connection with the thought of that revival which many are praying for.

The word **revival** is one of those words which bring various associations of thought. Some think of the revival as a time of refreshing for the peo-

ple of God. To others it is a time of the ingathering of the backslider and the sinner, accompanied by a breaking forth on the right and the left. These two are the common conceptions of a revival. However, the faith for such a breaking forth is at a premium. Our Lord said, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

The genuine revival begins with the church giving itself to prayer. This takes effort. The spiritual life of the church is waning because of the prayer life suffering from a creeping paralysis. The prophet Isaiah, in lamenting the backslidden condition of his people, which was evidenced by a prayerlessness, said, "There is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee . . ."

Let prayer begin at the house of God, the people of God praying one for another. There is a very fitting exhortation to this end in the Epistle of James where we are exhorted to "... pray one for another, that ye may be healed." If thy brother is suffering from a spiritual infirmity, pray that he may be healed. To turn our spiritual discernment into fault-finding will result in a spiritual cannibalism which will destroy us. Let us watch our prejudices. As one writer has put it, "prejudice is one of the greatest dissipators of our relationship to God." Let us develop the disposition of praying that the church of the living God may abound in spirituality, praying not at, nor against, but for one another.

The second prerequisite to that revival is the spirit of repentance. The spirit of repentance is the spirit of revival. Without it, we drift either into a cold formalism which has a deathly silence to it or an unwholesome enthusiasm which has more flesh than spirit.

In thinking about repentance, it will be well to consider the need of repentance for wrong attitudes, the clearing as far as possible of all misunderstandings, not in second person, evasively placing the blame on another, but humbly clearing oneself with no measure of self-justification, that the Spirit may have a clear channel to work through.

God is more interested in our relationships than our sacrifices. The sacrifices we make are dead unless we are rightly related to Him and the brethren. Holiness brings me into a right relationship with God, myself, people and things. This is the outcome of experiencing the glorious graces of regeneration and sanctification.

Our Lord preached the message of reconciliation. "If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught (or grievances) against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift" Matt. 5:23, 24. "If thou rememberest . . ." Never object to the intense sensitiveness of the Spirit of God in you when He is educating you down to the scruple. We must be blameless in attitude of mind and temper to others, if we are to be channels for the Holy Ghost to work through. In the messages to the Seven Churches, again and again we hear the exhortation to repent; which ranges all the way from a cold love to the grosser wrongs.

As evangelists and pastors, we need to be careful lest we preach in a driving, forceful manner, yet there is the need of a message of repentance to the church, preached in compassion, which we must not shun. Christ's prayer for His disciples is for the oneness of heaven. "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

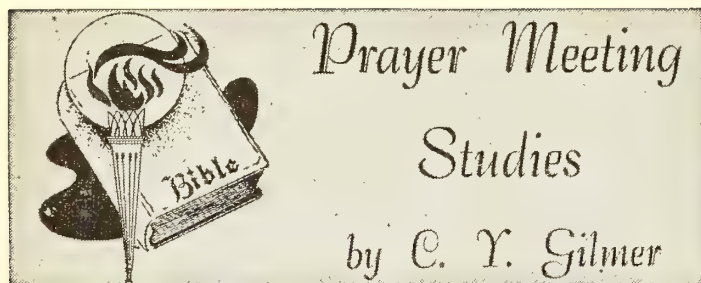
Lastly, that revival will come when we will believe God. Prayer and repentance are preparatory steps to prepare the soul to believe God. The Apostle states, "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God."

Not very many reach the place where faith becomes the natural attitude of the soul. Often there is the temptation to abandon faith. Faith is developed by transparency of heart and intimacy with Divinity.

One has said, "After our hearts have been perfectly cleansed, our faith must be worked out in actualities." Faith does not reckon with feelings, but with what God has said. The delay of the promise does not change the fact of the promise. There is a time element in every promise. To be impetuous is to hinder the Holy Ghost and prepare an in-road for unbelief. Wait patiently upon the Lord and He shall bring it to pass.

The God who made the visible earth and the fulness thereof out of the invisible has victories for us unseen by the natural eye. All of our discipline is to bring us to that place where we can face every situation with a victorious attitude. The conflict is not something to straiten us, but as a means of enlargement when we shall break forth on the right and the left.

Church of Christ Advocate.



"Brethren Advance in Evangelism"
BRETHREN, "AIM HIGH"

"'Tis not your failure, but low aim
 That is the crime and awful shame.
 Aim right, aim high and raise your goal,
 With God plan big, with God plan bold!"

"NEITHER GIVE PLACE TO THE DEVIL." (Eph. 4:27) applies to our weakness. God will give us strength (Psa. 29:11). In fact, He commands us to be strong (Eph. 6:10; Josh. 1:7, 9). If we know God we shall be strong (Dan. 11:32). We are to take hold of God's strength (Isa. 27:5; Acts 3:16). Brethren, are we weak? Then we are to say, "I am strong" (Joel 3:10). Out of weakness we can become strong (Heb. 11:34). Paul in much weakness was made strong (2 Cor. 12:10). God's strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Cor. 12:9; Isa. 40:31). Through Christ we can "do all things" (Phil. 4:13). God sees that we are weak. Therefore He summons us to awake and put on our strength (Isa. 52:1). And, there is no limit to the strength He can give us (Psa. 84:7). God says He will give us the same mighty resurrection power which He worked in Jesus if we will believe (Eph. 1:19, 20). The fiery trial sent to try us is for our overcoming (1 Pet. 4:12). State your aim, believe it, and it shall be done (Mk. 11:23; Matt. 8:13).

"A vision without a task makes a visionary,
 A task without a vision makes drudgery,
 A task and vision make a missionary."

—J. Hudson Taylor.

REVIVAL IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR THE BRETHREN CHURCH (Phil. 4:19). Her motto is "The Whole Bible," and the whole Bible teaches FAITH (Mk. 11:22; Heb. 11:6). Her great profession has always been OBEDIENCE to God's Word (Heb. 3:12-14, 19). Let us be done with futile, wicked reasonings (Matt. 16:8). It may be many years before our dreams are fulfilled (Gen. 37:19).

IF WE DREAM ARIGHT, OUR "YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS" (Joel 2:28). If we patiently endure, our prayers shall be answered (Heb. 10:35, 36). Let us examine our hearts, whether we be in the faith (2 Cor. 13:5)!

Doubt sees the obstacles—

Faith sees the way!

Doubt sees the darkest night—

Faith sees the day!

Doubt dreads to take a step—

Faith soars on high,

Doubt questions, "Who believes?"

Faith answers, "I!"

—Selected.

We need to tend our own vineyard (S. of S. 1:6). Let us be clothed with victorious might (Matt. 3:11). As for needed workers, PRAY THEM OUT (Acts 13:2, 3). God is desiring a people who must have answers to their prayers (Gen. 32:26). God blessed the desperate Jacob beyond all his expectations (v. 27). The BRETHREN CHURCH may experience the "exceeding abundantly" (Eph. 3:20). We ought to PRAY "more earnestly" (Lu. 22:44). We "ought always to pray," and not to be discouraged (Lu. 18:1-8). Many tried to silence the blind Bartimaeus, "but he cried the more a great deal" and received his sight (Mk. 10:48). God means business—do we (Isa. 66:8)? Let us set our faces toward a new day (Isa. 50:7; Dan. 9:3). Though we are busy in the Lord's work, we must take time to have a REVIVAL (1 Chron. 15:13-15). God has a right to expect much out of the BRETHREN (Lu. 12:48). This could be a CRISIS HOUR (Rev. 3:15, 16, 19)! Let the BRETHREN CHURCH be "subject unto Christ" (Eph. 6:24a). Fear not (Lu. 12:4, 5)—there is nothing to fear. If we break up our fallow ground, the rain will come (Hosea 10:12). To leave things undone is fatal (Heb. 2:1-4). Come, Brethren, lay your all on the altar (Rom. 12:1, 2).

"... Faith cannot be unanswered, ...

She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer!"

Lesson

Comments

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WHAT IS TRUE SECURITY?

Lesson: Amos 6:1-8

"THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS SERVICE recently released an article headlined, 'Science Sees Moon As Our Sanctuary.' Its sub-title heralded the moon as a 'place for survival when bombs devastate the earth.' A noted scientist said in the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists that if we blow up the earth with atomic weapons, the human race will not be exterminated; the survivors will be on the moon. For some this is a ray of hope breaking through the gloom ... Even if man should make it to the moon, how long would safety and security be his?"

The people of Israel, during the days of Amos the Prophet, also looked for security. They tried to find safety and security outside of God. Instead, they found judgment!

SELF-COMPLACENCY

"Woe to them that are at ease in Zion ..." (6:1).

"The word 'ease' here means, recklessly at ease, living on in tranquility and contentment, insensible to any real danger. It pictures self-complacency, pride, self-confidence, and self-security" (W. S. Hottel).

Self-complacency is a disease of the heart. It is a disease that affects our nation today. In the midst of un-

precedented abundance and luxury, we are saying to ourselves, as did the Rich Fool: "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry" (Luke 12:19). How soon will it be ere God says: "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee"?

"They were 'at ease'—because they were prosperous and strong and therefore spiritually lazy. They had the leisure that comes with power, and they also had the arrogance and blindness that comes from power selfishly used" (Frank S. Mead).

FALSE SECURITY

"Woe to those ... who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria ..." (A.S.V.—6:1).

"It means that they felt secure and so were careless. It represents a state of utter indifference in respect to the warnings of God concerning judgment because of their sins. They were bold, defiant, and unconcerned in the face of the threatened judgment" (Hottel).

God has warned us many times about false security. The Psalmist says: "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help" (146:3). Isaiah warns: "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help ... and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord!" (31:1).

"They trusted in the mountain of Samaria. They felt safe because of their position and their fortifications. They depended upon their encircling mountains and the fortresses which they had built. With these they felt secure against threatened danger, and so they recognized no need for watchfulness and the performance of their proper duty. They were at ease, restful and slothful, and they were self-secure and given over to false confidence. Their trust was in their natural resources, and not in the Living God" (The Bible Expositor and Illuminator).

PLEASURE SEEKERS

Amos paints a vivid picture of the social, moral, and spiritual condition of Israel at that time. Not only were the people complacent and guilty of harboring a false sense of security, but they were pleasure seekers as well.

Someone has catalogued Israel's sins in the following manner:

1. They indulged in idleness, lying upon beds of ivory, and stretching themselves—vs. 4.
2. They lived to eat (all kinds of delicacies), instead of eating to live—vs. 4.
3. They indulged in music for the sake of pleasure, putting to an abuse such instruments as David had devised for the praise of God—vs. 5.
4. They gave themselves to drunkenness—vs. 6.
5. They abused the holy ointments, possibly the ointment prescribed for the anointing of the high priest—vs. 6.

6. They had no care for the sins or the needs of the people—vs. 6.

"The nobles of Samaria, immersed in their own pleasures, were selfishly indifferent to the welfare of the nation of which they were the responsible leaders: they were satisfied with the external semblance of strength and soundness which it presented; they had no eye for the inner flaws which the Prophet's keener vision too truly perceived; and they were heedless of the future (6:6)" (Cambridge Bible).

The song writer, A. J. Hodge, in his familiar hymn "Have You Counted the Cost?", speaks of those who "hurry along with the pleasure-mad throng." Does this not characterize our day?

DIVINE JUDGMENT

"Therefore they shall now be the first of those to go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves shall pass away. The Lord God has sworn by Himself: ... 'I abhor the pride of Jacob, and hate his strongholds; and I will deliver up the city and all that is in it'" (A.S.V.—6:7-8).

"These nobles were to retain their pre-eminence, but it would be at the head of a procession of exiles. As soon as the threatened disaster would arrive, they should be in the lead of them that were carried into exile, and all their feasting and revelry would come to an end. We observe that all sinful pleasure is only for time and will end in judgment" (Hottel).

Our only security is in Jesus Christ. "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust" (Ps. 91:2).

"On Him almighty judgment fell which would have sunk a world to hell;
He bore it for a chosen race and thus becomes
our hiding place."

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

CHRISTIAN CAMPING—ITS ESSENCE

DISTILL FROM CHRISTIAN CAMPING its basic elements and you have the camp, the camper ... and God. If we are to properly understand camping's uniqueness and force we must understand the relationships between these three factors. And if we are to utilize this tool of Christian education to its greatest advantage, we must analyze carefully the essence of real Christian camping.

Our goals in Christian camping are distinct from those of secular camp administrators. To them, intimate interaction with the world of nature becomes an end, in some cases, or a means to personal adjustment, in others. For the Christian leader, camping provides a means of relating the camper to God in a meaningful way. Let us be clear in this distinction. This does not mean that we

conceive of the camp as a way of corralling a captive audience for the purpose of Biblical indoctrination, nor does the secular camp leader always feel that camping's values are inherent in the setting without regard for God-awareness. The distinction should lie in the way in which we inter-relate the three basic elements of the Christian camp—the camper, the setting, and God.

The Camp Meeting

Consider, first, the camp—its natural setting, its facilities, and the activities that spring from these. The value of the camp atmosphere lies in two factors: (1) it is natural and (2) it is controlled.

A natural setting makes it different from routine urban life. Sidewalks, the TV set, and the corner drug store are replaced by wooded trails, the archery range, and the rustic camp dining hall. Beauty is undisturbed by billboards and humming traffic. Sunsets over the lake, rippling waves lapping on the sandy shore, penetrate the most unaesthetic camper's consciousness. Something in all of these create God-awareness.

The controlled atmosphere of camp has long been a major attraction to Christian leaders. We ought also to recognize this as one of camp's greatest dangers. Because we can exert over campers concentrated influence for a relatively long period of time (one week is equivalent to three years in Sunday school in hours), we have an ethical responsibility to make that influence sound ... and permanent. We cannot "use" the potent emotional dynamic of camping to evoke spiritual responses which may lack depth and meaning. However, the controlled influence of camp can be a major factor in creating healthy spiritual responses. Young people who have lingered over a decision during the year sometimes need the example of twenty-four-hour-a-day Christian living to be convinced and convicted to the point of taking action.

The Camper

The next consideration is the camper. Can it be fairly said that in some circles the camper is the Forgotten Factor in camp? Are we sometimes so eager to teach the Bible that we forget that it must be taught to people? Are we so busy preparing the program that we ignore the persons for whom it is intended?

Camp is for the camper. We must take another look at our architectural layouts of camp buildings, at our menus and daily schedules, at our activities and facilities. Are these geared to campers' needs and interest?

The Bible exploration times must be the most camper-gearred activities of all—a sound reason for studying in small groups where the leader may become intimately acquainted with his campers. If we fail to meet his needs here, the camper will mistrust all else we try to do for him.

... And God

In all that has been said, God has been the focal point of our efforts in Christian camping. He is not a climax; He is central. He makes a difference in every phase of camp experience.

We dare not isolate spiritual values to one or two morning hours of "classes" and an evening meeting. God will be inherent in the whole of camp life as He is being expressed in the lives of consecrated counselors teaching swimming and campcraft. If the times of special Bible study are "life-related" this will be the logical outworking of Christianity in the total camp program. Then we will find campers making lasting spiritual decisions in a thoughtful way at various times during the day—in that leisure sunset hour, or trailing through the woods with a counselor, or quietly under the stars during campfire.

This is the natural Christian experience. Camping is a powerful medium of Christian education because it so closely approximates the ideal in natural Christian fellowship.—Link, from article by Eunice Russell.

World Religious News in Review

LEGISLATION ASKS FOR "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" SLOGAN ON MAIL

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (Dem.; Conn.) has introduced legislation which would have the Post Office stamp "Keep Christ in Christmas" on all mail during the Christmas season.

This would be a "small but effective way to remind people of the true significance of Christmas," he said.

CATHOLIC JOURNALS CONTEST VIEWS OF VATICAN PAPER

FRIBOURG, Switzerland (EP)—That much-publicized editorial in *Osservatore Romano* on May 30, 1960 which states that the Roman Catholic hierarchy has the right and duty to control political decisions of Catholics is still being contested by other Catholic editors.

The Dutch Dominican weekly *De Bazuin* asks if it can be hoped that

the writer of the Rome article "will finally be converted to the conviction that the opinion he defends can be lived out only in the now extinct clerical-feudal-medieval society."

A more moderate comment appeared in the Dutch Jesuit weekly *De Linie*, stating that "the inescapable impression prevails that the laity must be relieved of all responsibility and that the general formulas of the *Osservatore Romano* are explicitly concerned with the special situation in Italy."

France's *Temoignage Chretien* editorialized: "In this country it is rather hard to imagine the higher leadership of a Catholic Action movement giving in before this sort of public statement—for example, at meetings of the MRP congress." The

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MRP is the Roman Catholic supported French political party.

In mid-May, Giovanni Battista Cardinal Montini, 62, Catholic Archbishop of Milan, Italy, visited the United States and toured them extensively in the company of high-ranking Catholic dignitaries. One of his duties reportedly was to reassure the U. S. hierarchy that the *Osservatore Romano* editorial did not really apply to the U. S. where Marxism is not a campaign issue.

CASTRO GOVERNMENT GRANTS BIBLE DISTRIBUTION PERMIT

The revolutionary government of Fidel Castro has granted special permission to the World Home Bible League for the import of 20,000 New Testaments free of customs duty. The arrangements were worked out between the League's Cuban Director, Rev. Vicente Izquierdo and high officials of the Castro regime.

The League, which has been actively engaged in Cuba for the past six years, and was particularly busy directly after the revolution, at which time 350 pastors on the island placed more than 59,000 Testaments and 50,000 Gospel portions, has received other favorable treatment from the Castro government just recently. Last week a shipment of several thousand New Testaments from the States received a clear customs declaration out of Matanzas port.

Commented Mr. William Ackerman, International Director of the World Home Bible League: "We are most grateful to God for this open door. We are thankful to the revolutionary government for this very special consideration. Our news magazines continually tell us about the difficult financial straits being encountered by the present Cuban government. The very fact that the revolutionary government encouraged the free import of these 20,000 New Testaments in addition to other previous shipments is an indication that they are sympathetic to the propagation of the Protestant religion on the island."

AUSTRALIAN ANGLICANS CAMPAIGN FOR "LIGHTER" BEERS

SYDNEY, Australia (EP)—Australian beers are unnecessarily strong and consumption of lighter brews would "lead to fewer troubles," the Social Questions Committee of the

Church of England in Australia said recently.

A statement by the committee titled, "Drinking Decently," said "The misuse of alcoholic drinks has become an important social problem in Australia... Neither prohibition nor a plea that all should become total abstainers, is the best way to tackle the problem."

The committee called for "effective guidance of young people in the use of liquor," and invited all Anglicans to "think about aspects of the liquor trade, including drinking at organized functions, local option, community hotels, single-bottle licenses for grocers, and club licenses."

All social drinking, the Anglican body emphasized, "should be controlled by the ideal of true social fellowship, which is a sacred thing."

DO YOU KNOW A GIRL "IN TROUBLE"?

The Evangelical Welfare Agency of Whittier, California, a State-licensed agency through which children may be legally adopted, has issued an announcement which should be of interest to every pastor, Christian teacher and other Christian workers active in the field of counseling:

Although the Evangelical Welfare Agency is licensed to place babies in Los Angeles County only, it may accept children for adoption from any part of the United States.

"In other words," stated Dr. Walter Penner, EWA Executive Director, "any pastor or other Christian worker who is counseling an unwed expectant mother, and who knows that she desires to place her child for adoption, may tell her of this agency through which her baby will be placed in a Christian home. Despite its unfortunate start in life, her child will have the opportunity to grow up in a home where the Bible is honored, where prayer is a natural thing, and where the Lord Jesus Christ is acknowledged and worshipped as the Head of the home."

Dr. Penner explained that expectant mothers usually wish to take care of their own hospital expenses and doctors' fees, although the Evangelical Welfare Agency can provide limited financial assistance in extreme "hardship" cases.

Arrangements can be made so that a "girl in trouble" can be met upon her arrival in Los Angeles and helped to find suitable living quarters in a

hotel or "wage home." Or, the Agency can arrange for qualified personnel to bring the baby from anywhere in the U. S. to Los Angeles County for adoption.

EWA is a service ministry of the Southwest Regional Office of the National Association of Evangelicals, under the direction of Dr. Penner. Casework Director for the Agency is Mr. A. C. Sylling, who is the past president of the National Association of Christians in Social Work.

Other members of the EWA Executive Committee include Henry A. Pucek, Psychiatric social worker serving the State of California in its mental health program; the Rev. Milford Sholund of Gospel Light Publications; William Pampeyan, Pasadena grocery executive; and Larry Ward, vice president of World Vision, Inc.

Pastors and others knowing of unwed expectant mothers and interested in making referrals may address: Dr. Walter Penner, Evangelical Welfare Agency, 15842 E. Russell Street, Whittier, California. (EP)

ROCKEFELLER SON ENROLLS IN SEMINARY

NEW YORK (EP)—Steven Rockefeller, 24, son of Gov. Rockefeller, has enrolled at Union Theological Seminary.

A Princeton graduate who married his family's Norwegian housemaid, young Rockefeller "has indicated he would like to become a minister but he is anxious to learn more about the faith and the ministry" before he makes a definite commitment, according to Dr. Robert J. Handy, chairman of admissions at the seminary.

HALF BOY SCOUT UNITS SPONSORED BY RELIGIOUS GROUPS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. (EP)—More than half—50.1 per cent of the 129,097 Boy Scout units throughout the United States are sponsored by religious bodies, it was reported here.

Dr. A. E. Iverson, director of Protestant relationships for the Boy Scouts of America, said that the five top-ranking religious groups sponsoring Scouting are the Methodists, with 13,221 local units; Roman Catholics, 12,686; Baptists, 7,291; Presbyterians, 7,190; and Lutherans, 5,639.

Five other denominations sponsor more than 1,000 units each, he said.

All told, more than 3,500,000 youths throughout the nation are participating in Boy Scout activities.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Youth Directors:
Phil Lersch—Marlin McCann

"I THANK YOU!"

TODAY IS JUNE 23, 1960. It was four years ago this month that the privilege was first extended to me to take typewriter in hand and greet you through the channels of PAGE 18; and then to continue on the customary weekly schedule. It has been a privilege because of the great importance of the work and the cause of Christ which it represents.

This span of time has passed quickly, but has not been devoid of fond memories, cherished friendships and a multitude of rewards—only a few of which can be put on paper.

You will remember that since January 1st of this year our new Brethren Youth Director, Marlin McCann, has been participating in the work part-time as he completed his senior year at Ashland Theological Seminary. This has been a very good working arrangement for both of us and I feel that such a period of training and coming into the work slowly will be of great benefit to our total youth program in the years to come. Now that Marlin's graduation is complete and he is able to assume complete responsibility for the work, I will be leaving the directorship of the program as of June 30th to devote full time to the pastorate of the Park Street Brethren Church in Ashland.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity of using this column to make some final comments and observations.

FIRST, a very sincere "Thank You" is extended to many, many of you readers in all of our churches for sharing your friendships with me in recent years. These friendships will long be remembered because they have been so gracious and sincere. The hospitality in your homes has been more than adequate and filled with special considerations which are much appreciated. Your individual expressions of friendliness and interest have not gone by unnoticed and will be easily recalled to mind in the future.

Then too, a special "Thanks" needs to be given for the fine way in which support has been given to the entire Brethren Youth Program—nationally, in your districts, and in your local churches. This faithfulness to the task, or lack of it, by all of us is what really determines the effectiveness of what is attempted for the spiritual growth of our young people. That extra effort or concern by the local youth advisor, the district youth board chairman, or a parent is what makes the difference between an active and inactive program for youth.

Because many areas of the National Brethren Youth program have continued to grow in recent years through the combined dedication to the task by both young people and adults, a "Thank You" is deserved by you for the faithful support you have given.

SECOND, I have appreciated the opportunity to fill the office of Youth Director because of the great chal-

lenge there is to work with young people on behalf of the cause of Jesus Christ. This challenge—with all its urgency—is felt most keenly by a "director," but it must also be a matter of study and prayer for every member of our denomination.

Such a challenge takes many forms in the National Youth Office; such as, writing, planning publications, speaking at youth rallies, arranging conference programs, or conversing in private with a young person. But regardless of the form, the challenge is still there. It is a challenge that is felt not only by one man, but by your National Youth Board with Miss Margaret Lowery as president, and by the staff workers in the office.

In the areas where advancement has been achieved the burden for the destiny of young people's lives has been shared by many. In other areas not quite so successful yet, such a united concern has not been felt. The opportunity to experience this great challenge, through the office of Youth Director, has been much appreciated. I trust that more of us might deepen our consecration to this task with the result that every area of our Christian witness might be keenly felt in men's lives.

THIRD, I commend to you our new Youth Director and full-time Office Secretary. Marlin McCann and Beverly Summy have manifest deep interest in their positions with the National Youth Board, both of which were assumed as full-time this month.

I mentioned at the Indiana District Conference that having known Marlin for seven years and during that time having traveled with him in Ambassador Quartet work both here and in Europe, you get to know a lot about a fellow (like "how many days he wears a pair of socks before changing" or "what he says when he drops the lid of a suitcase on his finger"). Marlin is clear on both counts!

He has expressed a real desire to learn how to direct the youth work effectively and has received suggestions graciously. His concern for the future of your children is great and will grow much more as he gets deeper into the problems of youth. I feel we are fortunate to have this young man in this position and I trust you will give him all the support, and more, which I have felt so well in the past four years.

Also, a great asset to our youth program is the addition to the staff in a full-time capacity of Beverly Summy. Beverly has been a great help to me in this work. Now that she can devote full-time to the office tasks, the effectiveness and efficiency of the Youth Program will increase and is even more deserving of your support with prayers and finances.

BRETHREN YOUNG PEOPLE and our program for them are very much a part of the church life today and will be even more strategically involved in future years. Add to this truth the great influx of children into our society who have no contact with any church and know of no Savior—then we begin to get a glimpse of our future work.

From the many blessings and joys experienced as National Brethren Youth Director, and the corresponding challenges of work yet undone, it makes me very thankful that I'm not getting off the work crew—just pushing from a different position.

Rev. Phil Lersch, Ashland, Ohio.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

IN THIS HECTIC LIFE of ours when we are busy with so many things, our time so taken up with this "good thing" and that "Worth-while project," we become so weary that we wonder "Is this worth while?"

We hurry to finish our daily tasks that we might attend some necessary committee meeting or visit someone who is ill and listen to the trials of one who seems unable to cope with the struggle of daily life. We see and hear so much of the misery and sordidness of the world around us that we despair of matters ever getting better. We seem to be trying to lift the world by our own boot straps.

Then when our energies have failed us we turn to God.

"Surrender"

"I came to my Bible at even
When the sun had set in the west,
It seemed that I must find comfort
I must find a place to rest.

"My hand turned the pages,
What words of peace could I find?
Then my eyes as they strayed o'er the verses
Were met by these words divine,

"Come unto me, ye weary,
Come unto me and find peace',
And into my spirit came beauty
And into my soul release.

"Oh, what would I do without Jesus
In times of trouble I meet?
My God, My helper, My Saviour,
I lay my all at your feet."

—Joella Clark.

Mrs. Otto Kath,
Rochester, Indiana.

HYPOCRITICAL HYMNS

The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for us. It can be a prayer, a testimony, a praise, an invitation to others.

Someone has written some interesting comparisons on the hymns we sing.

We sing SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER and content ourselves with 10-15 minutes a day.

We sing ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS and wait to be drafted in His service.

We sing OH FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES and don't use the one we have.

We sing THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS but do not come when it's raining.

We sing BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS and let the least little offense sever it.

We sing SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS and gripe about all we have to do.

We sing WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION but fail to march to church and Sunday School.

We sing I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY and never mention it all year.

We sing CAST THY BURDEN ON THE LORD and worry ourselves into nervous breakdowns.

We sing THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD FOR JESUS and never invite our next door neighbors to church.

We sing O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS and wear ourselves out traveling, cutting the grass or playing golf.

We sing THROW OUT THE LIFE LINE and content ourselves with throwing out a fishing line.

—Selected.

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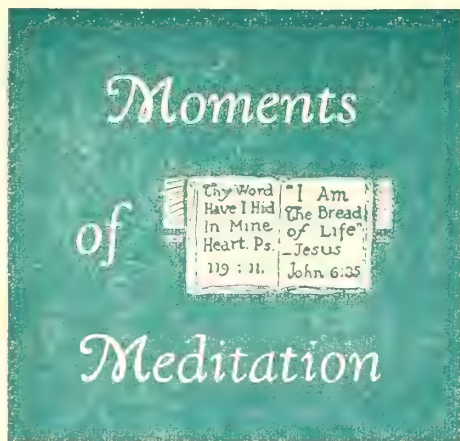


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BIBLE WORDS ABOUT GIVING A PORTION OF OUR SUBSTANCE TO THE WORK OF THE LORD

1. God claims a portion of our substance.

And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord.—Lev. 27:30.

2. Withholding this claim is to rob God.

Will a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.—Mal. 3:8.

3. Therefore the claim should be attended to promptly. And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithes of all the things brought they in abundantly.—2 Chron. 31:5.

4. Worldly prosperity promised to those who honor God with their substance. Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.—Prov. 3:9, 10.

5. It is accepted according to what a man hath. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.—2 Cor. 8:12.

6. It should be given willingly.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.—2 Cor. 9:7.

7. Does poverty or limited means excuse any one from giving to the Lord?

They shall not appear before the Lord empty: EVERY MAN SHALL GIVE as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.—Deut. 16:17, 18.

8. Jacob's vow.

Of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee.—Gen. 28:22.

9. Complete the doing also.

But now complete the doing also; that as there was the readiness to will, so there may be the completion also out of your ability. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according as a man hath, not according as he hath not.—2 Cor. 8:11, 12.



FIVE MINUTES BEFORE TIME

A pastor once made the suggestion to his congregation, that every one endeavor to be in place five minutes before the time appointed for opening the service. He named as considerations favoring this suggestion the following:

1. It will enable you to take breath after a long walk, compose your thoughts, and offer a brief, silent prayer that you may worship with acceptance.

2. You will avoid disturbing others. People will not be looking around to see who is coming in, or have their thoughts diverted from their proper employment, if they should see you without turning their heads.

3. Worship is more seemly when all are in place at the appointed time.

"Lord, how delightful 'tis to see A whole assembly worship thee. At once they sing, at once they pray. They hear of heaven and learn the way!"

4. By being in place at the proper time, you afford no occasion to uncharitable people to say that you come late to attract attention.

5. Late coming, with some, is a habit—a bad habit, originating in mere carelessness or self-indulgence.

6. If you cannot come before the time, or at the time, be sure to come as soon as you can.—The York Gazette.

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The Editor's Pulpit

How To Help Your Minister

IT IS SUNDAY MORNING at the beginning of the Worship Service in your church. The exodus after Sunday School is leaving its final echoes reverberating in the rafters of your church, while you and other faithful worshippers are gathering in the sanctuary for the service to be conducted by your minister. Now, you are seated in your regular pew, listening to the music of the piano or organ, waiting for the service to start.

On the platform in his regular chair, is seated your minister. He, too, is waiting while the music calls one and all to a quiet communion with God. In his heart is a prayer for the service. In his mind and heart is a message from God which he will seek to give to you.

WHO IS THIS MAN? Is he someone special, or is he just another man? Or is he a combina-

tion of both? One thing is certain, you are trusting in him to bring to you a message from God, which you hope to receive as spiritual food for your soul. What can you do to help him, not only during this service, but throughout the week?

Most suggestions in this line usually center on how you can relieve his work load by supplying secretarial help, by running the church's errands yourself, and by making sure his salary is sufficient so that he can have his mind at ease on his financial needs. What we are going to suggest, lies in a different area.

First of all, YOU CAN PRAY FOR HIM! As a pastor, we have, many, many times, felt the strengthening prayers of members of the congregation during the church service. It is never easy to preach a sermon. The burden of the spiritual weight of the message, the knowledge that what you are going to say often constitutes the main spiritual meal for many in your congregation, and the understanding that you are accountable to God for what you say while standing behind the pulpit, puts a great burden upon the heart of a minister. Likewise, the knowledge that many in your congregation will literally hear not, much less heed, the message you seek to bring, often leads you to the point

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ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING OF THE BRETHREN PUBLISHING COMPANY

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Brethren Publishing Company will be held Wednesday morning, August 17, 1960, at 10:30 o'clock, E.S.T., at Ashland, Ohio, in the Conference Auditorium, in connection with the General Conference of the Brethren Church, as provided in the Code of Regulations, Article II, Section 1.

Article II of the Code of Regulations states that "All members of the National Conference of the Brethren Churches in good standing, are known and hereinafter designated as The Shareholders." This notice constitutes official notice to all shareholders.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports of the officers of the Corporation, to elect Directors and to care for such unfinished or new business as the shareholders may direct in accordance with the Code of Regulations.

J. E. Stookey, President,

John T. Byler, Secretary.

Date of meeting—August 17, 1960.

NO EVANGELIST NEXT WEEK

THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST is printed each week of the year except the fourth week of July and the last week of December. Thus, there will be no paper dated next week. It may be that the next issue, dated July 30th, will reach you somewhat ahead of time inasmuch as it must be printed before July 15th when vacation time begins for the men in the shop of the Brethren Publishing Company.

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Medication For A "Summer Slump"

Vacations are necessary and right. Families need to be together at the lake or in the mountains. But a two-week vacation should not project itself into a six-week absence from worship and church school.

Here are a few suggestions gathered from congregations which believe that God wants first place in our lives the year around.

A. Prepare for the summer season.

1. Know the weeks or months that will affect you.
2. Study the giving pattern during past summers.
3. Study attendance and communion patterns.
4. Call on new members in the community.
5. Approach the unresponsive during the summer.

B. Recognize and allow for vacations. Arrange to have standing committees in stewardship, evangelism, parish education, etc.

C. Change the face, but not the program.

1. Classes may be consolidated.
2. Special music can replace the choir.
3. Religious films can be shown for the youth on Sunday evenings.
4. Prospective members can become picnic guests of members of the evangelism committee.

D. Communicate with your members.

1. Be sure the financial secretary sends out the second-quarter receipts.
2. Suggest in a note or letter that commitments be kept up to date during the summer.

3. Share the news of parishioners on vacation through the parish paper.

E. Encourage members with positive suggestions to

1. Attend church while on vacation.
2. Look for interesting features and programs used in other churches.
3. Arrange for children to have attendance cards signed if they visit other churches.
4. Hold devotions or church school for children if you find no church to attend.

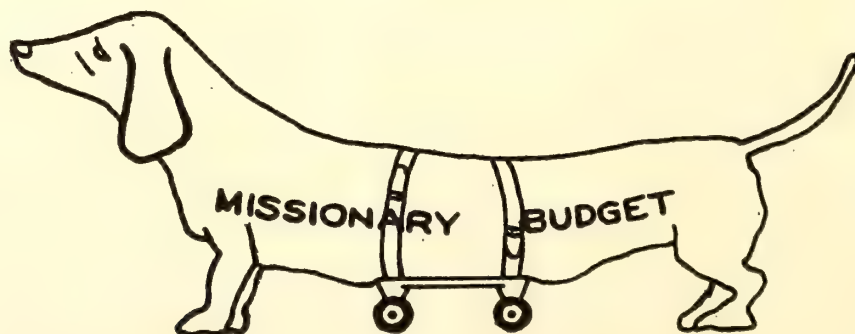
F. Arrange to welcome and serve summer visitors to your parish.

1. Announce visitors to congregation.
2. Give attendance slips to visiting children.
3. Advertise sermon schedules for visitors.
4. Have your parish public relations committee check hotel and motel listings.
5. Welcome those who come in off the highways to worship with you "as they are."

G. Make use of the summer for programming.

1. Set major objectives, goals with parish leaders.
2. Bring parish records up to date.
3. Ask committees and auxiliaries to arrange all schedules and dates for next year's program.
4. Prepare and publish a membership directory.
5. Fill committee vacancies.
6. Suggest that committees and auxiliaries elect officers to take over in the fall.

(Taken from—PARISH GUIDELINES)



DID YOU EVER THINK—

a dachshund needed some support in the middle?

OUR MISSIONARY BUDGET DOES TOO!

Come the summer months and early fall, our income dwindles but expenses roll merrily along. Believe it or not, your mission dollars provide the skates to keep Brethren Missions rolling along.

(If you have mission funds on hand—please send them in now)

Another \$10 Club Call Goes Out

On July 1, a new call was issued by the \$10 Club. This one is for the recently-organized Brethren congregation at Mishawaka, Indiana.

Letters have been sent to all members, and it is hoped that they will respond with their \$10 (or more) promptly. This call will doubtless extend only until January 1; hence we hope that payments will all be made by that time.

Since there are several appeals to the \$10 Club waiting approval now, quite likely another call will be made in six months. (Two calls per year are permitted under our \$10 Club agreement—although only one per year has been the average thus far.)

Pastors, or \$10 Club solicitors, please urge your people to pay their calls as soon as possible; however, if they have joined the club recently—paying at the time—or if they have paid their last call a short time ago, they may pay any time within the next six months. Try also to enlist new members from your church.

The \$10 Club has been so helpful in establishing new churches during the past nine years; but it can be much more helpful when we have enlisted those 2,000 members, which is our goal.

Items of General Interest

CAMERON, W. VA. The Greene County Gospel Singers are scheduled to present a concert in the Cameron church on July 17th.

SMITHVILLE, OHIO. The W. M. S. public service was scheduled for July 10th, with National W. M. S. Vice President, Mrs. Margery Whitted, as guest speaker.

The Laymen's public service is scheduled for July 17th, with Ashland College ministerial student, Richard Godwin, as guest speaker.

FREMONT, OHIO. Services on July 24th and 31st will be cared for by the W. M. S. and the B. Y. C. respectively.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. The Nappanee church was host to the first of the summer evening union church services; the date was July 3rd.

NORTH MANCHESTER, INDIANA. The two missionary societies held their public service on June 12th. Missionary Robert Byler was the guest speaker. A carry-in dinner was held following the service for the Bylers.

MANTECA, CALIF. New pastor for the Manteca church is Brother Alvin H. Grumbling, who concluded his pastorate with the Stockton Brethren Church recently. Brother Grumbling began his work at Manteca on July 1st.

OUR COVER PICTURE: Meeting of two ocean currents, Monterey Peninsula, Calif. Don Knight Photo.

THE PREACHER

He held the lamp of truth that day
So low that none could miss the way;
And yet so high to bring in sight
That picture fair—the World's Great Light.
That gazing up—the lamp between—
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

He held the pitcher stooping low,
To lips of little ones below;
Then raised it to the weary saint,
And bade him drink when sick and faint.
They drank—the pitcher thus between—
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

He blew the trumpet soft and clear,
That trembling sinners need not fear;
And then with louder note and bold
To raze the walls of Satan's hold.
The trumpet coming thus between
The hand that held it scarce was seen.

But when the Captain says, "Well done,
Thou good and faithful servant, come!
Lay down the pitcher and the lamp,
Lay down the trumpet, leave the camp!"
The weary hand will then be seen
Clasped in those pierced hands, naught between.

—Author Unknown.

CONDUCT IN THE CHURCH

When once thy foot enters the church, be bare.
God is more there than thou; for thou art there
Only by His permission. Then beware,
And make thyself all reverence and fear.
Kneeling ne'er spoil'd silk stockings: quit thy
state—
All equal are within the church's gate.

Let vain or busy thoughts have there no part:
Bring not thy plough, thy plots, thy pleasures
thither.
Christ purged His temple, so must thou thy heart.
All worldly thoughts are but thieves met together
To cozen thee. Look to thy actions well:
For churches either are our heaven or hell!

—George Herbert.



LOREE, INDIANA, BRETHREN DEDICATE NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING

LOREE BRETHREN, Rt. 1, Bunker Hill, Indiana, held dedication services, May 29th, for their new Sunday School building. Pastor Horace Huse brought the dedicatory message at the afternoon service on the subject: "Dedicated to God."

The new building is of cement block construction with brick veneer, forty by sixty feet, joined to the original church building. Connecting hallways between the new and the original buildings on both the main and basement floor levels provide also space for rest rooms.

Classrooms on the main floor include four single classrooms, one double classroom for children, one large room for an adult class equipped with kitchenette for social gatherings. Rooms are arranged on either side of the aisle which runs the length of the building.

The full basement has a fully equipped kitchen and large dining room which is also used for children's assembly room and an adult classroom.

Highlights of the Loree building program include:

March 27, 1958—The church authorized the appointment of a building committee to investigate the need for additional room and to draw up plans for an addition to the present building as needed. This committee composed

of: Herrell Waters, chm., Elmo Kunkle, Donald Turner, Eldon York, Mrs. Emerson Miller and Mrs. Raymond Dunn.

January 1, 1959—The building committee submitted plans for a new building. The plans were approved and the committee was instructed to obtain bids for construction. The church on June 12th, voted to accept bid of \$44,414.00.

August 16, 1959—Groundbreaking ceremony. Basement dug and construction began week of September 20th.

April 10, 1960—New building used for Sunday School classes for the first time.

May 29, 1960—Service of Dedication for new Sunday School building at 2:00 P. M., preceded by carry-in dinner at noon.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Organ-Piano Prelude ..Ronald LeMaster, Bessie Lippold
Hymn—"The Church's One Foundation"

Scripture and PrayerAndrew York

Men's QuartetPaul LeMaster, Dale Miller,
Omer Lippold, Edward Lippold

Greetings from former Pastors
 Historical SketchRalph Jenkins
 Recognition of Building Committee
 Remarks by Building CommitteeElmo Kunkle
 Introduction of Architects and Contractors
 Recognition of Finance Committee
 Remarks by Finance CommitteeWayne Betzner
 Dedictory Offering
 Anthem by the Choir—"Sunday"
 Dedication Sermon: "Dedicate to God"
 Pastor Horace Huse
 Litany of Dedication
 Prayer of Dedication
 Hymn—"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"
 Benediction

The Finance Committee composed of: Wayne Betzner, Jr., Roscoe Zerbe, Joe Miller, Raymond Dunn.



What's Doing in the Churches



GIFT TO S. M. M. OF INDIANA

The Sisterhood of Mary and Martha of the Indiana District enjoyed another wonderful conference this year. Mrs. Charles Kraft and Mrs. Robert Byler brought soul-stirring messages to a packed house each day. Over 160 attended the S. M. M. luncheon on Thursday.

Mrs. Ralph Smoker, of New Paris, completely surprised us with the gift of a lot to the Sisterhood. The Society is so grateful to Mrs. Smoker, for we know she is still a Sisterhood girl at heart, and realizes our great need for expansion. Our house is too small. We need more room in which to hold our meetings, and we need sleeping-quarters.

Our project this year will be making needed repairs on the Sisterhood house. But, we are putting out a call to those who, like Mrs. Smoker, are S. M. M. believers, and who want to see the work grow.

Would there be a carpenter and a plumber who would answer this call and give a little of their time to come to Shipshewana, and go over the house with us to ascertain an estimated cost of the needed expansion in order to accommodate the girls who come to conference and to camp? I'm sure our girls will do all in their power to actively promote this project.

Please write to the patroness:

Mrs. Clarence R. Kindley,
 308 North Walnut St.,
 North Manchester, Indiana.



DEDICATION AT ROANOKE, INDIANA

The residence at Roanoke, next to the church, which was purchased last Fall for a parsonage was not dedi-

cated until May 22nd this year. The transaction was completed about Nov. 1, 1959, but weather conditions prevented the doing of a few necessary things; hence the delay.

A suitable ceremony was prepared by the Pastor. Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Lindower were asked to be present. He is Dean of Ashland College and was the speaker. His message was very appropriate. He emphasized Christian home life and especially the place of a minister's home for the church and the community. Following the message the dedicatory service was read by the Pastor. Mr. Dorman Ronk of Goshen was the soloist.

"Open House" was held during the afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. The W. M. S. group served in a very commendable manner during these hours at the church. By this arrangement the entire house was free for the many who were constantly going and coming to the last designated minute. Everyone was happy and all agreed, "It was a good day".

Earl M. Riddle, Pastor.

Wedding Announcement

LEWIS-BAKER. Miss Sharon Rose Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis, Rochester, Ind., became the bride of Mr. Richard Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cox, Del Pass Heights, Calif., in the Tiosa Brethren Church on June 4th. A beautiful double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Wayne Swihart, and Rev. J. Edgar Berkshire. The new Mrs. Baker is a member of the Tiosa Brethren Church, and has been active in camp work and also served as a Brethren Youth Crusader. The couple will make their home at Del Pass Heights, Calif.

Mrs. Otto Kath, Ch. Cor.

A wise Indian father wished to give his property and possessions to that one of his three sons who showed the most prowess and promise. As a test, he pointed to a mountain bold against the sky, and sent his three sons toward it, asking each of them to bring a token to show how far he had climbed up the mountain. The first one returned with a white wild flower in his hands. The father knew that it grew only above the timberline. The second son brought a red flint stone which revealed to the father that he had made it almost to the top. The third son was gone for a long time and returned empty-handed. "Father, where I went," he explained, "there was nothing to bring back, but I stood at the summit and looked out upon a valley where two great rivers join the ocean." And the proud father said to him, "It has been the ambition of my life that one of my sons should see what you have seen. You have nothing in your hand, but you have a greater thing: a vision in your soul. This is the greatest of all."—Robert E. Goodrich, Jr. in REACH FOR THE SKY Life at its Highest, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

THE EDITOR'S PULPIT

HOW TO HELP YOUR MINISTER

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of discouragement as a minister. Yes, your minister needs your prayers during the worship hour.

Many great victories have been achieved in services where a congregation of humans, with a minister who is human, prayed for one another. Human frailties were conquered, and God's spirit was manifest. Pray for your minister, not only during the service, but daily, yes hourly, through the week.

You can help your minister BY FORGETTING THE IDEA THAT IT IS THE PASTOR'S BUSINESS TO "BUILD UP THE CHURCH." One of the main reasons there is such a small increase in membership in our churches is that we have relied too much upon the minister as the "new-member-getter." Brethren, don't you know that people outside of the church are scared to death of preachers? Put a minister in charge of "getting the new members" and you are spelling defeat for your church. Ministers represent God to unchurched people; God to them is a guilty conscience; therefore ministers cause people to have an uneasy conscience, so they are shunned and often barred from entrance into their homes. Ministers do have an important part in building up the church and in winning souls to Christ, but the success of such a program rests on the lay members as noted above.

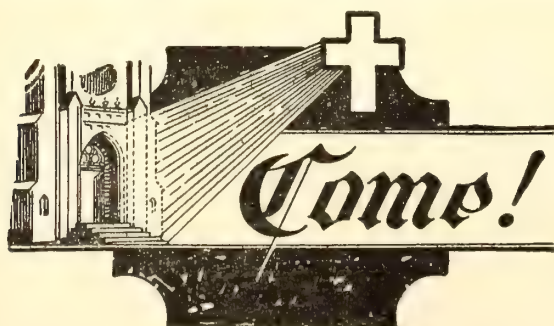
Each lay member, living, working, playing with unchristian people all of the time are the church's best means of bringing those people to church and to Christ. You may not be adept at

speaking to another person about their soul but you can invite and bring them to church. There, the minister's message, coupled with the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, can bring about the conversion of the soul. In the meantime, you can still be praying for the minister and for the person you have brought to church with you. (Once under the power of the Spirit a person who may under other circumstances, be "scared" of a minister, will turn to him for the spiritual help he needs).

You can also help your minister by GIVING HIM A CHANCE TO DO HIS WORK WELL. His business is to impart spiritual nourishment to your soul. In this, he speaks of judgment against sin, of rich spiritual promises for the soul, and of the challenge of walking the life of Christian service. Help him do this by being present at the services of your church. Bible in hand, prayer in the heart, be ready to receive God's message through him. Absence from the services means that you have lost a portion of spiritual food which you needed badly.

We often don't think much of missing a church service. So many other things seem to demand our time and attention. Absence, though, means you have deprived yourself of spiritual help God had for you. Help your minister feed your soul by being present, and in a receptive spirit. Thus you will be helping your minister do his main work of ministering to you concerning the needs of your eternal soul. Your prayers and attentive support will help him in preaching the gospel to those in your midst who do not know Christ as personal Savior.

You can further help your minister by SHOWING THAT YOU ARE GROWING IN GRACE AS A RESULT OF HIS MINISTRY IN YOUR MIDST. It is discouraging to any pastor after several years of ministry in a church to



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see in his members the same spiritual ills, hatreds, unforgiving spirits and lack of vision he saw soon after the honeymoon days at the beginning of the pastorate were over. One great evidence you can give and one which will help your pastor serve you better, is to give evidence of really growing in grace. This includes your desire to live in Christian love with **all** the members of the church, not just your select few. It includes your desire to see your church, not as a meeting place for the saints, but as a great, advancing lighthouse in the work of soul winning for the Lord.

Churches have lost their "open doors" and their ministers, because they have failed to go forward as Christ commanded them to do. The days of closing church doors is not over in our land. Churches which today feel they are secure and safe, simply because they are able to hold services, have a minister, and pay their bills, may wake up some morning to discover that because they failed to go forward for Christ, they slid backwards—and fast!

Perhaps the best way in which you can help your minister is to **BECOME A SOUL WINNER FOR CHRIST**. Bring the lost sheep to the fold! You mean you don't know **anybody** you could bring to church with you? You mean there is nobody's soul which lies as a burden upon your heart?

Consider the quiet, personal service of one man in a congregation. His is a fruitful ministry. No, he is not the preacher. If he were asked to preach a sermon, it is doubtful that he could do so. His service consists of bringing people to church with him. There the spirit of God can work through the pastor's message; frequently, of those whom this man brings to church with him there are those who come to the altar seeking salvation.

Personal work does pay off, and there is need for much more of it than what is being done, but if you are timid about speaking to another about his or her soul, bring that one to church, and pray that God will speak to that one. Soul winners do not blow trumpets announcing the fruits of their labors, but they do pray diligently, live worthy of the vocation to which they are called, and work carefully, often quietly, giving God the glory. Help your minister by bringing others to church with you where God can get a chance to talk to their hearts.

Finally, you can help your minister by **SPEAKING WELL OF YOUR CHURCH AND ITS**

MEMBERS AT ALL TIMES. Maybe you don't always agree with your pastor. Maybe he isn't doing things "your way." Yet, he is your pastor, and most always he is endeavoring to do the best job he can to build up your church.

So, as you sit in church in your regular place, and as he sits in his place on the platform waiting while the music calls the worshippers to communion with God, pray for him! Resolve that the work of your church will go forward because you have in this sacred moment, rededicated yourself to the task of serving God faithfully—the stewardship of self, life, substance and talent. W. S. B.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

A GLORIOUS ASSURANCE

"For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28.

THERE IS no more glorious assurance in all Scripture than this declaration of the Apostle Paul. A magnificent statement—and none more needed in these trying, demanding days through which we are passing.

Joseph, grown great in Egypt, and yet maintaining his faith in God, could forget the rascality and down-right meanness of his brothers and see God's plan that ran all through his life, manifest to him all through his personal sufferings and his personal successes. "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good."

"We know that all things." This statement takes in a mighty sweep. It does not say "some things," nor just any of them taken by themselves. But "all things." Does our sense of God's care in every part of our lives cover the "all things"?

"Work together." Not separately. Some of the "things" may be very evil in themselves, if considered outside of the complete cycle of life.

"For good." Not always for pleasure or peace of mind, or complete understanding on our part, but for the ultimate best.

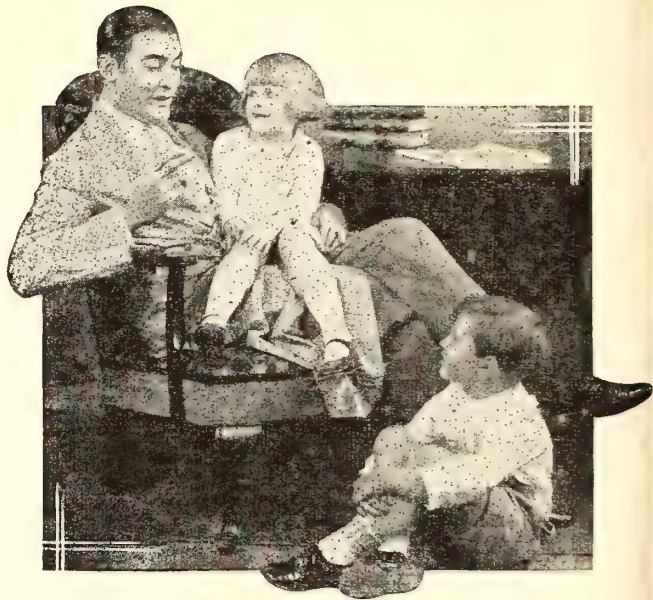
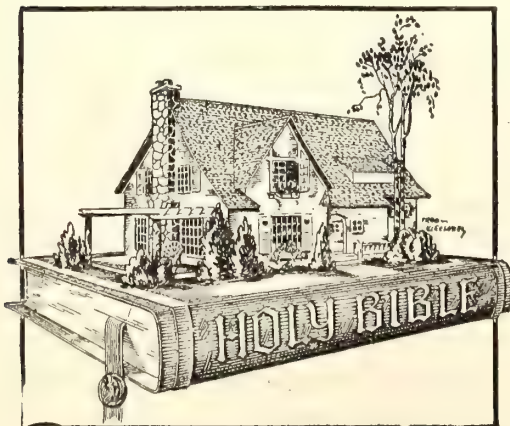
"To them that love God." Here lies the most important clause of the entire text. Things don't "work together for good" to everyone—but to those "that love God," that is, those who want His will more than they want their own.

We know no other life well enough to judge; but if we are honest about our own lives, which we should be able to appraise, we can echo the words of our text as our own declaration of confidence in God's place in the direction of our lives.

To keep in the middle of the road one must be able to see both sides.

DISCIPLINE BEGINS AT HOME

Dr. Paul R. Finlay, professor at Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.



ONE OF THE GENERALLY-ACCEPTED principles of good business administration is the delegation of authority and power. The chief executive is not expected to make decisions all down the line nor be responsible for giving directions to the office boys. God's creation operates somewhat in the same manner. In the church, for instance, we find that God has set some to be apostles, some prophets, some teachers, et cetera, who have been given certain responsibilities for the edification of the total body of Christ (I Corinthians 12). This principle is at work also in relation to God's plan for the home. God has charged Christian parents with certain responsibilities and duties which they must recognize and faithfully perform.

One of these obligations is the disciplining of their children. Lest there be misunderstanding as to the meaning of discipline it should be said that this term has a much broader scope than usually given it in our minds. A very narrow definition confines discipline to acts of punishment or chastisement. In real discipline, punishment may be included and necessary, but the wider scope encompasses more of the positive outlook. Waterink says, "Every means by which a child is guided in the right direction is a means of discipline." Discipline in its fullest meaning is not so much a matter of negatives but a constant encouragement to do the right, a process

which culminates in self-discipline. This concept extends discipline so that it touches every phase of living. It involves making the right choices and wise decisions in all realms of our living. Discipline has implications which are social, psychological, pedagogical, and religious. Discipline is an essential in every Christian home.

It is not the purpose of this study to deal with all of the implications of discipline but rather to discuss a factor which is basic to good discipline in the home.

Do you question the need for such a discussion? It would seem that too little attention has been given to these matters in the program of our churches and some unfortunate situations which now exist might have been alleviated if good discipline in our Christian homes had received its due recognition. By way of broad illustration the writer would like to draw from a recent conversation with a Christian worker who comes into contact with many pastors and churches and the problems related to church work. The discussion covered the inter-relationship of various issues in the religious field. At one point in the conversation this Christian worker made the following significant statement: "Recently I was being informed concerning the problems of a certain church. Then I was a guest for a few days in the parsonage of that church and discovered that the basic problem of the church also existed in the home of the pastor. It was lack of proper discipline."

While visiting churches to conduct Teacher Training Institutes, the author has often been approached by a teacher who asks, "What does one do when the troublemaker in his class is the son of the head deacon, or Sunday School superintendent?" The total pattern of conduct outside the home is generally a reflection of the discipline received within the home. If the leaders of our churches have not established right patterns of discipline in their home, how can the other families of the church be expected to strive for perfection in this area? It seems of no little significance that five different times in his epistles Paul speaks of the leaders of the churches as being examples to them that believe (I Tim. 4:12; Phil. 3:17; I Thess. 1:6, 7; II Thess. 3:9; Titus 2:7). The Apostle Peter mentions this same idea in his first epistle (I Peter 5:3). If, in his home discipline, a child is not taught to respect God, authority, his parents, others, and himself, why should we be surprised when he shows little

respect for the house of God and others who come to worship in it?

At the beginning of this article the statement was made that God has charged parents with certain responsibilities. The truth of this statement must be understood for the development of the right philosophy of Christian education, be it Christian education in the church or in the home. A child may commit himself to Christ at some service in the church and this may make a difference in his conduct in the home, but essentially the flow is in the other direction. The parent cannot delegate to the church the matter of discipline. God has vested this responsibility in the parents. Discipline begins at home. Each pastor must recognize this principle in the interest of setting a good example for the flock. Furthermore, he must confront the parents in his congregation with this principle in order that responsibility may be assumed properly.

To insure a good disciplinary situation in the home at least one basic factor must be recognized. Stated simply, parental authority comes from God. Apart from the divine order and loving grace it would be impossible for parents to bear children. The decision of husband and wife to have a child is far different from the decision of two business men to begin manufacturing a product. Husband and wife are dependent upon the grace of God, they must consider a child as the gift of God. "That children are a gift bestowed by the grace of God is a characteristic teaching of the Bible." "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward" (Psalm 127:3).

Because of this relationship of parents to God, final authority for the child does not reside in the parents, but in God. In the commenting on the verse, "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother" (Prov. 1:8-9), Perowne says, "The 'instruction of the father' and 'the law of the mother' lend grace and dignity to the life and character, in so far as they are the instruction and the law of God Himself, the Universal Father, and because parents are His vice-regents in the education of their children."

This is of consequence in two directions. First, the parents themselves are subject to the authority of God. There is not one code of life for the parents and a different one for the child. The rearing of children becomes a matter of stewardship for the Lord, just as the handling of one's

money, the use of one's time, and the exercise of one's talents. The child is not something to be handled or mishandled according to the whims and fancies of the parents; the child is an individual in his own right who is to be nurtured according to the will of God for that particular life. This rules out the tendency of some parents to relive their own lives in the lives of their children or the attempt to compensate for some lack in their lives by forcing the child into specific patterns. The irony of this tendency is illustrated by the story of the doting mother who was ushering her ten-year-old boy into the lobby of a dancing school when he muttered, "I wish you hadn't been deprived of so many things when you were a little girl." Since the parent is subject to the authority of God and stands in His stead over his child, it is neither appropriate nor necessary for him, in admonishing the child, to say, "You do this because I say so."

The wise parent, then, does not assume the role of a dictator or autocrat, but becomes the guide and teacher for the child. It must always be assumed that the parent has had more experience and knows more than the child, but he does not stand over the child to make every decision for him and restrict him in narrow patterns of behavior. Men cannot attain unto the infinite wisdom of God, but does He not leave many decisions to the human mind? God has given us certain principles by which to make decisions and regulate our lives. So, too, the parent must furnish the child with a framework of Christian principles within which he may assume responsibility as rapidly as he is able. The parent should not make all the decisions and severely restrict behavior by constant reminders of "Don't do this" and "No, you can't do that." As teacher and guide, the parent must always stand ready to furnish lovingly and unselfishly any information and counsel which the child may need or desire. Herein is the broad concept of true Christian discipline.

This logically implies the necessity for the parents to be well-disciplined in their own lives. They may expect no more from their children than they are willing to live up to themselves. The attitudes which they show toward God, the church, other people, each other, government and law, involuntarily set the pattern for the attitudes of their children. To gain the love and respect of their children, parents need not compromise on Christian principles or lower their stan-

dards of ethics or conduct. J. Edgar Hoover says, "Show me a home in which the parents practice self-discipline and I'll show you a home where mother and father hold the love and respect of their children . . . Discipline, fairly and consistently invoked, breeds pride and respect. **Children want—desperately—to be disciplined.**"

If parents realize their role as representatives or vice regents of God, not only will they understand the seriousness of the disciplining process but will approach the task with the recognition of the fact that this is carried out for the sake of the children and the glory of God. The Bible has much to say about parental discipline. One of the most familiar passages is, "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (Prov. 13:24). While some have interpreted this to mean that corporal punishment is necessary in all cases of punishment, Keil and Delitzsch maintain that the "rod" merely represents the means of punishment. At any rate, the kernel of truth here is summed up nicely by Cohen when he says, "A man displays no love for a child by failing to correct him." This correction is more than a negative attitude; it is a constructive effort to guide the child in the direction or right.

Consider another passage from the Old Testament which has great implications with relation to parental discipline: "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deut. 6:6-7). Here one sees God as the initiator passing down to parents the authority to instruct the children in the way of the Lord; yea, more than that, actually commanding them to do so.

To what do the terms "these words" refer? Among other things they refer to the Decalogue which furnished the general framework for conduct in relation to God and fellowmen. These words were for the disciplining of the children—the instruction and education of the children so that they might know how they should act toward God and toward man. Someone may raise the objection that this passage was for the Hebrews and cannot be used in a Christian family. Even if this were a justified criticism, the underlying principle involved is still valid today. "The love of God is to be the central and absorbing

interest in life." If it was important for the Hebrew fathers to relate to their children the stories of God's commandments and statutes and how He delivered them out of the bondage of Egypt, how much more important it is that Christian fathers tell their children of God's love and commandments and how He has provided deliverance from the bondage of sin through His Son, Jesus Christ? If a Christian parent fails to talk of these things daily in the home, he is violating the trust which God has given him and in reality is teaching his child that the things of the Lord are not relevant for everyday living. This is an unbalanced discipline.

A New Testament passage contains perhaps a more direct command for the Christian parent wherein the Apostle Paul says, "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). The Greek word *paideia*, here translated "bring them up," in classical Greek means "education, the whole instruction and training of youth, including the training of the body." This passage "conveys the idea of development by care and pains." Paul explicitly commands Christian fathers to use all available means for the development of their children in the ways of the Lord. This is true Christian discipline in the home. The authority for this discipline comes from God and the parents themselves are subject to it.

Now let us examine briefly the consequences of the other direction of the concept that the final authority for the child is not the parents but God. What meaning does this have for the child?

In the first place, this gives the child a more wholesome attitude toward discipline. He comes to look at the disciplining process more as the outworking of God's will for his life than as a series of spasmodic attempts on the part of the parents to make the child conform to their momentary desires.

Secondly, it should give the child a more wholesome attitude toward his parents. When he comes to see them as God's representatives, the ones whom God has placed over him to guide and nurture him in the things of the Lord, he should hold them in higher honor. The first commandment of the second division of the Decalogue demands that a child honor his father and mother, and perhaps the lack of this honor in the

present day may partially be due to a lack of understanding on the part of the child as to the actual role of the parent in the economy of God.

In the Old Testament, harsh judgment was pronounced upon the person who failed to honor his parents, "He that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death . . . and he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death" (Exodus 21:15, 17). Commentators seem to agree that the concept displayed here is that the dishonoring of parents was equated with dishonoring God.

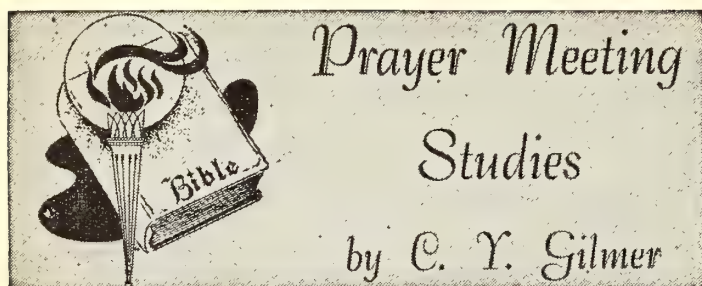
A third consequence of the idea that final authority rests with God is that the child must see that indifference toward or rebellion against the discipline of parents is a rejection not only of the authority of the parents but also the authority of God. Obedience demanded by the parents should be more than mere obedience to earthly parents; it should be obedience to principle, the source of which is God. The parents, who in their disciplinary procedures, insist that their children submit to their authority as received from God, actually are helping the child to the place where he will quite easily and normally submit his life to the authority of God.

A fourth meaning which this concept may have for the child is in the area of emotional stability and security. Often it is a serious blow to a child when he discovers for the first time that his father does not know all the answers or that his mother is not perfect. If, however, the parents have been training the child in the conceptual framework that ultimate authority and perfection are found only in God, then the child takes this discovery in stride, and perhaps, tends to identify himself more closely with his parents who, like himself, stand in need of complete redemption in Christ.

Restating the principles set forth in this study it may be said that God has given to parents the responsibility of disciplining their children and it is impossible for the parents to shift that responsibility to the church or Sunday School. Recognition of the fact that parental authority is derived from God will have a wholesome effect upon parent and child, allowing both a greater possibility of developing life and personality according to the will of God.

Discipline begins at home!

Courtesy of National Sunday School Association.



"Brethren Advance in Evangelism"

HOW TO WIN YOUR FRIENDS

"Oh! for a loving and tender compassion,
Love for the erring and lost;
Oh! for a yearning and burning to save them,
Wand'ers by sin-tempest tossed;
Touched by Thy touch which is wondrous in blessing,
Feeling the nail-prints of love;
Lord, though the pathway like Thine be distressing,
We at Thy bidding would move."

WE ARE TO MAKE FRIENDS (Prov. 18:24) in order that we may win them to Christ (Jn. 1:45, 46). Having confidence in us because of our consistent life and testimony they will glorify God in the day when He visits them (1 Pet. 2:12). Until our new-found friends met us they may never have worried about their sins (Acts 2:37). Their conviction of sin and need God will work in answer to our prayers and testimony (Jn. 16:8). God will visit their hearts (Acts 16:14). When God visits their hearts we should be on hand to help them (2 Cor. 6:1). It is more than tragic if people do not realize that God is calling them through calamity (Lu. 19:44).

When our friends are wide open for spiritual help we should give them a simple Bible explanation of salvation (Acts 16:29-32). Lead them to decision at that very time (Acts 2:37, 38). Are you prepared right now to do this (1 Pet. 3:15)?

One may enlighten his convicted friend by the question and answer method:—What does God require of us (1 Pet. 1:16)? Do we measure up to His requirement of us (Rom. 3:10-12, 19, 23)? Where can help be obtained (Isa. 59:1)? Explain what sin is (1 Jn. 3:4). Show that to fail to love the Lord with all of one's heart is to be in rebellion against God (Matt. 22:37). Show that we cannot "whitewash" our sins (Jer. 2:22). But God loves the sinner (Jer. 31:3), and He has dealt with the sin problem (1 Pet. 2:24). Teach Christ as Savior (Acts 8:25).

Show how we are to respond to Calvary—Love (Rom. 2:4). Make it clear that the following must be done: repentance (Lu. 13:3); believing (Acts 16:31); receiving (Jn. 1:12); obeying (Acts 2:38); following (Matt. 9:9).

Come and Take (Jn. 5:24; 6:37)

"We do not need at Mercy's gate
To 'knock and weep, and watch and wait',
For Mercy's gifts are offered free,
And she has waited long for thee."

—A. B. Simpson.

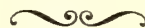
Use the present opportunity to bring your friend to an immediate decision (Rev. 3:20). Lead to an acceptance of Christ by the good confession (Rom. 10:9, 10).

Hold him to what God says (2 Cor. 6:2). Have prayer (Matt. 21:22). Tie him to Christ through the church by the help of the pastor (Acts 2:41, 42).

You have now made your friend a new spiritual child (Philemon 10). You must still take a personal interest, showing the new babe in Christ how to feed (1 Pet. 2:2), to pray (1 Thess. 5:17), to grow (2 Pet. 3:18), to enjoy Christian fellowship (Acts 2:47). See that he is yoked with Christ (Matt. 11:28-30). Show him that the Christ Who is able to save is also able to keep (Isa. 41:10). Point out to him the necessity of watchfulness and prayer (Mk. 14:38; Col. 4:2); of daily studying the Word (2 Tim. 2:15; 3:14-17; Josh. 1:8); of witnessing for Christ (Isa. 43:10); and a life of soul-winning service (Dan. 12:3).

The greatest deed a Christian can do is to win a soul (Ezek. 33:7-11). It is a work that every real Christian is doing (Matt. 9:2). Let your field of labor be at home among your loved ones (Jn. 1:40-42), among friends (Jn. 1:45-49); among deep-dyed sinners (Jn. 4:16-18); in prisons (Acts 16:30-34); in the highways (Lu. 14:23); everywhere (Eccl. 9:10); in all the world (Mk. 16:15, 16).

"O Holy Spirit, Thy people move, baptize their hearts with faith and love—and consecrate their gold. At Jesus' feet their millions pour, and all their ranks unite once more, as in the days of old."



"Brethren Advance in Evangelism"

A PASSION FOR SOULS

Oh! for a heart that is burdened,
Infused with a passion to pray;
Oh! for a striving within me,
Oh, for His power ev'ry day;
Oh! for a heart like my Savior,
Who being in agony, prayed;
Such caring for others, Lord, give me,
On my heart let the burden be laid.

My Father, I long for this passion,
To pour myself out for the lost—
To lay down my life to save others—
To pray, whatever the cost!
Lord, teach me, oh! teach me this secret,
I'm hungry this lesson to learn;
This passionate passion for others,
For this, blessed Jesus, I yearn.

—Evangelical Christian.

TRAVAIL OF HEART leads to power and soul winning (Rom. 9:1-3). The passion of our Savior for the salvation of souls was prophesied (Isa. 53:11). Through travail a nation shall be born in a day at the coming of Christ to earth (Isa. 66:8). Paul, in his restorative effort with the Galatians, travailed to bring them to spiritual birth again (Gal. 4:19). It requires mental and spiritual agony and exhaustive labor to restore those who have wandered from the truth (Jas. 5:19, 20). With compassion we are to rescue loathsome sinners from their stinking bondage (Jude 22).

The Gospel seed has to be sown with a great deal of burden for lost souls, sorrow of heart, crying and pray-

ing for them before they will be saved (Psa. 126: 5, 6). The soul winning work of our Savior cost Him every kind of privation (2 Cor. 8:9), labor (Jn. 9:4), disappointment (Lu. 22:48), disgrace (Matt. 27:35-38), all night praying (Lu. 6:12), "strong crying and tears" (Heb. 5:7). Soul winners are very few (Matt. 9:37). The Savior requests that we pray for soul winners (v. 38). Is it not strange that professed Christian people seemingly have no compassion for souls who are going to Hell (Jas. 1:15)! Even Judah felt that he was his brother's keeper (Gen. 44:32-34). Yet church people expect to go to Heaven without trying to win their loved ones, much less any one else (Heb. 2:3). Esther with a burdened heart had every one fasting and praying for three days in her behalf (Esther 4:16). But today we have a dry-eyed church in a hell-bound world (Amos 6:1a, 6b). We have lost the Savior's compassion for the multitudes (Matt. 9:36). How hardly shall we share in His joy (Heb. 12:2)!

"The Savior will see the travail of His soul,
And be satisfied fully o'er souls He's redeemed;
Compared to that reaping, He scorned all His suffering,
To be paid at the reaping up there."

Who will be to blame for sinners going to Hell (Ezek. 33:7-9)? It will not be Jeremiah (Jer. 9:1; Lam. 1:12). The rich man in Hell did not want his five brethren to come there (Lu. 16:27, 28). It is high time for the church of today to humble herself in search of a heart broken for sinners (Jas. 4:9, 10). The preservation of America from a nuclear war depends upon the re-conditioning of God's people (2 Chron. 7:14). The shame of the Church is that the communists have won more converts than the church has in nineteen centuries (Rom. 13:11; 1 Cor. 15:34).

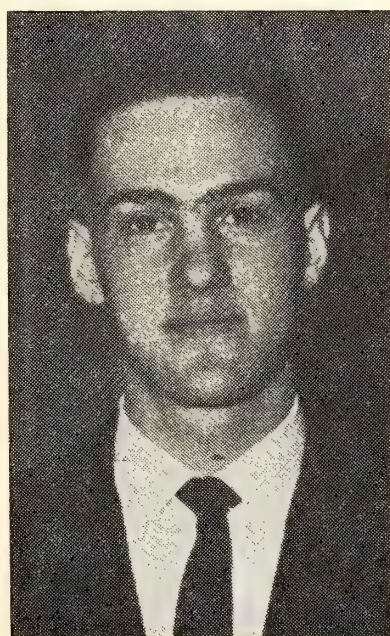
The sleeping Church has lost its own light (Eph. 5:14; Matt. 25:8). The world is being sold on the peace of "Gog" instead of the "peace of God" (Phil. 4:7). The only thing that can meet and defeat communism is the gospel (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 1:18). Already the enemy has flooded our gates; may the Spirit of the Lord lift up a standard against him (Isa. 59:19).

"The curfew tolls from tower to tower—
O, children, 'tis the last, last hour!"

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey



Dick Winfield

OUR NEW OFFICE SECRETARY

WE WELCOME to our office Mr. Dick Winfield, our new Office Secretary. Dick has been working in the office since May, learning the routine of the office.

As this appears in *The Evangelist*, he will be taking full control of the office.

Dick is a junior at Ashland College and is a pre-seminary student. He is from New Lebanon, Ohio, where he is an active member of the New Lebanon Brethren Church. Many of you will remember him as a member of the Ambassador Quartet of last year.

We are very happy to have Dick in the office and know that he will do a fine piece of work in his new position. We invite you to stop in at the office during General Conference and get acquainted with Dick.

NOTICE TO SUPERINTENDENTS

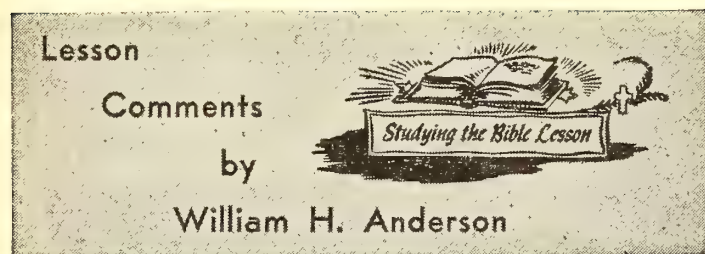
STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE REPORTS should be in our office by this time. If you have not sent in your report, please do so immediately. Remember, awards will be given to the top five Sunday schools in our denomination.

FIFTEENTH NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

THE NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION will be held at St. Louis, Missouri, this year from October 12 to 14 at Kiel Auditorium. One hundred workshops and fifty institutes have been planned for you. Plan now to attend. For more information write to: National Sunday School Association, 175 North Franklin, Chicago 6, Illinois.

GENERAL CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL SPEAKER

DR. P. H. AUGUSTINE, minister of the Federated Church of East Springfield, Pennsylvania, is the Sunday school speaker this year at General Conference. He will be with us on Wednesday, August 17, for an afternoon and evening session. Plan now to come and hear Dr. Augustine discuss with us the subjects, "Goals of a Growing Sunday School," and "What To Do When Life Gets Difficult."



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Lesson for July 24, 1960

GOD DESIRES STEADFAST LOVE

Lesson: Hosea 4:1-3; 5:15; 6:1-6

"It will be readily conceded that the times in which Hosea lived called for a prophet from the Lord. From the high peak of prosperity achieved under Jeroboam II, Samaria had rampaged downhill to suicidal destruction. Few would have believed that after Jeroboam's death the northern kingdom would have only 27 years of nationhood left. That is the measure of the speed with which spiritual apostasy and moral degeneracy can compass the death of a nation. A debauched aristocracy, a degenerate priesthood, a debased people, constituted an apostate nation that grew prematurely old and died by its own hand (7:9; 4:1-11)" (J. G. S. S. Thompson).

THE LORD CONDEMNED THE NATION OF ISRAEL BECAUSE OF HER MORAL AND SPIRITUAL CONDITION. Notice what was lacking in the land (4:1):

"No truth . . ."

"Nor mercy . . ."

"Nor knowledge of God in the land."

What a sad commentary on God's own people!

H. T. Sell, in his *Bible Study by Books*, gives a picture of Israel during the days of Hosea:

"Outwardly it was a time of prosperity. The borders of the land were enlarged; Syria and Moab were conquered; commerce and trade flourished; the offerings to the Temple were large. Inwardly the nation was decaying. Baal worship was taking the place of Jehovah worship and licentious rites were being introduced. Gross immorality was increasing."

Do not these same conditions exist today? OUTWARDLY America has flourished as never before in her history. But INWARDLY she is morally and spiritually decaying.

Notice, secondly, what was present in the land (4:2):

Swearing!

Lying!

Killing!

Stealing!

Adultery!

Violence!

Is it any wonder that Hosea says, in 4:1, that God "hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land"?

"That word 'controversy' means, properly, 'lawsuit.' God had a lawsuit to bring His people. He had something of which He must accuse them, and it wasn't nice" (Frank S. Mead).

THE LORD DEPARTED FROM ISRAEL BECAUSE ISRAEL HAD DEPARTED FROM HIM.

"I will go and return to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face. When trouble comes, they will earnestly seek Me, and then their cry will be:

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for He hath torn, and He may heal us; He has smitten, and He may bind us up" (5:15-6:1—Berkeley).

God told Israel He would depart from them...

"Until they acknowledge their guilt..."

"Until they... seek My face."

Israel could not expect God to look with favour upon them until they got right with Him. But we in America sing "God Bless America", and yet are unwilling to forsake our sin!

THE LORD DESIRED LOVE, NOT SACRIFICE, AND KNOWLEDGE OF HIM MORE THAN BURNT OFFERINGS.

"For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings" (6:6—R.S.V.).

The charge against Israel was this:

"Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away" (6:4—R.S.V.).

But love for God must not be fleeting or transitory! "God's love is steadfast, and He wants our love to be like His" (Mead).

God said that He had a "controversy" with His people Israel because of their unstable ways. What does He say about US?



Lesson for July 31, 1960

THE SEEDS OF NATIONAL DECAY

Lesson: Hosea 10:1-8, 12

PROSPERITY IS MORE often a curse than a blessing. God warned the Nation of Israel, when coming out of Egypt, that she was not to forget Him during days of plenty:

"And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which He swore unto thy fathers, . . . to give thee great and goodly cities, . . . and houses full of all good things, . . . and wells digged, . . . vineyards and olive trees; . . . when thou shalt have eaten and be full; then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage" (Deut. 6:10-12).

Israel soon forgot God's warning—and her forgetfulness caused her downfall!

AS ISRAEL PROSPERED MATERIALLY, SO SHE SINNED GRIEVOUSLY.

"A luxuriant vine is Israel, productive of fruit for himself; but the more fruits he produced, the more he multiplied altars; and the better his land became, the more beautiful he made his sacred pillars" (10:1)*

The more Israel prospered, the more deeply she plunged into sin and debauchery. Heathen altars increased in number. Sacred pillars, "an essential part of a pagan shrine erected beside the altars," were multiplied.

"Misapprehending the cause of their temporal prosperity, and wilfully ignoring Jehovah's forbearance and love, they attributed their mercies to the grace of Baal, and multiplied idolatrous shrines" (H. R. Reynolds & Professor Whitehouse).

"Their heart was slippery (false), and so they must suffer for it. Their altars the Lord shall break down; their sacred stones He will destroy" (10:2). This was Israel's trouble—the hearts of her people were false! When the tree is corrupt, the fruit will be corrupt. When the heart of man is evil, so are all his works.

"Now they say, 'We have no king; if we have no reverence for the Lord, what could the king do for us?'" (10:3).

"What does he mean by saying they had no king? They had Jeroboam, hadn't they? Yes, they had him—but was he a king, or a disgrace and an offense to God? ...Moffatt translates this, 'Ah, if men have no reverence for the Eternal, what is the good of a king?' ...There was no reverence for God, no trust in the king" (Frank S. Mead).

AS ISRAEL SOWED, THUS SHE REAPED.

1. Israel's places of worship were taken away.

"Their altars the Lord shall break down; their sacred stones He will destroy... For the calf of Beth-aven the dwellers in Samaria shall tremble; yes, its people shall mourn for it and its priestlings wail on account of it, lamenting its glory that has departed... The high places of Aven, ... will crumble away; thorns and thistles shall come creeping up over altars."

One writer says of this passage: "It is hard to express the sarcastic force and concentrated scoff of the original." "Bethel" meant "House of God." Hosea now called it "Beth-aven," meaning "House of Nothingness." The people had learned to so lean upon idol worship that they mourned and lamented God's judgment upon it.

2. Israel's king would cease to be.

"Samaria's king will cease to be; as a chip on the surface of the waters will he be" (10:7).

3. Israel's people would fall in judgment.

"They shall say to the mountains, 'Cover us,' and to the hills, 'Fall upon us.'" (10:8).

"The people shall desire death rather than life. The awful words in the latter part of this verse are used of our Lord concerning the terrors of the impenitent in the fall of Jerusalem (Luke 23:30), and twice by St. John (Rev. 6:16, 9:6), to denote the extremity of despair" (Reynolds & Whitehouse).

4. Had Israel sowed that which was good, she would have reaped the fruit of goodness. So she was admonished:

"Sow for yourselves righteousness and reap the fruit of love; break up your fallow ground; it is time to seek the Lord until He comes to and rains righteousness upon you" (10:12).

Israel did not decay overnight. Moral corruptness and spiritual decline come to a nation and people as they slowly but surely forget God and His precepts.

"BEWARE LEST THOU FORGET THE LORD..." (Deut 6:12).

* All quotations from Hosea are taken from The Berkeley Version.

World Religious News in Review

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN 131ST ANNUAL PARADE IN BROOKLYN

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (EP)—An estimated 1,500,000 spectators, including Gov. and Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller, were on hand to watch some 150,000 Sunday School children from 450 Protestant Churches in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens marked in "junior testimony" to the Christian faith during the 131st Anniversary Parade of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union. The event has been held annually since 1829.

CHINESE REFUGEES SEEN AS MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITY

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (EP)—A prominent Lutheran leader from Hong Kong has said that he feels that the flight of the educated, ruling classes of China to Hong Kong and Taiwan to escape Communist persecution may eventually prove a Providential circumstance.

Here to attend the Centennial synod of the Augustana Lutheran Church, Dr. Peng Fu, president of the Lutheran Church of Hong Kong, declared: "While these Chinese were

living on the mainland of China before the Chinese conquest, it was usually impossible for the missionaries to teach them with the Gospel. In Hong Kong and in other places where they have settled, however, they have become quite receptive to the Christian message and many have joined the Church.

"If the doors open again on the mainland for these people, they will spread Christianity to all parts of China as the missionary movement was never able to do."

Questioned as to the matter of Red China recognition, Dr. Peng presented the strong opinion "To admit Red China to the United Nations would only increase world tension, for it would soon mean that other Communist nations would seek admittance."

NEWS FROM
BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

RIVERSIDE CRUSADERS

A TEAM OF FIVE, the Riverside Crusaders, are traveling for two weeks from July 5 to July 20. They are visiting churches in the Southeastern and Pennsylvania districts, plus the Ohio Conference.

Three members of the team are from Riverside Christian Training School at Lost Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Doran Hostetler, teachers at Riverside, are working with the girls. In the churches they present a program of emphasis on the work being done at Lost Creek and also some of its needs. The girls sing, pictures are shown and an explanation of the work is given.

Brethren Youth is appreciative of the service being rendered by the Riverside Crusaders, especially since there will be no Ambassador Quartet going out this summer.

Knowing you would like to become acquainted with the team better and realizing they won't get to a number of churches, we thought some information on them would interest you.

Lula Campbell comes from Krypton, Kentucky, attended R.C.T.S. for two years and graduated as valedictorian of the 1960 class. She was the Kentucky B.Y. President for one year and served as basketball cheerleader for R.C.T.S.

Reva Williams hails from Ary, Kentucky, is a junior at R.C.T.S. after being there three years. She is a member of B.Y.C. and the Mennonite Church.

Paralee Huff from Bonnyman, Kentucky, is the old-timer since she has been at R.C.T.S. for five years and is now a junior. She is president of B.Y.C. and also serves as basketball cheerleader for the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Doran Hostetler are graduates of Ashland College and both are members of the Garber Memorial Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio. Nancy comes from Youngstown, Ohio and Doran's home was in Beech City, Ohio. After their marriage in August of 1959, they went directly to Lost Creek. They have now completed a year of teaching at Riverside. Their hearts are full to running over as this summer work proves, and they have a real burden and message concerning Lost Creek.

- Their itinerary is as follows:
- July 5 Masontown, Pennsylvania
 - 6 Meyersdale, Pennsylvania
 - 7 Berlin, Pennsylvania
 - 8 Vandergrift, Pennsylvania
 - 9 Johnstown II, Pennsylvania
 - 10 Brush Valley, Pennsylvania
 - 11 Vinco, Pennsylvania
 - 12, 13, 14 .. Ohio Conference at West Alexandria
 - 15 Cumberland, Maryland
 - 16 Waynesboro, Pennsylvania
 - 17 Hagerstown, Maryland (morning)

- 17 Washington, D. C. (evening)
- 18 Mt. Olivet, Delaware
- 19 Maurertown, Virginia
- 20 Mt. Olive, Virginia

We know those churches who were privileged to have the Riverside Crusaders visit them were inspired and encouraged to do more for the Lord and His work.

The entire team along with Rev. and Mrs. Harold Barnett, directors of Riverside C. T. School, welcome anyone to come and visit. They are especially pleased when you bring along your shovel, paint brush, and muscles to help them out while you are there.

By now the little, blue Volkswagen known as "The Bug" has become a familiar sight on the roads leading to Southeastern and Pennsylvania district churches. If you haven't seen it yet, go to Riverside and it will be there to welcome you along with its owners, Nancy and Doran, and all the others at Lost Creek!

NEWS! NEWS! B. Y. NEWS!

Watch Page 18 next week for more information on Youth Conference, August 15-21. Included will be the "scoop" on Conference doings, speakers and leaders.


REV. MARLIN McCANN

Yes, "Mac" is now Rev. Marlin McCann... The time, Sunday morning, June 26, 1960... The place, Waterloo, Iowa, at the First Brethren Church... The characters, Marlin and Lila McCann... My name's Summy, I'm a secretary. I checked out of the office at 4:04 p. m., June 22, after hearing the news. "Mac" McCann had finally made it after 7 years—he was to be ordained in four days!


Seriously, Brethren Youth wishes to congratulate Marlin and pray God's blessing upon him as he leads National Brethren Youth.

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The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

GOD'S SERVICE LASTS FOR ETERNITY

THE EARLY CHURCH was born on Pentecost through the ministrations of the Holy Spirit, the preaching of the Word, and acceptance by faith of His plan of salvation. As the church was scattered by persecution, men went everywhere preaching the Word, and the Spirit blessed the Word, and men were saved. Churches grew, men were set aside with prayer and consecrated to the work of spreading the Gospel. Procedure is found in Acts 13:2-3. Read it and ask God what He would have you do.

The early believers were scattered through persecution, but so filled with zeal they could not help but speak the things they had seen and heard. The Lord always blesses such a testimony. Almost twenty years ago, the late Bro. W. E. Ronk, wrote "It is because of their interest in preaching the Word everywhere without distinction of race or color, or geographical boundaries, that part of their money (Christians) and helpers have gone to the uttermost parts of the earth." Very timely, isn't it?

God's service lasts for Eternity, but what am I doing about it today? Realizing the lost condition of men everywhere, remembering the great salvation which is ours in Christ Jesus, am I doing my best to win others to Him?

Let us bear a testimony for Him. This summer will you redeem the time for the Lord? Many churches say they cannot have evening services because there are not enough people to make it worth while. Others have to call off Prayer meetings. What happens in your home when the electricity is cut off!! Prayer meeting is the Power House of God. Keep the current flowing.

Brethren, let us work as though Christ's work depended upon us, and live as though He was coming back today...redeeming the time...for the night cometh when no man can work.

In our spending, too, let's get the most for our money. Roger W. Babson figured it this way.

\$1.00 spent for lunch lasts five hours.

\$1.00 spent for a necktie lasts five weeks.

\$1.00 spent for a cap lasts five months.

\$1.00 spent for an auto lasts five years.

\$1.00 spent for a railroad lasts five decades.

\$1.00 spent in God's service lasts for eternity.

We tell our Child Evangelism children to learn the hymns and chorus' that they might testify as they sing. The second verse of "For God So Loved the World" may be one you would like to be singing this summer. I don't remember who gave it to me—to give them recognition. Sorry.

"If God so loved the world then we should love Him, too, And try to be like Him lost souls for Him to win So we'll be ready when Christ Jesus comes again Glorious will that meeting be."

Mrs. Walter C. Wertz,
Conemaugh, Penna.

ATTENTION!

CHOIR DIRECTORS AND CHOIR MEMBERS

AFTER HAVING HAD such a wonderful National Conference Choir last year, we are eagerly looking forward to an equally fine response this year. It was truly a pleasure and a privilege to have worked with those of you who responded.

The program this year will be similar to that of last year—only the music will be changed. Those of you who missed the opportunity for an inspiration in singing should, by all means, make your presence known this year.

Again we make the request that the minimum age be 15 years. It was very satisfying to have so many youth, older youth, and adults respond to the call last year.

Our music will be as follows:

Laude Nomen Domini (O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord), Tye (SATB), No. 1526, H. W. Gray Co., New York *

O Lord, We Trust Alone in Thee, Handel (SATB), No. 1526, H. W. Gray Co., New York *

Almighty God of Our Fathers, Will James (SSAA TTBB), No. 569, B. F. Wood Music Co., Boston, Mass.

Let Thy Holy Presence, Tschesnokoff/Cain (SSA TTBB), No. B-12, Summy-Birchard Pub. Co., Evanston, Ill.

* These are printed as one anthem (or two motets) and are purchased together.

May we ask that you bring with you any copies of the music listed so that there might be enough for everyone. All music must be marked with your church name and city—also, know the amount of copies. We cannot be responsible for the loss of unmarked copies. To those choirs having copies of the music to be brought to conference, will you please send me a card noting the number of copies available?

For your response to the call, and your service to this National Conference Choir, I am certain that many blessings will be yours.

If you have any questions, please write to:

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National Conference
Choir Director

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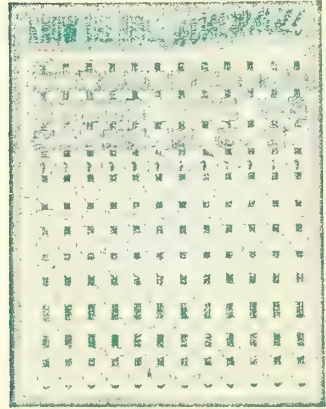


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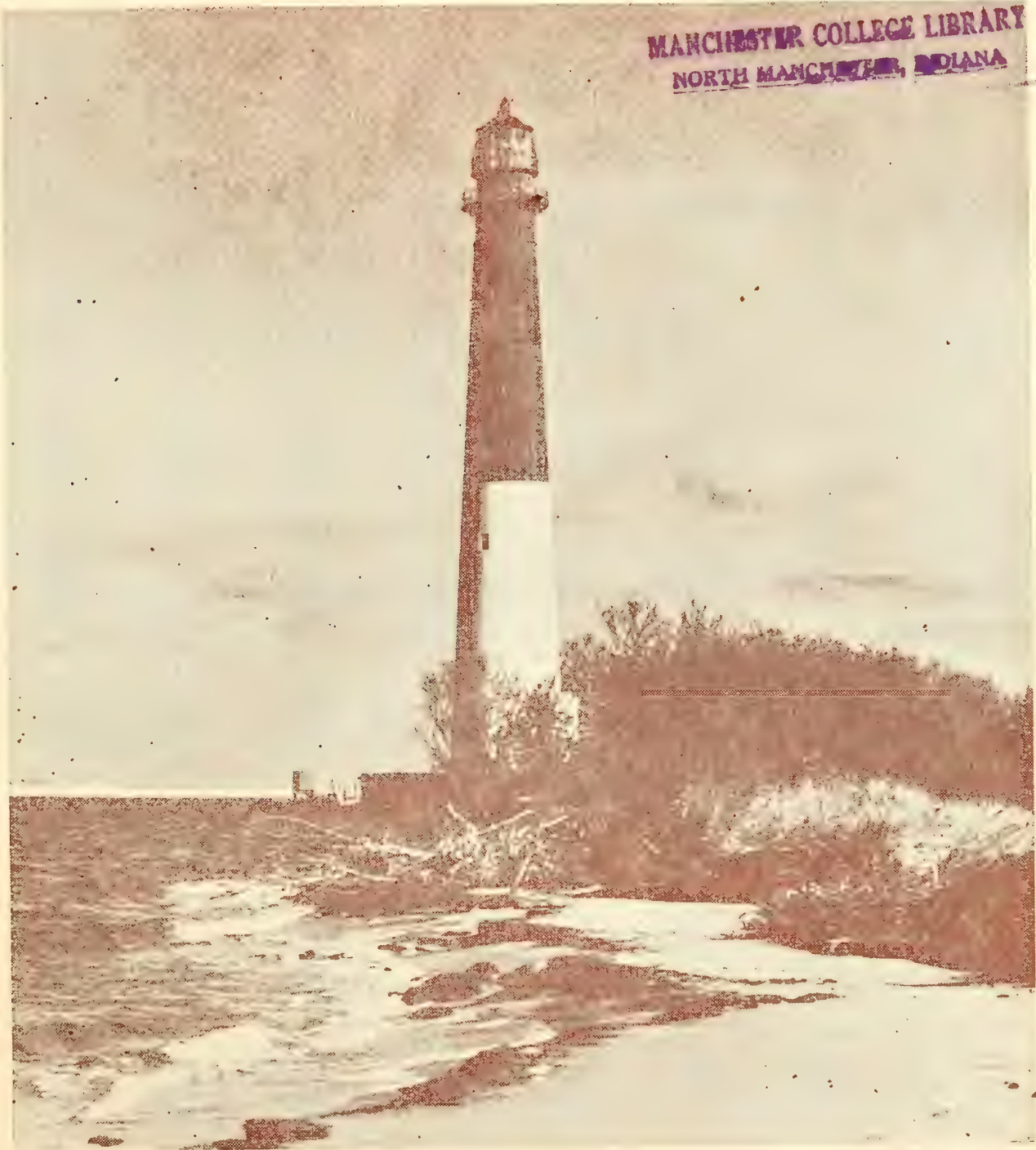


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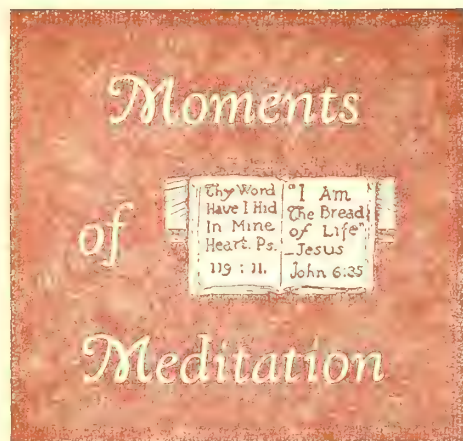


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REASONS FOR A FAMILY ALTAR

It will sweeten home life and enrich home relationship as nothing else can do.

It will dissolve all misunderstanding and relieve all friction that may enter the home.

It will hold our boys and girls to the Christian ideal and determine their lasting welfare.

It will send us forth to our work for the day, in school, home, office, store and factory, true to do our best and determined in what we do to glorify God.

It will give strength to meet bravely any disappointments and adversities as they come.

It will make us conscious through the day of the attending presence of a divine Friend and Helper.

It will hallow our friendship with our guests in the home.

It will reinforce the influence and work of the church, the church school and agencies helping to establish the Christian ideal throughout the world.

It will encourage other homes to make a place for Christ and the church.

It will honor our Father above and express our gratitude for His mercy and blessing.—Selected.

A CHRISTIAN'S HERITAGE

When a Christian is thrown into a fiery furnace, the Form of the Fourth appears.

When he is attacked by the enemy and finds himself in fierce battle, he has with him a Captain who never was defeated.

When a storm overtakes him, he discovers that his bark is anchored to the Rock of Ages.

When he is thrown into the lions' den, to his great relief, their mouths are closed.

When a deadly weapon has been formed against him, it does not prosper.

And every tongue that shall rise against him in judgment he shall condemn.

When the enemy comes upon him like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord lifts up a standard against him.

A thousand shall fall at his side and ten thousand at his right hand; but no danger shall come nigh him.

In time of famine and draught, his bread shall be given him and his water shall be sure.

When his father and mother forsake him, the Lord will take him up.

If he turns to the right hand or to the left, God will whisper in his ear, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

—Selected.

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Sin is not superficial; it goes to the roots of a man's heart. It finds its way into the soul; it leaves its mark of stain, with a guilty conscience. This makes the life of a man dark and sinful. But the blood of Jesus Christ can wash it all away, and the life of a man is clean and beautiful and holy.

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The calls of Christ come to those who are busily engaged.

GOD MEANT IT UNTO GOOD

"God meant it unto good"—

Sounds as a sweet refrain,
Faith's undertone of comfort,
Soothing life's weary strain.

"God meant it unto good"—

The pressure of His hand
Is felt in every heart-pang
We cannot understand.

"God meant it unto good"—

What seemed a needless sting
Is sent to draw the wounded heart
Closer to Him to cling.

"God meant it unto good"—

No "second cause" I see,
For 'tis my God appoints each day
And plans my life for me.
—The Alliance Weekly.

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THE GREATEST CHOICE

One time three little girls were telling each other what they wanted to be. One said she wanted to be a queen. Another said she wanted to be an author. The third said she wanted to be a lamb in Christ's fold. Which do you think was the greatest choice?

The last, of course. It is greater to be only a little lamb in Christ's fold than to have the highest position one can have in this world. The least thing we can be for Christ is far far greater than being a king, or president, or a ruler of any kind over this world.

—Selected.



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The Christian As A Lighthouse

FOR THE PURPOSE of showing the Christian the true nature of his witness to the world, he has been likened to a number of things in the scriptures. For instance, the Christian is called the salt of the earth, and the light of the world.

How easy it is, then, in reference to being the light of the world, to liken the Christian to a lighthouse. It is a very simple, yet important comparison, for as the lighthouse is to let its light shine midst the storms and darkness, so the Christian is to emit his or her Christian brilliance to souls which are lost on the stormy, dark sea of life.

Some things can be said about lighthouses. First, they are built on solid rock. Next, they shine continuously, no matter what the weather. Third, they are in places where they are needed most, and last, they can be depended upon to help the sea-traveler go correctly upon his way. The same things can be said about true Christians. They are built upon the solid rock, Christ Jesus. They give a good witness to His saving grace no matter what the opposition, false teachings, or worldliness around them. They are not off some place in a monastery living a "holier-than-thou" life because they feel they are too good to associate with people they consider to be "worldly." Rather, they are in the society of people who need the strength of their Christian faith. Nor do they shut down their light in difficult times, and turn it on when the going gets easier. No matter what the conditions, they can be depended upon to give good counsel and help to spiritually needy people.

The nature of a lighthouse can also be considered. The light shines! It is not a reflected light, but a light which burns from power within. The old lights used to burn with oil—a flame burning from within. The Christian is to be a burning Christian witness. Where do we get that power? It is the power of the Holy Spirit within us. As the power of the oil of the lighthouse (and now the power to generate electricity) originally came from the sun, so the power to

give a good Christian witness, comes from the Son of God.

We cannot be a reflected light, reflecting our own opinions, or the multitude of "new philosophies" so popular today. Our light must be the Light of the world, even Christ, burning within us, compelling us to let our light shine.

The light must be kept burning brightly. No one benefits from a dirty light. Let one lighthouse lens become corroded with salt, dirt and film so that its radiance is cut in half of its original distance. A ship at sea, knowing that that light was able to shine to a certain point from land, would be in a bad situation, if, counting on seeing the light, did not see it. How many people in life, counting on a true testimony from us, did not see our light because our own indifference clouded our lens, and gave them poor guidance?

The Protestant church in America may be seeing some dark days in the future, especially that brand of Protestantism which is seeking to remain true to the Word of God rather than compromising basic doctrines in order to be among the popular. More than ever, the true Christian will need to give a strong testimony to what he believes about God, the Bible, salvation from sin, the Christian walk, and the hope eternal. It is the day, Brethren, when we need to polish up the lens, check our construction upon the solid Rock, and see that our light is burning brightly with the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Brethren Church must give careful consideration to its God-given role as a soul-winning church. How much soul-winning are we really engaged in? Per capita-wise, how many souls did each of us speak to this year—not about the weather, but about that soul's relationship to Christ? It is time to let our light shine brightly, no matter how dark the night, nor how boisterous the storm. W.S.B.

The burden of souls that continues its passion and pleadings persistently, brings a Revival.

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DOMESTIC HELP . . .

A Necessity and a Responsibility

Mary Ann Moyer Kulp

At six o'clock every morning except Sunday, I hear the sound of a key opening the back door, and I know that my cook has come and another day has begun.

It has been the custom for missionary families in which both parents are working to employ local Nigerians to do the cooking, heavy housework, and the laundry and gardening. Without this arrangement, it would be impossible for the mother to work outside the home.

In Africa, cooking and entertaining, housework and laundry require twice as much time as they do at home.

In America I would have shuddered at the thought of setting a table for twelve or more several times a month; but here, where travel between stations is constant, this is not an unusual event. Just as it was in the pioneer days of the U. S., work here is done largely by hand and sweat of the brow.

Laundry by hand

Fires must be built, water must be heated for everything. Laundry is done completely by hand and the ironing with flat irons or a kerosene iron. Floors must be scrubbed and the house cleaned almost daily to combat the dust in dry season and mud during the rains; lamps must be cleaned and filled daily. There is bread to be baked, and food must be prepared "from scratch" (no prepared, packaged, frozen, ready-to-serve TV dinners).

If a housewife were to do all of these tasks by herself, she would have no time at all for her children or for mission work.

The House Staff

Most families employ a cook, a household worker, and a combination laundryman and gardener, all of whom are paid in proportion to the amount of experience they have had. If there are children, a dependable nursemaid is necessary to keep an eye on the offspring while mother is teaching, preaching, nursing, or what have you.

The majority of these household workers have had some amount of schooling, and most are able to converse in English. All are eager to learn more English, which makes it difficult for us who are just as eager to learn their dialect.

The result is usually a "pidginization" of both languages, which is grammatically terrible, but better than being unable to communicate with them at all.

Real Challenge

Becoming adjusted to this staff can prove a real challenge to new missionaries, particularly if they have never had experience at home in employing domestic help. At first I found it embarrassing and irritating to go into the kitchen early in the morning and find Haruna scrambling eggs or to step into the study and see Wajiri dusting encyclopedias.

I rebelled at the idea of giving up the freedom and privilege of preparing our meals and making our beds. Especially I rebelled at the thought of leaving the children with an African while I went off to the dispensary to treat dysentery and to dress ulcers. I hated the whole "system" and I searched for a remedy.

Alas, I found none. The missionary mother has two alternatives: to serve the mission or not to serve the mission. In the first instance, she must have assistance in the home; in the latter she must spend all her time doing housework. So I chose the former, since, after all, that is the purpose for which we came to Nigeria. And in time I have come to see the advantages of the setup and to feel enormous appreciation for the work our household helpers accomplish.

I look upon them now as being responsible for making it possible for me to work among their brothers and to spend more time with my own little girls. We have been particularly fortunate in finding a trustworthy, willing and loving companion for the children—a young boy who is old enough to be dependable and young enough to fit into their games.

An Ideal Nurse

It warms my heart to come home from the dispensary and find Girama playing in the sandbox with the girls or hiding in the closet while they pretend he is a hyena hiding in the hills. They have come to love him, and there are no tears when I must leave the house.

These Africans become an indispensable part of our life. Their problems become ours. While it is true that they take the place of time-saving gadgets used at home, such as dishwashers, electric stoves, mixers, water heaters, etc., the comparison ends there.

These gadgets are inanimate, and the greatest inconvenience they can cause is to necessitate a visit from the repairman. However, where our helpers are concerned, the problems and inconveniences are multiplied a hundredfold.

For example, our cook has a stomach ulcer which flares up every now and then, making a small vacation necessary for him. (This includes a special diet and medications every two hours.) Our house cleaner looks upon this situation with considerable pleasure as he attempts to take over the cooking, leaving the beds unmade and the floors unscrubbed.

Tragedy Strikes

Not only do we take upon ourselves their personal problems, but also the concerns of their families. Not long ago, a fire destroyed Wajiri's house and all of his belongings. We felt about this tragedy almost as we would have felt had it happened to one of our family.

Where we could we attempted to replace what they had lost, and to get them on their feet financially, but the point is we regard their welfare as our loving responsibility. Not all missionaries become involved to this

extent in the lives of their workers. However, we feel there can be no other way, and when they seek advice or help from us, we try to give it freely.

We consider it a privilege for it is one means of bridging that very real and nearly overwhelming gap between the American and the African.

(Taken from the Gospel Messenger)

INSPIRATION AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL

(Last call to General Conference missionary dinner)

This is your last reminder to send in your reservations for the missionary dinner to be held at 5:15 P.M., August 16. The place is not yet definitely established—the number of reservations received will determine where it will be held. Hence we must know by August 10, to reserve a large enough dining area.

As for the program, we have a surprise for those who will attend. This year we are departing from the usual; we will present as our dinner speaker Mr. Van-gioni, of Buenos Aires, who has been active in radio evangelism during recent years. Following meetings in Brazil, Ecuador, and Colombia, he will reach Ashland in time for our conference dinner, before going on to New York. Special music with an international flavor will also be featured.

You will want to enjoy this delicious meal and excel-lent program—but you must indicate your intentions before August 10.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Due to the delay in mailing letters to pas-tors and church secretaries, the date of deadline for the acceptance of orders, with discount, for the Indoctrination Book—**OUR FAITH**, is extended from July 1st to August 1st.

Albert T. Ronk,
Committee Chairman.

A legend has come out of Germany which is based on the Nazi persecution of the Jews. A pastor, acting on orders from the Gestapo, said to his congregation, "All of you who had Jewish fathers will leave and not return." A few worshipers rose and left the sanctuary. Again he said, "All of you who had Jewish mothers must go and not return." As before, a few worshipers left. As the pas-tor looked on, he saw the remaining members of the congregation turn pale. The figure on the cross above the altar had loosed itself and left the sanctuary. Jesus cannot abide in a heart, a home, a church, or a communi-ty, where prejudices exist.—Virginia Ely in **DEVOTION For Personal and Group Worship**, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Items of General Interest

LINWOOD, MARYLAND. Brother Bruce C. Shanholtz notes that July 10th was his last Sunday as pastor of the Linwood congregation, he having served this con-gregation for nearly six years.

Brother John Mills, who has been pastoring the Brighton Chapel Brethren Church, near Howe, Indiana, is sched-uled to begin soon as pastor of the Linwood church.

VINCO, PENNA. A Fellowship Supper honoring the new members received into the Vinco church since Jan-uary 1st, was scheduled for the evening of July 27th.

CANTON, OHIO (TRINITY). Brother Fred C. Van-ator of Sarasota, Florida, was guest speaker in the Trin-ity church the evening of July 3rd.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. Guest speaker on July 3rd was Rev. Ed Dana.

KOKOMO, INDIANA. A card from Brother Austin F. Gable reads to the effect that he has closed his pastorate with the Denver and Center Chapel Brethren churches, and is now working full time with the new Kokomo church. His address remains: Rt. 5, Peru, Indiana.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (ARDMORE). Brother C. William Cole notes the baptism of two new members recently.

SPECIAL. Brother Fred C. Vanator, of Sarasota, Florida, for twelve years Editor of Publications (1940-52), was a recent visitor in the Publishing Company offices and plant, along with Sister Vanator, daughter and son-in-law.

This 'n' That

By the Editor

This issue of the Evangelist undoubtedly will reach you somewhat ahead of dateline inasmuch as it had to be printed prior to July 15th in order to permit publish-ing plant employees to take their annual two-week va-cation the last two weeks of July. For the same reason, your August 6th issue may be a little late as it will need to be printed after the men return to work on August 1st.

A great violinist, an artist with the music of Bee-thoven always in his ears, once said that a man could work for fifty years on a Beethoven concerto, and still not know all there is to know about it, because "it is an alive thing."

So is Jesus Christ alive; one can love and worship Him for a lifetime, and, still, the day before death, dis-cover in Him new beauty and meaning. That is one proof of His Lordship.—Frank S. Mead in **TARBELL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE** 1961, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Program of the Seventy-Second General Conference of the Brethren Church

August 15-21, 1960

Ashland, Ohio



SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Theme: "Venturing With Christ"

Conference Text: II Peter 3:18

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Monday Evening—August 15

(Delegate credentials will be received from 6:30 to 7:30, and following the evening program—credentials must be signed and accompanied by fee).

7:30- 8:00 Opening of the 72nd General Conference of the Brethren Church by Moderator, Dr. Joseph R. Shultz.

Hymn Service:

Doxology

Hymn: "Love Divine"No. 124

Special Music

Hymn: "When I Survey"No. 47

Special Music

Devotions by the Chairman of the Executive CommitteeHarvey J. Amstutz, Smithville, Ohio

8:00 Vice-Moderator's Address .Rev. J. D. Hamel, Pastor, Sarasota, Florida

"Our Unfinished Task"

Hymn: "Jesus Saves"No. 161

Benediction

Tuesday Morning—August 16

8:00- 9:00 Simultaneous Sessions: Ministers, Laymen, S.M.M., Brotherhood, W.M.S.

9:00- 9:15 Musical Meditations and Silent Prayer

9:15- 9:30 Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus"No. 78

Scripture and Prayer ..Rev. W. E. Thomas, Pastor, North Liberty, Ind.

Special Music

9:30-10:30 Moderator's Address ..Dr. Joseph R. Shultz, Pastor, Washington, D. C.

"The Place of The Brethren Church in the Kingdom of God"

10:30-10:35 Hymn: "Lord, Speak To Me"No. 154

10:35-12:00 BUSINESS SESSION:

Announcements by Sec. of Ex. Comm.

Membership Committee Report

Election of Conference Officers

Election of New Conference Executive Committee

Conference Treasurer's Report

Special Committees Reports

Report of Retirement Board

Tuesday Afternoon

2:00- 3:00 INSPIRATIONAL HOUR BY THE W.M.S. Call to Worship

Mrs. Russell Rodkey, presiding

A MEETING OF THE MINDS

Program presented by

THE KRAFTS

Our Missionaries to Nigeria

Theme Song and Benediction

3:00- 4:00 National Laymen's Meeting

3:15 Conference Committee Meeting

4:15 Conference Choir Rehearsal

5:15 Missionary Banquet

Tuesday Evening

6:40- 7:15 Combined Youth and Adult Vespers

SpeakerRev. Kenneth Hulit

7:25- 7:45 Music Inspiration

Hymn: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

No. 290

Special Music

March of NATIONAL BRETHREN YOUTH

7:45- 9:00 NATIONAL LAYMEN INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE

Hymn: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"No. 137

led by Bud Hunter

DevotionsVice President, Max Miller

Special Music

SpeakerIvan C. Gill, Elkhart, Indiana

"Letting God Have His Way"

Wednesday Morning—August 17

8:00- 9:00 Simultaneous Sessions: Ministers, Laymen, S.M.M., Brotherhood, W.M.S.

9:00- 9:15 Musical Meditations and Silent Prayer

9:15- 9:30 Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" ..No. 139
Scripture and Prayer ..Rev. Robert Madoski, Pastor, Mulvane, Kansas

Special Music

9:30-10:10 Inspirational Address ..Rev. N. V. Leatherman, Pastor, Wayne Heights, Pa.

"Know His Word—Through Bible Study"

10:10-10:15 Hymn: "Break Thou the Bread of Life" No. 113

10:15-12:00 BUSINESS SESSION:

Announcements by Sec. of Ex. Comm.

Membership Committee Reports

Report of Conference Election of Officers

Brethren Publishing Co. Session (30 Min.)

Conference Minutes

Executive Committee's Report on Moderator's Address

Committee on Committees Report

Central Planning and Co-ordinating Committee Report

Nominating and Election of Membership on: Mission Board, Benevolent Board, Sunday School Board

Fraternal Relations Committee Report

Committee on Peace Report

Other Reports

Wednesday Afternoon2:00- 3:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP
"Goals of a Growing Sunday School"

Dr. P. H. Augustine

3:00- 4:00 National Laymen's Meeting

4:15 Conference Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday Evening

6:40- 7:15 Combined Youth and Adult Vespers

SpeakerRev. Kenneth Hulit

7:25- 7:45 Music Inspiration

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"No. 119

Special Music

Hymn: "Come, Thou Fount"No. 121

Special Music

7:45- 9:00 SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE

Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See"

No. 252

"What to Do When Life Gets Difficult"

Dr. P. H. Augustine

9:00 Camp Rally

Thursday Morning—August 18

8:00- 9:00 Simultaneous Sessions: Ministers, Laymen, S.M.M., Brotherhood, W.M.S.

9:00- 9:15 Musical Meditations and Silent Prayer

9:15- 9:30 Hymn: "Holy Spirit, With Light Divine" No. 112

Scripture and Prayer ..Rev. Charles Perrin, Pastor, County Line, Ind.

Special Music

9:30-10:10 Inspirational Address ..Rev. W. S. Benshoff, Pastor, Williamstown, Ohio, and

Editor of Publications, Ashland, Ohio

"Know His Will—Through a Growing

Personal Faith"

10:10-10:15 Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 98

10:15-12:00 BUSINESS SESSION:

Announcements by Sec. of Ex. Comm.

Conference Minutes

Membership Committee Report

Benevolent Board Session (30 Min.)

Financial Report of the National Sunday School Board

Statistician's Report

Report of Special Committees

Thursday Afternoon

2:00- 3:00 BRETHREN YOUTH WORKSHOP

3:00- 4:00 Simultaneous Sessions: W.M.S. Session and National Laymen's Meeting

4:15 Conference Choir Rehearsal

Thursday Evening

6:40- 7:15 Combined Youth and Adult Vespers

SpeakerRev. Kenneth Hulit

7:25- 7:45 Music Inspiration

Hymn: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"No. 277

Special Music

Hymn: "O Zion Haste"No. 72
Special Music

7:45- 9:00 MISSION BOARD INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE

Hymn: "Work, For the Night is Coming" No. 164

Friday Morning—August 19

8:00- 9:00 Simultaneous Sessions: Ministers, Laymen, S.M.M., Brotherhood, W.M.S.

9:00- 9:15 Musical Meditations and Silent Prayer

9:15- 9:30 Hymn: "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" No. 259

Scripture and Prayer ..Rev. Ray Aspinall, Pastor, Lanark, Ill.

Special Music

9:30-10:10 Inspirational AddressMr. John Porte, Executive Secretary of the

Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio

"Know His Work—Through an Understanding of Our Denominational Program"

10:10-10:15 Hymn: "He Leadeth Me"No. 168
10:15-12:00 BUSINESS SESSION:
Announcements by Sec. of Ex. Comm.
Conference Minutes
Membership Committee Report
Report of Co-ordinating Finance Comm.
Financial Report of the Brethren Youth Board
Financial Report of the Mission Board
Greetings: Church of the Brethren representative
Nomination and Election of Youth Board
Probable adjourned Shareholders Meeting of the Brethren Publishing Co.
Report of Special Committees
12:15 W.M.S. Luncheon—Third St. Brethren Church
Minister's and Laymen's Luncheon (Ministers in charge)

Friday Afternoon

2:00- 3:00 LAYMEN & BROTHERHOOD PRESENTATION
4:15 Conference Choir Rehearsal

Friday Evening

6:40- 7:15 Combined Youth and Adult Vespers
SpeakerRev. Kenneth Hulit
7:25- 7:45 Music Inspiration
Hymn: "O Worship the King" ..No. 258
Special Music
Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 138
Special Music
7:45- 9:00 ASHLAND COLLEGE AND SEMINARY INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE
Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" No. 276

Saturday Morning—August 20

8:00- 9:00 Simultaneous Sessions: Ministers, Laymen, S.M.M., Brotherhood, W.M.S.
9:00- 9:15 Musical Meditations and Silent Prayer
9:15- 9:30 Hymn: "Fairest Lord Jesus"No. 78
Scripture and Prayer ..Rev. Duane Sholly, Pastor, Cerro Gordo, Ill.
Special Music
9:30-10:10 Inspirational Address
Rev. Robert Keplinger,
Pastor, Canton, Ohio
"The Great Venture With Christ"

10:10-10:15 Hymn: "More Love To Thee"No. 76
10:15-12:00 BUSINESS SESSION:
Announcements by Sec. of Ex. Comm.
Conference Minutes
Membership Committee Report
Time and Place of 1961 General Conference
Action on printing of Conference Annual
Report of Goals Committee
Report of Resolutions Committee
Unfinished Business, Other Reports
Installation of New Conference Officers
Adjournment of Business Session—sine die
12:15 Minister's Wives Luncheon

Saturday Afternoon

1:00- 2:00 Business Session if necessary

2:00 Ball Game: Preachers vs. Brethren Youth
4:15 Conference Choir Rehearsal

Saturday Evening

7:25- 7:45 Music Inspiration
Hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" No. 247
Special Music
Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" No. 27
Special Music
7:45- 9:00 BRETHREN YOUTH INSPIRATIONAL PROGRAM
National Speech Contest Finals

Sunday Morning—August 21

9:30-10:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL
Hymn: "Safely Through Another Week" No. 10
Special Music
Hymn: "I Am Thine, O Lord" ..No. 176
Adult Superintendent—Rev. Henry Bates
Adult Teacher—Rev. Smith Rose
Young People Superintendent—
Rev. Thomas Shannon
Young People Teacher—
Rev. Spencer Gentle
Children Department—
Park Street Church Staff
Hymn: "Saviour, Thy Dying Love" .No. 91
10:15-10:30 Musical Interlude
10:30-12:00 WORSHIP SERVICE
Doxology
Invocation ...New Conference Moderator
Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" No. 13
Special Music
Devotions
Offertory
Special Music
Message: ..DR. G. CHRISTIAN WEISS
Head of the Missions Department of the
Back to the Bible Broadcast, Lincoln,
Neb., and formerly a missionary to the
Moslems in Morocco, North Africa.
Hymn: "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" No. 155
Benediction

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This is not our resting place, it is our field of battle. The pressure of the closing days is upon the world.

The Importance of a Christian Home

Kenneth Taylor

IF YOU WERE BROUGHT UP in a Christian home you will know why I say that a Christian home is even more important than the Sunday School.

And that doesn't discount Sunday Schools at all. They are the Lord's wonderful second best for children from non-Christian homes; and a powerful supplementary diet for children from homes where the Lord Jesus is loved. No movement within the organized church has had such results in conversions and in life building, despite the hour-a-week limitation.

But there lies the secret of the Christian home. It has a round-the-clock daily opportunity, and is able to nurture young plants and bring them on to sound, balanced living and loving total commitment to Jesus Christ.

And therein lies also its great danger. For out of Christian homes have come children who have grown up permanently warped, deformed, hardened and spiritually brutalized.

Here's What a Christian Home Can Do

First, a Christian home can give a child a happily receptive attitude to gospel truth. After all, a child believes what his parents do. If he is brought up in a strong Roman Catholic home he will be a strong Roman Catholic. If he is brought up in a strong Muslim home, he will be a fanatical Muslim. And if he is brought up in a strong evangelical Protestant home, he will be a strong evangelical Protestant. There are few exceptions.

To a superficial observer it may seem that therefore there is no solid basis for decisions and that we are merely products of our environment. And actually, this is pretty much true.

We do not decide these things as children because of logic or truth, but are "victims" of our emotional environment and of our strong and natural approval of whatever our parents believe. And so the child brought up in the Christian home is blessed beyond all others, since he often automatically adopts the Christian point of view, the truth.

And that is why the Christian home is so important. It brings about an automatic favorable response to the gospel and the proper attitude in Christian living.

The statistical results can be enormous. Canada, for instance, is now said to be Catholic for the majority of its population. That was not so a few years ago, but is today because of the Catholic emphasis on large families and the Protestant emphasis on small ones; and thus year by year and generation by generation the proportion in the population grows in geometric proportion.

Or take India as another interesting example. Today there are probably less than 1% of the population who are Roman Catholic. But if India widely adopts birth control—as has been done the last few years in Japan—the Roman Catholic population will continue to grow as fast as ever while the rest of the population slows down drastically. And within 250 years it would be possible only through the cradle, and apart from outside conversions, for the present Roman Catholic population in India to have grown to a majority of the population of India.

Does that cast some light on the great importance of the Christian home in America? It

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A Message for Young People:

YOUR

LIFE'S

WORK

EVERYONE wants to be successful in his vocation or profession. And of course, **you** do.

But do you have a **plan** for success? In what direction are you heading? Let's take a long look at some of the things that will help make **you** successful!

God gives all Christians a basis for living: "In Him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). This means that God is interested in **you**. He is actually the center—the hub of all that you do. Since God truly wants you to make the most of your life, then certainly He must have a **plan** for you. If God created you, surely He is far better able to order your life than you are. So trust Him for guidance and you will be much more successful than you ever could be if you relied upon yourself. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:5, 6).

"But," you say, "I'm not going to be a preacher or a missionary."

Perhaps not. But God isn't speaking only to ministers and missionaries. He is speaking to **you**. In fact, **God is more desirous for you to be successful than you are yourself**. In the Bible we find that God is so interested in people that He gives them personal commands.

Look at Peter—a mere fisherman. But before God was through with him, Peter was a "fisher of men." The Lord Jesus came to Peter personally and drew him away from his leaky boat and smelly fish. What an amazing transformation—from a common fisherman to a great apostle!

And God has not changed. He is just as interested in you as He was in Peter.

No man has to accept a second best for his life. There's a place for **every** man, and it's his own fault if he misses it.

Parents Should Read This Article, Too!

Success? There's only one real way to attain it. And that is to be in the will of God!

How Can I Tell What My True Abilities Are?

As I counsel with young men and women, I find that many people are square pegs in round holes. They are not happy in their life's work because they are not doing the thing for which they are best suited. Their work is not a joy. It is a drudgery.

1. Take Aptitude Tests.
2. Consult Your School Advisor.
3. Take Inventory of any Special Talents You May Have.
4. See Where Your Interests Lie.
5. Take A Vocational Guidance Course.
6. See Vocational Films.
7. Read Literature on Various Occupations.
8. Talk With Men in Various Professions.
9. Check Your School Grades.
10. Explore the Field—Take Part-time Jobs.
11. Consider Your Health.
12. Pray For Guidance.

Here's a thrilling fact: Among the millions of human beings in the world, no two are alike. Each is unique. The same is true of nature. Just as God has a design in every snowflake, every leaf, so He has a plan for you! If you take every advantage of the suggestions above, and earnestly commit your life to Christ, He will, in His time, reveal His perfect plan for you.

Conflict With Parents in Vocational Plans

A young man once asked, "What shall I do? My parents want me to be an engineer but I want to be a missionary."

He had a real problem. But it was not an uncommon one. Many young people encounter similar conflicts.

"But this isn't fair," you say. "I've got my own life to live!"

You're right. But don't brush off your parents too quickly. Talk with them about it. A calm discussion of any problem is always helpful. Rest assured that if you trust God, He will work it out in His own time.

But whatever the conflict, find out if the reasons are God-centered or self-centered. Your first allegiance is to God. Make up your mind on that basis. He will take care of the rest.

Salaries

Seldom is there much relationship between the eternal value of a job and the price tag placed upon it. Great men of God are not highly paid in money.

"Does this mean that I should always take a job with a low salary?"

No, not necessarily. If you are in God's will, you'll want the job that is best for you.

This may help you: If you were offered three jobs, you might ask yourself, "If all three positions were in the same location, if they all paid the same salary and if they all offered equal prestige, which one would I take?" This simple test has helped many Christians know God's will for them.

Great Challenges of the Century

The best job for you is the one to which God calls you. And of course you can witness for Him wherever you are.

But there are some professions today that are especially significant because there are so few Christians in them, and because the opportunities to influence many people are great.

Here are several fields of service which seem to me to be especially significant. Perhaps God would have you enter one of them.

Social Service

Unregenerate workers in the field of social service are making important decisions and influencing multitudes of people—and without spiritual wisdom!

This great field of social welfare which should be of special concern to evangelical Christians has been sorely neglected by them.

The field is wide open; the need is so great and heartbreaking that it should stir the heart of any believer who truly loves the Lord. It calls for hard work and constant application. It has its disappointments and difficulties—but it is

one of the kinds of work to which our Lord called His people.

If you are interested in finding a place where you can train for this field, get in touch with your church or denominational office or state welfare department. You may also write The Evangelical Welfare Agency, 108 North Dearborn, Chicago 2, Illinois.

Education

If you want to influence America, you should go where the **people** are, and where they are **young**. This means public and private schools. The teachings of the classroom soon become the beliefs of the average citizen. If the teachers and school administrators of our nations are godly men and women, their beliefs and attitudes will quickly become a part of the young lives whom they influence.

The field of education offers a variety of professional careers. Here is a partial list: Kindergarten teacher, elementary teacher, secondary teacher, college instructor, counselor, speech therapist, psychologist, school nurse, business manager, registrar, and supervisor.

There is a national shortage of educators. During the next two decades there will be a great demand to meet the increased population.

A career in education continues for a lifetime. Positions of importance become increasingly available with years of service and experience. You will become more valuable at fifty than you were at thirty.

There is a great organization of Christian educators called "The National Educators' Fellowship." This active group has local chapters and campus chapters throughout the nation. They have an excellent monthly magazine called **Vision**.



Further information about education is available through this organization: 120 N. Oakland, Pasadena, California.

Psychology

As for requirements: Most states require an under-graduate major in education, (preferably elementary because that is where most of the openings are), and a strong minor in psychology. One must also have a master's degree in educational psychology. Teaching experience is required in most states. In addition, there are certain courses which each state department of education specifies.

A school psychologist is in a strategic position. He works closely with pupils, teachers, and parents. Perhaps God would have you enter this great profession.

Government Service

"The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men."—Plato.

Why should evangelical Christians hold influential positions in government?

America was founded by Christians on Christian principles. There is no better way to keep America strong than to have Christians in key governmental positions. Our government should be administered by Christians who will take their moral and ethical standards into government and help shape U. S. policies in accordance with a Christian philosophy of life.

The Ministry

There is, of course, no greater or higher calling than the Gospel ministry. If you feel that God may possibly be speaking to your heart about the ministry, you should talk the matter over with your pastor or some other Christian worker.

Not everyone is suited for the ministry. God calls well adjusted, qualified men, not misfits, as ministers of the Gospel. So, if you are considering entering the ministry, pray earnestly and think seriously about your qualifications and talents. Remember that a minister needs ability in administration, in public speaking, in counseling and in "rightly dividing the Word." He should be a friendly, optimistic person, not easily discouraged or overcome by disappointment. And above all, a minister of the Gospel must have real depth of spirituality and a true consecration to the Lord.

A minister's life is not his own. It belongs to God and the people he serves. True, a minister

is responsible for witnessing and leading people to Christ. But that is not all. He carries everyone's burdens and sorrows. His hours have no limit. He must be all things at all times to all sorts of people. His wife must be a model for the parish. His own life should be the model of a good citizen and an ideal father, an understanding husband, a trusted friend and an exemplary Christian. And above all, **he must receive his calling from God.**

A Missionary for Christ

My mother used to tell me, "Son, the best things cost the most." Now I know what she meant. Service for God may be difficult but it also pays off in abundant joy.

A missionary calling is one of the highest. Its challenge is vividly portrayed in this poem:

Out where the loneliness presses around me,
Looking on sights that are sordid and drear,
Strangely abiding—yet surely God called me,
Why do I wonder if Jesus is here?

He, who is God, took the form of a servant,
Humbled Himself unto death without fear;
Lonely, forsaken, despised, and rejected,
My blessed Saviour, my Jesus, came here!

Wilt Thou forgive me for failure in serving
Heartache, depression, regrets, disappear.
Born of the Cross, a new courage infills me;
Jesus, my Victory, my Life, is now here!
—Author Unknown.

Is God calling you to the mission field? If so, answer the call. You will never have peace and joy until you obey!

By: Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, consulting psychologist for the schools of Los Angeles County; Courtesy of Youth Commission of the National Sunday School Association.

Our grandfathers could wait for a twice-a-week stage-coach without running a temperature; modern man gets mad if he misses one section of a revolving door. Life is gulped down, not savored. The only new vice of the past three hundred years is the breathless blasphemy of speed. Pascal's profound word is considered mere gibberish: "The unhappiness of mankind is due to one thing, we have not the wisdom to remain in tranquility at home."—James W. Clarke in DYNAMIC PREACHING, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

**THE IMPORTANCE
OF A CHRISTIAN HOME**

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seems to me that it certainly does. Our homes must continue to send out well-trained young people, and I believe in increasing numbers, to live for Jesus Christ. The average Christian parent in America probably nets more souls for the Lord in his home than he does in all of his lifetime in personal work outside the home.

How Are Christian Homes Failing?

But here a warning must be sounded and a solemn caution given as to the reason why some Christian homes do not produce strong Christian lives in their young people.

I think there are two main reasons.

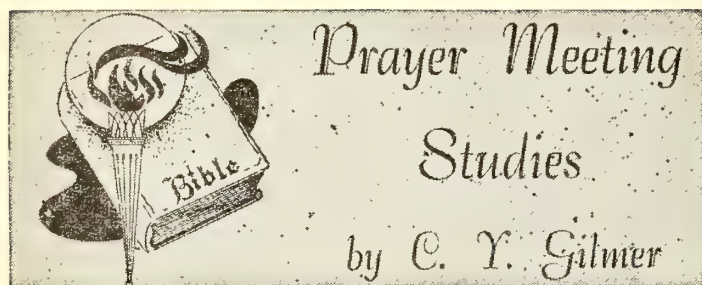
The first is that some of our Christian homes are not truly Christian. The name of Christ is honored in word but not in deed. Uncomfortable family relations make plain to the children that Christ is not real and as a result many a child has come to the place of mocking that holy Name. The solution here is of course that the parents themselves should decide to live for Christ rather than for themselves, and learn how to work out this decision in their everyday living before their children.

The second reason concerns homes where the parents truly love Christ, but do not understand that children need negative guidance as well as positive, and need the stick as well as the carrot. A child's dear little heart is a potential cesspool of damning iniquity. It is a garden where weeds spring up easily and where when quickly dealt with they can be quickly destroyed. But a parent who neglects this God-given responsibility, pitying the child and sparing the rod, can build disaster into a child's life before he is five years old.

I feel that a major key to the solution of both of these problems lies in family togetherness, the parents taking time to work with the children and especially taking time for family devotions when the whole family can be together around the Word of God listening to the admonitions of the Scriptures and discussing together what it means and how to put it into effect.

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"Brethren Advance in Evangelism"

INDIVIDUAL VISITATION EVANGELISM

Then "one by one" I'll seek them, Lord
If Thou wilt make my heart
A throne of burning flaming love,
Holy in every part.

With faith that trusts and hope that waits,
And love that conquers on,
Jesus, I'll seek and find and plead,
And lead them "one by one."

—Selected.

PERSONAL SOUL WINNING makes us do as Jesus did (Mk. 1:17). Soul winning meant more to Him than life (Jn. 10:15). Soul winning was the life business of Jesus (Lu. 19:10). Often Jesus went seeking for just one person (Jn. 1:43). By Jacob's well He transformed a woman steeped in sin (Jn. 4:39). Even in crowds Christ dealt with the individual (Lu. 19:5). Paul taught "from house to house," and dealt with "every one" (Acts 20:20, 31). Peter dealt personally with the lame man at the Beautiful gate (Acts 3:2-8), with Aeneas (Acts 9:33, 34), with Cornelius (Acts 10:29), and many others. The greatest audience in Philip's record, although he had preached to the city of Samaria (Acts 8:5-8), was an audience of one (vs. 34-36). The timid Ananias was obedient and gave personal instruction to Saul (Acts 9:17). These men were doing what Jesus did (1 Jn. 2:6). As to individual evangelism, every Christian is expected to do as Jesus did—fish for men (Matt. 4:19).

A Prayer

Open my eyes that I may see
This one and that one needing Thee;
Hearts that are dumb, unsatisfied;
Lives that are dark, for whom Christ died.

Open my eyes in sympathy
Clear into man's deep soul to see;
Wise with Thy wisdom to discern,
And with Thy heart of love to yearn.

Open my eyes in power, I pray
Give me the strength to speak today,
Some one to bring, dear Lord to Thee;
Use me, O Lord, use even me.

—Betty Scott Stam.

It is astonishing how little care Christians have for sinners (Psa. 142:4) in our time. How are we Christians going to escape our neglect for the salvation of others (Heb. 2:3)? We must not be on good terms with the Master Fisherman—we do not like to fish (Matt. 26:40).

We do not appreciate the value of one soul (Matt. 17:26). The lost are not concerned because we are not concerned (Prov. 14:25)!

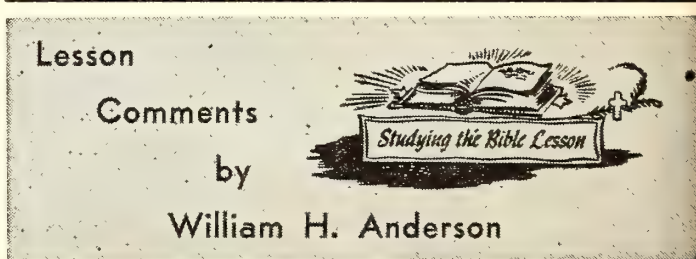
"To lose your wealth is much,
To lose your health is more,
To lose your soul is such a loss
As no man can restore."

There is too much at stake for sinful bashfulness (Jas. 5:20).

"A good man came to me one day
To win me from my sinful way.
I then was angry, stern and rough,
'Go 'way, my life is good enough.'

"The man came back time after time
Till I said, 'Not my will, but Thine.'
I yielded all—the Lord did win,
Redeemed my life from Hell and sin.

"For this good friend, the Lord I thank
He snatched the cup of sin I drank,
And now I praise God evermore
For this dear friend who seemed a bore."



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Lesson for August 7, 1960

GOD LOVES HIS ERRING CHILDREN

Lesson: Hosea 11:1-9

WHAT IS LOVE? Someone has defined it in these words:

"We may say that it is a centrifugal act of the soul in constant flux that goes toward the object and envelops it in warm corroboration, uniting us with it and positively affirming its being!"

Few will understand such a definition! In a real sense, love is indefinable. At the same time it is one of the easiest things to recognize when it is expressed. We may not be able to define God's love for us, but we know His love was expressed for us and to us in the Person of Jesus Christ.

"For God so LOVED the world, that He gave His only begotten Son . . ."

Our lesson reveals God's great love for His people Israel as recorded in Hosea 11. Notice first of all . . .

GOD'S UNFAILING LOVE FOR ISRAEL

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son" (vs. 1—R.S.V.).

The nation is reminded of God's love and preservation during the 400 years in Egypt. God delivered the Jews from oppression, gave them victory over their enemies, fed and clothed them, and nurtured them as His own.

How did the people respond to His love? Notice...

ISRAEL'S UNHOLY LUST FOR IDOLATRY

"The more I called them, the more they went from Me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and burning incense to idols" (vs. 2—R.S.V.).

The more God called in love to them, the more obstinate and rebellious the people of Israel became!

"It portrays a sad and fatal condition of heart when God's warnings and entreaties make men more refractory, and when they will obstinately and rebelliously follow the bent of their own heart and mind. Israel was fond of idols, and so in spite of Jehovah's favor to them, they forsook God and followed idols. They were guilty of great folly, as well as of base ingratitude toward God. And alas! how often God's people are guilty of the same sins these days!" (W. S. Hottel).

Thirdly, notice...

GOD'S LOVING CONCERN FOR EPHRAIM

"Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in My arms" (vs. 3—R.S.V.).

"Ephraim" is used here to represent the whole Northern Kingdom, for that tribe had become so powerful as to give its name to all the area.

"While they were rebelling, I was helping and supporting them, as a nurse doth her child, teaching it to go with little steps;...and not only so, ...but when they were wearied, He took them up in His arms, as a nurse doth a child when tired with its little attempts to walk. Such was the love and tender care of God..." (E. B. Pusey).

Though God was concerned with Israel, the nation was not concerned with Him. Notice...

EPHRAIM'S WOEFUL INDIFFERENCE TOWARD GOD

"But they did not know that I healed them" (vs. 3—R.S.V.).

How often we are guilty of the same! God showers us with untold blessings. But we smugly take them all for granted!

In the next place, notice...

GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT UPON ISRAEL

"They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king . . . The sword shall rage against their cities, consume the bars of their gates, and devour them in their fortresses" (vs. 5-6—R.S.V.).

Judgment would be meted out to them. They shall again become a captive nation as in Egypt, this time serving under Assyria's yoke. The people would fall by the sword, and their cities would be destroyed.

Why? "Because they have refused to return to Me," and because "My people are bent on turning away from Me" (vs. 5, 7—R.S.V.).

"The prophets preached judgment, but they preached it not because judgment was the goal, but because

it was the deterrent in order that, if possible, man might halt in his sin, and repent, and return to God. If man failed to heed, then there was no other alternative but the dire consequences of his sin" (H. M. Freleigh).

Finally, notice...

GOD'S FORGIVING COMPASSION TOWARD ISRAEL

"How can I give you up, O Ephraim! How can I hand you over, O Israel! How can I make you like Admah! How can I treat you like Zeboim! My heart recoils within Me, My compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute My fierce anger, I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come to destroy" (vs. 8-9—R.S.V.).

("Admah" and "Zeboim" were two of the cities God overthrew with Sodom and Gomorrah.)

In spite of the fact that Israel deserved to be punished because of her sin, still it grieved the heart of God, because He loved her!

Is it any wonder the Psalmist could say: "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy" (103:8)?

"Can we fail to recognize that it is the same Great Lover that wept over Jerusalem as He cried, 'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her children under her wings, and ye would not!' " (Mt. 23:37).

**"The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell."**

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP NOT "OPENING EXERCISE"

Worship Defined

IN TRUE WORSHIP, the believer reaches out for God, meets Him, adores Him. The worshiper's intellect is involved in that he understands something of God's greatness and loving-kindness; the will is involved in that he voluntarily takes part in worship, audibly or silently; and the emotions, in particular, are stirred as humility, love, joy and gratitude are generated in the heart and flow upward to Almighty God in praise and adoration.

Sunday School Worship Compared

1. **Family worship** includes individuals of various ages, but the group is so small and intimate that provision is generally made for each one to participate.

2. **Church worship** includes many people of various ages. Often the service includes song and scripture read-

ing, not understood by all, and a prayer-time not entered into by all. In the church service we have worship and preaching; in the Sunday school we have worship and teaching.

3. **Sunday school worship** can provide two essentials needed in worship—understanding and participation—with the pupils feeling God's presence and having their emotions touched, manifesting awe, praise and thankfulness.

Therefore, worship in Sunday school is as vital as class instruction, and when the worship is correlated with the class instruction, the teaching strikes deeper and lasts longer. Our actions generally stem from our emotions rather than our intellect. We do what we want to do—not always what we know we ought to do. It is a tragic mistake to pour knowledge into a pupil's head and not appeal to his heart. While the head, heart and will cannot be divorced, we appeal primarily to the head in class and the heart in the worship time.

Results Of Sunday School Worship

1. This is the only time many individuals have opportunity to worship God, aside from private worship.

2. In Sunday school the worship is planned for each departmental group so the pupils feel freer to take part. For example, two-year-olds, high school seniors, and adults use different terminology and a different approach.

3. Here leadership is developed as pupils help plan the worship, give personal prayer requests, comment, or help present a visual aid.

4. Here attitudes are changed or developed as vitally as in the class session.

5. Sunday schools that emphasize worship as well as class instruction are especially blessed of God.

Hindrances To Sunday School Worship

1. Tardiness and confusion. Good pre-session planning will care for this.

2. Poor room arrangement—pupils entering near front of room.

3. An unprepared leader who is over-solemn, tense, hurried or too happy-go-lucky.

4. A pianist who is late, indifferent, or unable to play the piano.

5. The same old pattern, same old songs, same old comments, same old rut.

6. Lack of continuity—having no aim or theme for the worship. Thus we use one song stressing faith, followed by comments on a contest, scripture on the resurrection, a chorus on prayer, and an illustration on obedience.

7. No point of climax. Build for a high-point in the worship service. This may be the prayer-time. Use a quiet song before prayer. Give brief comment before the group sings a song so they are prepared to sing it with meaning.

World Religious News in Review

ANNOUNCE CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (EP)—Plans for a "Christian High School" are being prepared by Conservative Protestant churches in South Bend and nearby Mishawaka, Ind.

Ministers and laymen from about 20 area churches totaling 2,000 members are spearheading the project, which they hope to open to a class of ninth graders next fall.

Plans call for adding a higher grade each year until all four years of high school are offered.

Impetus for the project came in part from the Evangelical Ministers' Fellowship of St. Joseph County, with guidance from the National Association of Christian Schools organization.

Three conservative elementary schools are now operated in the South Bend area.

FAA GAMBLES LIVES, WCTU OFFICIAL CHARGES

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The Bureau of Legislation of the National WCTU has accused the Federal Aviation Agency of "dallying dangerously" with air safety.

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, legislative representative of the WCTU, pointed to the May 20 flight from New York to Montreal when seven drinking passengers "turned the passenger cabin into a littered shambles" in spite of the efforts of the flight crew to control them.

"The fact that the passengers involved may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 based on an FAA regulation is small comfort to the traveling public which is aware that the FAA still condones the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages aboard aircraft in flight," Mrs. Hays declared. "Since the FAA administra-

tor has not put alcohol off the airlines, it is up to Congress to do so."

The FAA regulations providing for a "civil penalty" not to exceed \$1,000 is yet to be tested in the courts.

"My office is continually bombarded with letters asking why Congress does not take action", said Mrs. Hays. "Concerned citizens cannot understand why the several bills which have been introduced to ban alcoholic beverages on aircraft never come to a vote of the entire Congress. This bill has been held in the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee for more than five years and is apparently being subjected to every possible type of procedural delay in spite of the fact that the majority of the committee favors it."

The National WCTU has 300,000 members with organizations in all 50 states and 70 foreign countries.

SUDAN ENCOURAGES ISLAMIC EVANGELISM

CAIRO, Egypt (EP) — "The Complete Islamization of Sudan!" That's the theme of a crusade currently being conducted by the Egyptian government. Already large numbers of

Moslem preachers have been sent to southern Sudan to work for conversions.

Reports of "mass conversions" to the Islam religion are filtering out of the Sudan. These say that action has been taken by the Sudanese government to expel many foreign Christian missionaries.

Applications to enter the Sudan by workers with several American mission agencies have been turned down by the Sudanese government. This reluctance to grant visas is not new. It has been prevalent since April, 1957, when the Arab government nationalized the country's mission schools.

INDIANA CHURCH SPONSORS DRIVE-IN SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICES

SOUTH BEND, Ind (EP)—As an experiment begun for worshippers "who are anxious to get out on the golf course or beach," Sunday sunrise services at a local drive-in theater have been inaugurated for the summer by Grace Methodist Church here.

The Rev. Ralph S. Steele, minister, said that the service starts at 6:15 a. m. and lasts 45 minutes.

He conducts the service from a pulpit on the roof of the theater's projection stand. A microphone delivers his words to worshippers in their cars through the sound system of the theater. Although the services are sponsored by his church, they are non-denominational in nature. Eventually guest ministers will be invited to speak.

The management of the theater not only makes no charge for the use of his facilities, but also provides free coffee and donuts after each service.

Advantages of the services, from the pastor's point of view: "Parents can bring small children and sleeping babies to the service and know they will not annoy other worshippers. And parents and children alike can come dressed in sports clothes."

But he made it plain that he felt the outdoor drive-in service is no substitute for a church service. "Speaking at a drive-in theater falls between speaking in a church and on the radio. It's difficult for a minister to adjust to speaking without seeing the responses of his worshippers, yet he does know they are there."

MISSIONARIES INJURED IN KOREAN RIOT

CHUNGJU, Korea (EP)—More riots have jolted Korea—this time because of religious issues.

Several missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) were injured slightly when approximately 100 students disrupted a meeting here. Thirteen rioters were arrested after several cohorts tried to force their way into missionaries' homes.

Observers say the student troublemakers were inspired by representatives of a minority group which broke away from the Presbyterian Church in Korea last fall and still campaigns against reunion. The fanatical separatists of the so-called National Association of Evangelicals (not affiliated with the NAE in the United States) withdrew from the Church's General Assembly in protest against the denomination's relations with the World Council of Churches and the ecumenical movement.

Last February this dissident group was reconciled with the "Ecumenical" majority party at a special Reuniting Assembly. At that time the majority party agreed to minority leaders' demands that the Korean Church withdraw from the WCC.

CHANGES IN CANADIAN SUNDAY LAWS CALLED "INEVITABLE"

HAMILTON, Ontario (EP)—Hint of changes in Canada's Lord's Day Act was given by the Rev. A. S. McGrath, general secretary-treasurer of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada at the 72nd annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

"Some changes are inevitable," said McGrath. He said that in the light of the increasing leisure enjoyed by many people because of automation in business and industry. The news made headlines in some Canadian papers because of public interest in the "Sabbath Law."

The leader of the "watchdog of the Canadian Sabbath" indicated the movement would take a less militant attitude in its role. But, he said, "the alliance shall be preserved because of religious usefulness and the social benefits it gives to people at large." He said the Alliance does not oppose cultural events on the Sabbath in

areas where commercial sports and other activities are permitted already, particularly if these are sponsored by a non-profit group.

The Supreme Court of Canada overruled the Alliance by confirming a British Columbia court's decision recognizing the B. C. legislature's power to allow commercial sports in Vancouver on Sundays.

MOSCOW CHURCH ENDOWS WCC LIBRARIES

GENEVA, Switzerland (EP)—The Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church has offered to give 400 books from his church's theological academies and seminaries for the World Council of Churches libraries.

The Metropolitan Nikolai, head of the External Relations office of the Russian Church, sent the list of books to WCC headquarters in Geneva as part of an agreement made last year for an exchange of literature between the Council and the Moscow Patriarchate, which is not a member of the WCC.

A gift of recent theological books had already been sent by the World Council to the libraries of the Patriarchate and of its Zagorsk and Leningrad theological academies.

Staff members of the World Council of Churches said the additions would be "most valuable" for the Council's collection, already regarded as the best library in existence on the ecumenical movement.

PRIESTS SCORE SPAIN'S PUBLIC ABUSES

MADRID, Spain (EP)—In this Roman Catholic-dominated country, any grumblings of the Catholic Church against the government makes news.

In the spotlight recently were 342 priests who signed a letter condemning Generalissimo Francisco Franco's government for: (1) torturing in police stations citizens often innocent of the charges against them, (2) jailing political enemies without charges and holding them without trial, and (3) employing a "super-propaganda" machine to "deform" public opinion.

The letter ended with a warning to priests in every part of Spain that unless the church speaks out, its silence will be attributed to a "lack of conscience. Day after day, an abyss is opening between us and the souls entrusted to our care," the letter said.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

MEET THE MAN

"Venturing with Christ" is the 1960 Conference theme and we want you to meet the man who is going to guide our venturing...Rev. Kenneth Hulit.

Rev. Hulit is pastor at the First E. U. B. Church in Canton, Ohio, where he has served for eleven years. In his own church, Rev. Hulit has been Conference Youth Director and has also done a lot of camp work. Therefore, we are sure he will have a message of vital interest to all Youth delegates.

Rev. Hulit was born in Ashland, Ohio, and spent nearly all of his school years in Ashland...grade school, high school, Ashland College and Seminary. He has also done some graduate work at Oberlin College, Ohio.

In his years of pastorate work, Rev. Hulit has served only one other church besides Canton. His previous pastorate was at Akron, Ohio, where he served eleven years. While at Akron, he was involved in the building of his church and then an addition.

The Canton church has undergone a building program that involved relocation. Rev. Hulit cares for a membership of 1550 at Canton.

In addition to serving on several boards of his own church, he is active in such community affairs as Goodwill Industries, Y.M.C.A., Service Council and Health Foundation.

Now you have "met the man" but only in word. Come to Conference, August 15-21, to see and hear Rev. Hulit as he presents messages of inspiration for Youth sessions and vespers.

Topics for the vespers services will be: "God Chooses a People," "God Serves His People," "God Withdraws From His People," and "God Returns to His People."

"TENGARD"

This is the city...I work here...My name's Saturday, I'm a cop... my partner's name in Thursday. We checked in at the office at 8:33 Monday morning, August 15...we were working out of Lost Persons. The phone rang and I answered. On the other end was a distraught sounding mother who reported here two kids—a girl and a boy—missing since 3 p.m. the day before.

"O.K., Thursday, let's go...two kids missing...33 Glenwood Drive." When we rang the doorbell, a worried mother and father answered. They told us Joe, 13 years old, and Ann, 15 years old, had been acting strange...excited, whispering to each other, saving all the money they earned and got from allowances. Their clothes were all gone...suitcases too...must be going on a trip. We checked their rooms but found nothing except a battered magazine in Joe's room...it said Brethren Youth Magazine on the cover.

We began the routine...busses, planes, trains...no leads anywhere. At 2:16 p.m. we checked in at the

office. The Chief met us. "Saturday, Thursday, I've got another one for you. Three kids this time...5542 Smith Road."

"But, Chief, we don't have this other case cleared yet."

"That's all right, boys, there may be a connection between these two. Circumstances sound the same."

"O.K." At the Connors we got the same story...excited kids, saving their money, whispering to each other...Jim, 17, Carol, 15, and Dan, 13...no warning...no notes...nothing, just disappeared AND at approximately 3 p.m. the day before. As we were checking their rooms, Thursday suddenly exclaimed, "Saturday, look here! Another one of those Magazines...battered. Let's take it along."

Routine check on busses, planes, trains didn't turn up any leads.

Tuesday, August 16, 8:45 a.m. "This one's got me stumped, Thursday." "Yeh, no leads—just disappeared into thin air. What could five kids like that be doing?" "Beats me, Thursday."

I was leafing through the battered Magazine we took from Carol's room when suddenly something marked in red caught my eye. "Thursday, look at this...this passage's been marked with red pencil...National Youth Conference, August 15-21...that's it...it all ties in...where is it, though?...yeh, here, Ashland, Ohio!"

We called the P.D. in Ashland...they checked it. At 9:14 a.m. we had our answer. The kids were all there, attending the National Brethren Youth Conference. We notified the kids' parents.

"Saturday?" "Yeh." "I still don't figure—how did those kids get there?" "Rented a car." "Well, I'll be. These kids!" "Yeh, they're something, huh?"

(Don't you be like the kids in "Tengard"—you tell everyone that you are coming to National Brethren Youth Conference—and bring as many with you as you can!) By the way, Tengard spelled backwards is what?

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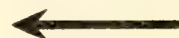
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The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

THE CHOICE IS YOURS

GEORGE W. CARVER, negro scientist, who achieved wonders with the humble peanut, used to tell this story: "When I was young, I said to God, 'God, tell me the mystery of the universe.' God answered, 'That knowledge is reserved for me alone.' So I said, 'God, tell me the mystery of the peanut;' and God said, 'Well, George, that's more nearly your size,' and He told me." We all know the marvelous results of his research and untiring work.

I have visited the University of Miami at Coral Gables, Florida, a number of times. Here is located one of the finest departments of testing aptitudes of students in this country. At this great university, young men and women, mostly from high schools who are uncertain of their future courses, come for testing. A new program will be launched next fall. Every student who enters for the first time will take the same courses for two years to get a fundamental educational background, then the next two years will be spent in majoring in the special field for which the student is best qualified and has chosen for his life's work.

I believe every one was created for a purpose and a special work, all his own, and if he fails he has cheated God.

I Corinthians 12:27, 28—"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it, and God has appointed apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues, and those of knowledge and wisdom." Sometimes it takes a whole lifetime to build the character of a noble man. God has put within our lives, meanings and possibilities by which we are perfected.

Albert Schweitzer said, "Every man has to seek to make his own self more noble and to realize his own true worth. Remember you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here, too." "The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it," said William James. Jesus said, "He who loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it." Jesus was right. A study of history shows that many of our major civilizations have gone the way of destruction, while the kingdom of God has continued as a reality.

You are what you will to be and your will is always free. Enlightened and dedicated youth can climb upward, ever higher.

"Who love and seek the company of great Ideals, and move among them, soon or late Will learn their ways and language unaware, and Take on their likeness."

Browning wrote,
"Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,

The last of life, for which the first was made.
Our times are in His hands,
Who saith, 'A whole I planned;
Youth holds but half; trust God,
See all, nor be afraid.'"

Emerson said, "Each man is a cause, a country and an age," meaning that each of us, young and old, must act as if his action determined the lives of all of us. The country so needs men and women with knowledge, with vision, with strength and with courage—people who are aware of the problems we face, who can foresee the great developments of this dangerous but challenging world. We must be true to ourselves and to our appointed work.

"Make me to know thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me."

"To every one there openeth a way and a Way,
And the High Soul climbs the High Way
And the low soul gropes the Low,
And in between on the misty flats
The rest drift to and fro.

But to every man there openeth
A High Way and a Low,
And every man decideth
The Way his soul should go."

A little boy was asked what he wanted to be when he became a man. He answered, "I am a man and I am a Doctor." That little boy carried about in his play a little bag filled with bottles of "pills" and "medicine" his mother provided for him. Today he is a successful physician and surgeon.

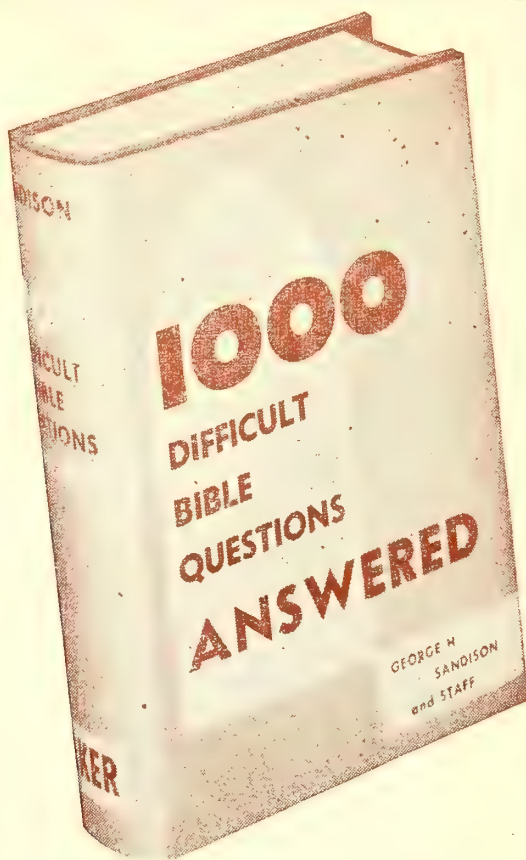
Mrs. J. Allen Miller,
Ashland, Ohio

When the famous author A. J. Cronin was a young doctor, he had a moving experience in a mining community in southern Wales. A heavy explosion wrecked the mines and buried fourteen miners in a living grave for five days. The rescuers dug frantically to save the men, while the people of the village prayed for their safety. When the rescue party came close to the trapped men, they could hear the faint voices of the buried miners singing deep in the wrecked mine shaft. And this was their song that rose from the depths of the earth:

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home.

Dr. Cronin was with the released men as they came out of their black tomb. As they reached the surface, weak, but uninjured, a thousand Welsh voices joined their song. It echoed and re-echoed through that little valley like thunder: "O God, our help . . ."

God is our help! God is power!—Donald Earle Lewis
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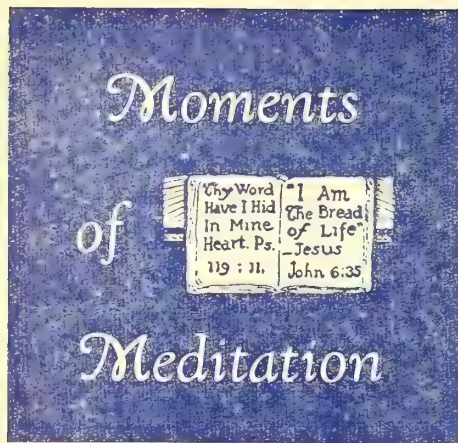
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MEANS OF GRACE

Ordinarily, in the disbursement of the gifts of grace, God chooses to work through MEANS.

By grace we understand God's free favor in blessing, benefiting, improving, correcting, strengthening, comforting, etc., etc., our hearts, and bringing to us holiness of life.

By means of grace we understand those channels, agencies and instrumentalities through which God has determined to confer these blessings of his grace. Some of these means are private; for example:

1. Private prayer.
2. Study of the Bible.
3. Self-examination.
4. Meditation.

Some of these means are public; for example:

1. Public worship.
2. The Lord's Supper.
3. Works of charity.

No Christian who would live and grow in holiness, and ripen for heaven, can afford to neglect these means of grace.

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Prayer leaps over all boundaries, stops at no distances and balks at no obstacles because it is in touch with the infinite resources of heaven.

IF YOU WANT TO BE LOVED

Don't contradict people, even if you're sure you are right.

Don't be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friend.

Don't underrate anything because you don't possess it.

Don't believe that everybody else in the world is happier than you.

Don't conclude that you have never had any opportunities in life.

Don't believe all the evils you hear.

Don't repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.

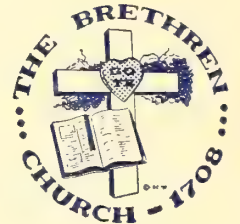
Don't jeer at anybody's religious belief.

Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile. Few care

whether you have the earache, headache, or rheumatism.

Learn to attend to your own business—a very important point.

Do not try to be anything else but a gentleman or a gentlewoman; a that means one who has consideration for the whole world, and whose life governed by the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would be done by"—Selected.



THE CONTRAST

Infidelity Answered

"Invictus" by Wm. Henley

Out of the night that covers me
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance
I have not winced, nor cried aloud.
Under the bludgeoning of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade;
And yet the menace of the years
Finds, and shall find, me unafraid.

It matters not how strait the gate
How charged with punishment the scroll,
I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul.

"My Captain" by Dorothea Day

Out of the light that dazzles me,
Bright as the sun from pole to pole,
I thank the God I know to be
For Christ the conqueror of my soul.

Since His the sway of circumstance
I would not wince nor cry aloud.
Under the rule which men call chance
My head with joy is humbly bowed.

Beyond this place of sin and tears
That life with Him! and His the aid
That spite the menace of the years
Keeps, and shall keep, me unafraid.

I have no fear though strait the gate
He cleared from punishment the scroll.
Christ is the Master of my fate;
Christ is the Captain of my soul.
—Sunday School Times.

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The Editor's Pulpit

A Bright Spot In A Dark Day

THE DAY before our Lord was crucified was a day of great perplexity, uncertainty and doubt. Rumors of impending trouble came from every quarter. As events developed, we see that the fears of the disciples were not unfounded, for there was great trouble, they themselves were scattered as sheep without a shepherd, and 'they all forsook him and fled.'

However, in this day of darkness, there was a bright spot. As Jesus and the disciples were gathered in the upper room, Jesus told them of things which were to come. Then He said, "But after I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee" (Mark 14:28).

Here was encouraging news which soon seemed to be forgotten by the disciples. Yet, on the day of resurrection, when the three women, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, went to the tomb they met a heavenly visitor who gave them encouraging news. This young man told them that Christ is risen. He also told them they were to go and tell the disciples, that 'he goeth before you into Galilee.'

Somehow it seems that we have largely forgotten that truth today. We seem to think that as individuals and as a church we are the sole source of the power of our lives and of the life of our church. The fact that God has interest in the whole of our lives and is seeking to lead us into the fullest development thereof, seems to have escaped our understanding. The fact that God has interest in the whole of our church life as a fruitful, obedient and Spirit-filled vessel to His glory seems to be forgotten.

Sometimes it seems that in our lack of faith in planning, in entering into the development of our plans, we express the attitude that we think God is dead, and that we, at best, will be doing well if we just hang on to what we now have in our church.

We must never forget that we are children of God through Christ Jesus. He died to save us

from sin; surely He isn't going to forsake us now, after all that. The Church (the true, Christian, blood-washed body) is the Bride of Christ. He isn't going to ignore it, nor be unmindful of its needs.

Therefore, what are we waiting for? So many good opportunities to advance, and we are letting them slide. So many open doors, and we have to let them swing shut because we lack faith, money and dedicated manpower. Have we forgotten that the Lord said that He goeth before us?

We cannot ignore the fact that the Lord is jealous of His Bride, the Church. If one body of believers, or one segment of the Church does not follow Him as He leads, He will shortly cast them aside. No body of believers can long abide in the blessing of God if they fail to rise up and accept the challenge given them. It won't matter as to their heritage, their "beliefs", their background. God does not live in the past; His Son is not leading His Church into the past, but into the future. We cannot rest on our laurels. Methods good enough fifty years ago, are not necessarily appropriate today. We must advance with Christ into the new era.

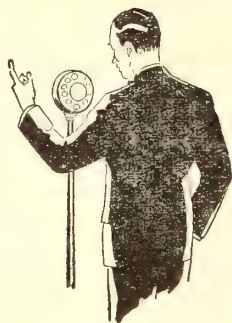
The bright spot today is that Christ goes before us. He leads, we are to follow. Let us remember that He leads HIS way. If perchance we think our way is best, we shall find ourselves traveling a path on which He is not going before us. We must, as church leaders, divine the will of God through prayer, consecration, confessions and repentance. We must yield ourselves to Him, and then His way will be revealed to us. Whatever changes will need to be made should then be made. There is wealth in the Brethren Church. There is manpower, there is machinery. We are making progress, and we shall make much more as more and more we realize that this is God's work, and that He goes before us, to open the doors, to lead and to empower. W.S.B.

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COST OF RADIO EVANGELISM SPIRALS IN ARGENTINA



The cost of commercial radio time in Argentina has increased up to 500% within the last few weeks, according to recent information received. Those buying time for evangelical broadcasting are finding it difficult to keep their programs on the air.

Pray for the continuation of the weekly broadcasts for which our studio in Buenos Aires prepares the taped programs. Pray that God will provide the cost to keep the Gospel going out over these stations that many may hear the good news and respond to it. This is an effective means of evangelizing in Argentina.

Missionary Radio Expanding According to World-Wide Survey

Dr. Clarence W. Jones, president of the World Missionary Radio Fellowship and chairman of the World Conference on Missionary Radio, recently travelled 75,000 miles, visiting sixty-six countries on six continents, making a survey of missionary radio. Dr. Jones in his survey desired to know in what areas of the world the radio was being used in a missionary endeavor and to what extent. Furthermore, the survey sought to uncover the strength of missionary radio, its practical value and its areas of need.

Commenting on this rapidly-growing field of missionary endeavor, Dr. Jones said, "With no fences nor roadblocks to obstruct communications, Christians are opening the airwaves around the world in startling fashion. Thousands who have never heard the old, old story are being reached through the new, new methods of Gospel broadcasting.

"A fourth very significant phase of missionary radio that aroused our attention is the missionary radio recording studios that prepare and distribute Gospel programs for use over missionary, commercial, or government stations. These studios began with home-type recorders in some missionary's or pastor's home. Now they are numbered among the most modern and best-equipped studios in the countries in which they are installed.

"In Buenos Aires, Argentina, (at the headquarters of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, O'Higgins 3162) we saw one of the finest examples of a recording studio in any part of the world. This was set up by Harold Stacey and others interested in broadcasting the Gospel on the highest possible technical levels."

The Brethren Church has a sizeable capital investment in missionary radio in the above-mentioned re-

cording studio in Buenos Aires. It has an investment also in personnel, Rob Byler and John Rowsey, and will make an additional investment of \$1,500 for Gospel broadcasting in Argentina this year. This is a part of our on-going missionary program, an "Advance in Evangelism."—W. Clayton Berkshire

ADVANCE IN EVANGELISM IN NIGERIA

A recent report from the Nigeria Mission shows that during the period from October 1, 1959, to May 1, 1960 there were 950 people who took the covenant and 65 who were baptized. This is a good indication of the work of evangelism in that area of the missionary program. The Lord is bringing a harvest as the result of years of faithful witnessing.

One congregation baptized 107 people and had 12 others take the covenant. This represented the largest ingathering of any single congregation during this period of time. Pray for these new Nigerian converts.

GROWTH IN THE SCHOOL WORK

During the past ten years the growth in school in the Brethren area of Nigeria is reflected in the following statistics:

Junior Primary Schools			
	Schools	Teachers	Pupils
1949	7	48	1,011
1959	35	137	4,073

In other words, while the school buildings increase five times and the number of teachers nearly three times the number of pupils increased more than four times.

Senior Primary Schools			
	Schools	Teachers	Pupils
1949	1	0	34
1959	4	12	362

In the same period, the senior primary schools increase four times with twelve times the number of teachers and ten times the number of pupils.

REMEMBER OUR MISSION: MISSIONS!

(Bring a GENEROUS offering to General Conference)

How happy we all are with the strides being made by our denomination in its missionary program! This progress is made possible by God's blessing and by the faithfulness of our Christian stewards; yet, how much more we could do in promoting this program, if more Christians fulfilled their stewardship conscientiously!

Right now our world mission program includes twelve adult missionaries and two candidates in preparation besides the seventeen children involved with them. It encompasses medical, educational, evangelistic, and radio ministry, as well as other related services.

Two families have recently returned home for furloughs, and another will be returning before the end of the year. All these things indicate an increasing missionary program, but one which requires substantial giving for its maintenance and growth.

God is saying to us, "Here is a vital part of my work in which I am allowing you to help." Shall we be grateful for this privilege and trust, or shall we allow another denomination to do it?

May we pray for the continuation and increase of this ministry; then may we also bring our offerings—tithes and additional gifts—to assure its future.

If we want a thrilling end to our summer, we will bring a great offering for missions to General Conference in August.

Brethren Annual Changes 1959-60

JOHN B. MILLS: p. 85—change address to Linwood, Maryland, and listing to: Pastor, Linwood Brethren Church. Also, pp. 77 and 80, change from Brighton Chapel, Linwood.

ALVIN H. GRUMBLING: p. 85 — change address to 108 W. Yosemite Ave., Manteca, California, and listing to: Pastor, Manteca Brethren Church. Also, p. 83, change from Stockton to Manteca.

MILTON M. ROBINSON: p. 86, recently resigned as pastor of the Manteca, California, Brethren Church, now living at: 5430 Ygnacia Ave., Oakland 1, California.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO: Change Secretary, p. 80, to: Mrs. Jean Rohrer, New Lebanon, Ohio.

OAK HILL, WEST VIRGINIA: Change Secretary, p. 7, to: Mrs. Myrtle Nuckels, 1005½ Summerlee Ave., Oak Hill, West Virginia.

GATEWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA: Change Secretary, p. 7, to: Stanley Goff, 3rd Street, Oak Hill, West Virginia.

COMING EVENTS

**SOUTHERN INDIANA BRETHREN LAYMEN
LOREE, INDIANA
August 8th**

Wedding Announcement

GOOD-SHIFFLETT. Miss Evangeline Good became the bride of Alvin Monroe Shifflett in a beautiful church wedding in the Mt. Olive Brethren Church on Saturday afternoon June eleventh. The groom's pastor, the undersigned, was the minister and the bride's aunt, Mrs. John Myers was the organist. Mrs. Herbert T. Williams, Jr., as soloist. The Shiffletts will reside in Harrisonburg. John F. Locke, Pastor Mt. Olive.



We note the home-going of two Brethren Elders on Saturday, July 16th.

ELDER ALBERT E. WHITTED

Elder Albert E. Whitted, who with his wife, has been living in the Brethren's Home, Flora, Indiana, for the past two years, passed on to his reward at the Logansport Memorial Hospital, Saturday afternoon, July 16th. He is survived by his wife; one son, Elton E. Whitted, Ashland, Ohio; two daughters, Mrs. John Palmer, Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. J. Garber Drushal, Wooster, Ohio; seven grandchildren and five sisters. Memorial services for Brother Whitted were conducted at the Brethren's Home on Monday afternoon, July 18th, by Elder Arthur H. Tinkel, pastor of the Flora church, assisted by Elders Dr. Claud Studebaker, and Dyoll Belote. Burial was made in the Maple Lawn Cemetery, near Flora.

ELDER N. VICTOR LEATHERMAN

Rev. N. Victor Leatherman, pastor of the Wayne Heights Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, died at the Waynesboro Hospital, Saturday, July 16th, at 4:00 P. M. Cause of his death was a coronary occlusion. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Erma Joyce Thomas, Elgin, Illinois, and Mrs. Bernice Cober, Boca Raton, Florida; seven grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. Memorial services were held at Waynesboro on Tuesday evening, July 19th, in charge of Elder Freeman Ankrum, assisted by Elder George W. Solomon. Final services were held in the Berlin, Pennsylvania, Brethren Church at 2:00 P. M. on Wednesday, July 20th, with Elder Ralph Mills, pastor of the church, assisting Brother Ankrum. Burial was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, Berlin. The Pennsylvania District Conference which was being held at Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, just eight miles from Berlin, was dismissed for the afternoon. Many attendants at the conference, including 26 Brethren Elders from the District, from Ohio, and from Denominational Headquarters at Ashland, attended the service. The large concourse of people at both Waynesboro and Berlin showed the esteem in which Brother Leatherman was held.

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Additional details on the lives and service of these two Elders to the church, will appear in the Evangelist at a later date. Our sympathy and prayers of comfort and assurance go out to the loved ones who survive these faithful servants.

God can heal directly and completely in answer to prayer when He so desires.

**Program of the
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Auxiliary Programs

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Theme—A SENSE OF GOD

Scripture—Acts 17:16-34

Tuesday—Business Session—8-9 A. M.

Opening of conference

SongsMrs. Dorman Ronk

PianistMrs. Jerry Flora

DevotionsMrs. Elton Whitted

President's AddressMrs. Russell Rodkey

Secretary's ReportMrs. H. M. Jordan

Theme Song and W.M.S. Benediction

Public Service—2:00 P. M.

Call to worshipMrs. Rodkey presiding

A MEETING OF THE MINDS

Program presented by

THE KRAFTS

Our missionaries to Nigeria

Theme Song and W.M.S. Benediction

Wednesday—Business Session—8-9 A. M.

Songs

Opening of business session

Adoption of goals and project

Reports

Theme song

Devotions

W.M.S. Benediction

Program Workshop—3-4 P. M.

EYES THAT SEE

Joint S.M.M. and W.M.S. planning session of panel discussions, display of program materials, and singspiration.

Thursday—Business Session—8-9 A. M.

Songs

Election of officers

Reports

Theme song

Devotions

W.M.S. Benediction

Thank offering and Memorial—3-4 P. M.

EARS TO HEAR

Radio program presented by

THE BYLERS

Our missionaries to Argentina

Theme Song and W.M.S. Benediction

Friday—Business Session—8-9 A. M.

Songs

Adoption of budget

Reports

Theme song

Devotions

W.M.S. Benediction

Luncheon—12:15

(Third Street Church of the Brethren)

A THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE

Project offering for the work at Lost Creek

Hagerstown W.M.S. in charge of arrangements

Saturday—Closing Session—8-9 A. M.

Songs

Closing business

Installation of officers

Theme song

DevotionsTHE TOUCH OF HIS HAND

W.M.S. Benediction

NATIONAL LAYMEN'S PROGRAM

Slogan: "Come out and meet the Brethren"

ext: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1.

Tuesday—8-9 A. M.

ymnled by Bud Hunter
all to WorshipPresident, John Golby
evotionsErnest Barr
emarksPresident
usiness: Election of Nominating Committee
Presentation of Goals

Tuesday—3-4 P. M.

rogram to be announced

Tuesday—7:25-9 P. M.

Laymen's General Conference Hour

ongregational Hymnled by Bud Hunter
arade of YouthMarlin McCann
evotionsVice-President, Max Miller
pecial Music
peakerIvan C. Gill, Elkhart, Indiana
Theme: "Letting God Have His Way."

Wednesday—8-9 A. M.

ymnled by Bud Hunter
ull to WorshipPresident, John Golby
evotionsJames Mackall
usiness: Election of Officers

Wednesday—3-4 P. M.

pecial SpeakerRev. Charles Kraft, Missionary,
Nigeria, Africa

Thursday—8-9 A. M.

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ull to WorshipPresident, John Golby
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usiness: Installation of Officers

Thursday—3-4 P. M.

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Friday—8-9 A. M.

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ull to WorshipPresident, John Golby
evotionsClarence Kindley
usinessPresident

Friday—12:30-1:30 P. M.

minister's and Laymen's Luncheon

Park St. Brethren Church
Ministers in charge

Friday—2-3 P. M.

ymen and Brotherhood Presentations ..James Norris

Saturday—8-9 P. M.

ymnled by Bud Hunter
ull to WorshipPresident, John Golby
votionsLee Doering
usiness: Unfinished Business

Saturday—2:00 P. M.

ymen's Executive Committee Meeting

BRETHREN YOUTH CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THEME: "Venturing With Christ"—II Peter 3:18

THEME HYMN: "Now in the Days of Youth"

YOUTH SPEAKER: Rev. Kenneth Hulit

YOUTH SONG LEADER: Rev. Tom Shoemaker

Monday Afternoon

4:00 Registration (Founders Hall)—50c
Brethren Youth must have Credentials to register.

Monday Evening

7:25 Attend General Session (Memorial Chapel)
Vice-moderator's Address
9:15 "Loosen Up Time" (Student Union)

Tuesday Morning

8:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood sessions
9:15 "Singing with Shoemaker"
9:50 Venturing in Prayer
10:00 Simultaneous Workshops
1. Music and Worship
2. Church Recreation
3. Peacemaking
4. Exploring God's Word
11:15 CHAPELRev. Kenneth Hulit

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 Business meetingYouth President's Message
2:30 Recreation
3:00 All summer workers' Reunion (Student Union)
4:15 Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday Evening

6:40 VespersRev. Kenneth Hulit
7:25 Attend General Session
"Youth Parade"
National Layman's Program
9:15 Antiphonal Singing and Candle Light Service.
(Meet in the Chapel)

Wednesday Morning

8:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
9:15 "Singing with Shoemaker"
9:50 Venturing in Prayer
10:00 Simultaneous Workshops
(Stay in the same workshop all week)
11:15 CHAPELRev. Kenneth Hulit

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30 Business meeting
2:30 Recreation
3:00 Sisterhood Tea
4:15 Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday Evening

6:40 VespersRev. Kenneth Hulit
7:25 Attend General Session
National Sunday School Service
9:15 Camp Rally

Thursday Morning and Afternoon

8:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
9:15 ALL DAY PICNIC
Camp Bethany (Meet in Little Theater)
Workshops, singing, hiking, food, Devotions.

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Thursday Evening

6:40 VespersRev. Kenneth Hulit
7:25 Attend General Session
Mission Board Service
9:15 Life Work Recruit Meeting
(Student Union Lounge)
Film—(Little Theater)

Friday Morning

8:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
9:15 "Singing with Shoemaker"
9:50 Venturing in Prayer
10:00 Simultaneous Workshops
(Stay in the same workshop all week.)
11:15 CHAPELRev. Kenneth Hulit

Friday Afternoon

1:30 Business meeting
2:30 Swimming party
4:15 Choir Rehearsal

Friday Evening

6:40 VespersRev. Kenneth Hulit
7:25 Attend General Session
Ashland College and Seminary Service
9:15 COMMUNION SERVICE
(Park Street Brethren Church)

Saturday Morning

8:00 Brotherhood and Sisterhood Sessions
9:15 "Singing with Shoemaker"
9:50 Venturing in Prayer (All meet together)
10:00 NATIONAL PROJECT REPORTS
11:15 CHAPELRev. Kenneth Hulit

Saturday Afternoon

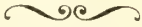
2:00 BALL GAME: Preachers vs. Brethren Youth

Saturday Evening

5:00 Brethren Youth Banquet
(Dress up—place to be announced)
7:25 Attend General Session
Youth Night National Speech Contest Finals
9:15 Party in the Gym
In charge of the recreation Workshop

Sunday Morning

9:30 Sunday School: Little Theater
10:30 Worship Hour: Memorial Chapel



SISTERHOOD PROGRAM

Theme: "VENTURING WITH CHRIST"

Song LeaderJudy Sainer
PianistMargaret Kindley

Tuesday—8:00 A. M.

Song Service
Special MusicIndiana District
Devotions
SpeakerMargaret Lowery

Wednesday—8:00 A. M.

Song Service
Special MusicPennsylvania District
Devotions
SpeakerMrs. Nancy Hostetler

Thursday—8:00 A. M.

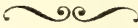
Song Service
Special Music
Devotions
Speaker

Friday—8:00 A. M.

Song Service
Special MusicCentral District
Devotions
SpeakerJane Byle

Saturday—8:00 A. M.

Song Service
Special MusicOhio District
Devotions
SpeakerMarguerite Kraft



BRETHREN MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM
1960-61 Theme: VENTURING WITH CHRIST

Tuesday

Devotions
Memorials
Venturing With Christ In Argentina
Rev. Fernando Vangioni
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Wednesday

Devotions
Business: Election of Officers
Other business
Venturing With Christ In Missions ...Rev. Rob Byle
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Thursday

Devotions
Business
Venturing With Christ In Africa ...Rev. Charles Kraft
Mbororo, Africa

Friday

Devotions
Business
Venturing With Christ In Church Finances
Rev. Clayton Berkshier
Rev. Spencer Gent
Mr. Dale Lor

Saturday

Devotions
Business
Venturing With Christ In Ministerial Recruitment
Rev. Virgil Meyer

This 'n' That

By the Editor

During the past two weeks, most of the employees of the Brethren Publishing Company have been on the annual vacation. As a result this issue of the Evangelist is being finished up on August 1st and the days following. In next week's issue, the Editor will resume his weekly digest of the church news items which come through church bulletins, cards and notes, and which will appear weekly in the Interesting Items column.



What's Doing in the Churches



VANATORS REPORT FROM SARASOTA, FLORIDA

This has been a summer of unusually pleasant events for the undersigned. Late in May we left Florida for a visit with friends and relatives in the north. We had no idea how far-reaching this might be.

Starting at Warsaw, Indiana, our home church, it was a real joy to fellowship with family and friends, not the least of whom was Rev. C. Y. Gilmer, their energetic pastor. It was good to see the church at Warsaw making such fine progress both in numbers and expansion.

Then we were permitted to visit Nappanee, Indiana and to fellowship once more with our friends, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Stewart and the U. J. Shivelys as well as numerous people who are "winter members" in Sarasota.

A couple of days at the Indiana Conference gave us a vision of the expansion program of that district and a visit with many friends of the district.

Then a few days in Ashland, Ohio brought more reunions and an opportunity to look over the new buildings there.

The closing days of our trip were spent in Canton, Ohio which was our first resident pastorate. Too much cannot be said for Rev. and Mrs. Keplinger, who had arranged such a lovely reception for us, giving us opportunity to meet many old friends. It is a joy indeed to go back to a church where one can see real progress being made and where you hear only commendation of the pastor. We commend the Keplingers for the work they are doing.

It was our privilege during this trip to preach at the Warsaw and Dutchtown churches in Indiana and at Canton, Ohio as well as teaching some Sunday School Classes.

After a leisurely trip through the mountains we arrived home in Sarasota, after seven weeks of travel,

in time for a Sunday service. Here our hearts were made to rejoice again to see so many new faces in the service that bore testimony to the effective work of our pastor, Rev. J. D. Hamel, during these hot months when all southern churches expect a slump. Rev. and Mrs. Hamel have made a place for themselves, not only in our church and community, but also throughout the city. Accessions have been made at almost every service. Baptismal service on July 31st will be conducted for at least twelve and a number are coming by letter.

Preparations are now made for our pastor and his family to attend Conference at Ashland. We shall miss them but we trust they will bring back to us, who are keeping the "home fires burning," the enthusiasm of the Conference to inspire us to even greater activities in the coming year.

Rev. Fred C. Vanator.



NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA

Greetings from the Brethren in North Liberty, Indiana. We have been having quite a busy summer here.

Had a splendid Easter service which started with a sunrise service and breakfast. This was followed by our usual morning worship hour and Sunday school. All services were well attended.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was a great success. It opened on May 31st and closed June 12th. There was an average daily attendance of sixty and a group of twenty workers and helpers. On the evening of June 12th we had our program which was well attended.

On June 26th we dedicated our new addition with an all day meeting and carry-in dinner. Rev. Pontius of Elkhart was the speaker.

Three of our young people attended the High School Camp at Shipshewana. Seven from our group were there for the Intermediate Camp—three as pupils, three as workers and our pastor, Rev. Wm. E. Thomas as teacher.

On Sunday, July 10th, we held a service for dedication of children at which time four were brought forth and dedicated to the Lord.

We are looking forward to our annual Sunday School Picnic which will be held at Shipshewana on August 7th.

Mrs. Edna Schrader
Cor. Secretary.

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EVANGELISM

by Rev. J. D. Hamel

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DOORBELL

NO ONE who has ever headed a Sunday School class, or served as membership, program or publicity chairman needs to be told that nothing beats personal contact. They know you can write all the letters and postcards you want, plaster the city with posters, and buy full page newspaper ads. When all is said and done the best results come from a member asking someone else to join or attend.

In general the religious cults and fringe sects have applied this technique of personal contact more systematically than Brethren.

Two such cults are Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormonism. The former has won the distinction of being the world's fastest growing religion. Its membership worldwide has jumped 1,200% during the past 20 years. Mormonism boasts a somewhat less spectacular record of growth, but we do find five times as many Mormons today as we did 50 years ago.

Both cults rely mainly on door-to-door proselyting. The Witnesses call this the backbone of their work and the chief reason why they were able to add more than 86,000 adult converts to their growing ranks last year. When anyone suggests that Brethren imitate some of the successful techniques of these cultists some of their fellow Brethren gasp that they would never stoop to such undignified activities. They follow Him who was mocked, crowned with thorns, spit

upon, stripped and crucified between two thieves, but they consider it undignified to call on their neighbors to tell them about their faith! No wonder the Witnesses baptize one convert per year for every nine active members.

We would not for a moment disparage other ways and means to bring the message of the Church to the attention of our neighbors. Magazine and newspaper ads, literature distribution in public places, radio and TV programs have their place. We do believe, however, that these are not enough. They do not always take into account the changing living patterns brought about by mass communications, TV, a shorter work week, the flight to suburbia, etc.

The plain fact is that if anyone wants to get a serious hearing today he must go into people's homes. People simply do not respond to public lectures, missions, forums and the like as they once did. Huddled around their TV screens in half-darkened rooms they must be approached by missionaries who are willing to leave home base.

Perhaps some readers recall the old style Jehovah's Witness who flourished during the regime of the cantankerous Judge Rutherford. Armed with a portable phonograph and a collection of Rutherford's sermonette records, these Witnesses earned the prize for what a Saturday Evening Post writer called "Conscientious cussedness on a grand scale."

Ignoring the sensibilities and preoccupations of householders, they employed one-foot-in-the-door methods which infuriated even the most tolerant souls. Anyone who expressed disinterest or opposition to their message was treated to a barrage of abuse and warnings about Armageddon. These tactics did not work. When the Judge (Millions Now Living Will Never Die) died in 1942 the cult switched to more sensible and fruitful evangelistic tactics.

Today the 800,000 Witnesses—all considered to be fully-qualified and ordained ministers by the cult—get a thorough training in public speaking, salesmanship, Bible Apologetics, etc. They junked the phonograph as soon as they had trained enough Witnesses to make their own presentations and sermons. Most Witnesses are now friendly, tactful, poised, and outwardly respectful of others' opinions. At least they are if they have followed the guidance of cult officials.

The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society (legal corporation for Jehovah's Witnesses) published a detailed 378-page manual for Witnesses. It is entitled **QUALIFIED TO BE MINISTERS**. Readable and well organized, the book tells Witnesses how to prepare and deliver three to eight-minute sermons at the door, how best to gain entrance, how to use the microphone at public meetings, how to handle hecklers and objectors, how to sell **WATCHTOWER** and **AWAKE** magazines on street corners, etc. This manual distills the experience of an international organization whose members in 1959 spent 126,000,000 man hours in door-to-door preaching and home Bible study groups.

Special instructions are given on how to approach householders of various religious faiths. Witnesses attempt to deliver a short sermon at the door or in the living room and then sell one of their bound books for 50 cents or 75 cents. Their basic doctrinal exposition, "Let God Be True", has gone into printings totalling more than 17,000,000 copies.

Those householders who show any interest at all are called on again and encouraged to join a home Bible class. Soon they are invited to visit the local Kingdom Hall. Eventually they may ask for baptism by immersion. Before long the new convert has made the rounds with an experienced Witness and is given a territory of his own to canvass. So the process continues. We should realize therefore that the 800,000 active

Witnesses are backed up by several million fellow travelers who read Witness literature, attend Bible classes, sympathize with the cult's aims, etc.

What are some of the characteristics of Witness missionary activity which should be noted by Brethren? For one thing it is systematic. Most cities are plotted into districts and assigned as territories to specific Witnesses. They are expected to call on the people in their area once or twice a year, make detailed progress reports, organize classes, etc.

Secondly, no untrained Witnesses are assigned to door-to-door work. Before accepting this responsibility the fledgling Witness has attended many classes and sessions of the theocratic ministry school. He has served as "co-pilot" to an older Witness. He has been tested for his knowledge by the congregational servant (pastor). Only then does he get a territory for his solo calls.

Thirdly, the Witnesses leave literature wherever they go. Preferably he sells a hard-bound book or magazine subscription. Every Witness gets a monthly quota of literature to sell; he gets a small commission on sales but obviously this work does not attract the money-mad. Many sincere Witnesses use their commissions to pay for publications they donate to those unable to buy them.

These publications are printed in the millions of copies at the cult's Brooklyn headquarters. Here 500 men and women live and work for room, board and \$14 a month. Linotypists, pressmen, binders, writers, secretaries, shipping clerks donate their services to the cult which, together with the fantastic quantities, helps account for the nominal cost of Witness publications.

Fourthly, the Witness knows exactly how to guide the interested prospect from one stage to the next. The Witness gets his interested householder involved in some phase of Witness activity which ultimately leads to the same work he himself is doing. Bible classes, service meetings, circuit assemblies, public meetings, international conventions serve to propel the convert into new ways of thinking and association.

Every Witness is expected to devote 60 hours a month to door-to-door preaching or street magazine sales. Of course, many members fail to meet their quotas but the total hours devoted to

these activities and reported to headquarters is enormous.

Another group which has built its missionary program on the door-to-door call is Mormonism, popular name for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Unlike the Witnesses the Mormons rely on young men and women who agree to devote two or three years of their lives to full-time missionary work. Every year about 3,000 young Mormons leave Utah and the intermountain states for home and foreign missions.

Before leaving they undergo an intensive training program at Salt Lake City covering many of the same areas as the Witnesses. Every two weeks from 75 to 90 men and women leave for their mission fields. Whereas most Witnesses are fairly recent converts to the cult, most Mormons have not only been born into that church but have lived in predominantly Mormon communities and have absorbed Mormon culture and theology from childhood. This and their higher educational level allows the Mormon church to send out missionaries with somewhat fewer total hours of missiology instruction.

Mormon "elders" or young women live and travel in pairs. Like the Witnesses they call on householders to explain something about their religion and try to place copies of the curious Book of Mormon. They also employ the back call and try to organize new stakes (parishes) or incorporate converts in Mormon activities in these communities.

Neither Jehovah's Witnesses or Mormonism can be said to be an "easy" religion. There is nothing here of the emotional decision for Christ which revival preachers tabulate and which many observers believe wears off rather quickly. Both cults demand acceptance of a theological system far from the main road of Christian orthodoxy. In addition the Witnesses, for example, expect that converts join them in active missionary work which practically rules out other community interests. They must give up smoking, submit to theocratic discipline, perhaps go to prison for avoiding the draft, quit voting in public elections, etc. The Mormons expect their members to tithe their incomes, give up tobacco, liquor, coffee, tea, coke, and obey Mormon hierarchy.

Both groups have pioneered in developing missionary devices which could be adapted by Brethren to spread the true faith. Trained Brethren

laymen might be sent to canvass neighborhoods as do the Witnesses. They could distribute a basic doctrinal explanation of our Doctrine at nominal cost and arrange home study courses and discussion groups until the start of regular instruction in the parishes. They could arrange tours of Brethren Churches for those who are interested, or just curious.

This sort of systematic house-to-house work would differ from the occasional parish census, which has been lessened by the extreme mobility of most Americans.

Brethren Laymen would have to complete the same sort of stiff course which Witnesses prescribe for their missionaries. Brethren high school and college graduates and converts to the faith would be likely candidates although many Witnesses with only grade school educations develop into polished and articulate speakers.

We could probably adapt and improve the Mormon system of assigning young people to full-time but temporary careers in the mission fields. The recent expansion of the lay missionary movement within the Church gives hope to those who are convinced we are sitting on an untapped reservoir of generosity and idealism among the laity.

Slightly more than half the people of the United States belong to some religious body: Catholic, Protestant or Jewish. The remaining 80,000,000 constitute a huge mission field at our doorstep. Many would welcome the message of the Church if someone would take the time and trouble to bring it to them. In an everyman-for-himself age people still appreciate the interest shown by others whether these others be cultists or Brethren.

These people may never answer a magazine ad, stop in at a parsonage, or attend a Brethren church. **THEY MUST BE REACHED IN THEIR LIVING ROOMS.** As fishers of men we cannot hug the shore near the pier, we must venture out into the deep where the fish swim.

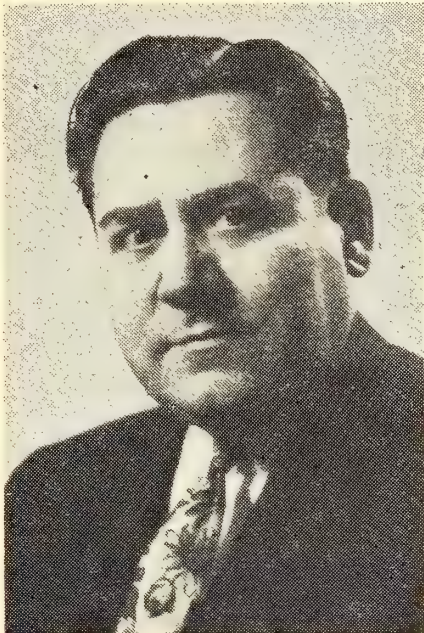


How often, O God, our cup overflows,
but we have allowed the overflow to be wasted.
Forgive us, O God.
How often Thou has lighted our feeble candle
in the dark night of the soul,
and we have failed to invite a friend to share it.
O God, forgive us.

Herman N. Beimfohr in PRAYERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD
CONFERENCE SPEAKER

PASTOR OF THE FEDERATED CHURCH, East Springfield, Pennsylvania; Education Supervisor and Director of Elementary Education; member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, the National Education Association, and of the National Guidance Society; listed in Who's Who in American Education. These are a few of the positions held by DOCTOR P. H. AUGUSTINE, who is to be the Sunday School speaker for the 1960 National Conference.



Doctor Augustine who is originally from New Orleans, received his higher education in Indiana, Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania. He received his Pre-ministerial training in Indiana and completed Seminary in Michigan. In addition he has secured a Bachelor of Science degree from Edinboro State Teachers College, a Master of Education degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and a Doctor of Education degree from Pennsylvania State University.

In addition to his extensive training, Dr. Augustine has had considerable experience on the field. In the field of education: he has taught school, was a high school principal, and is now on the Summer Staff of Pennsylvania State University. In the field of guidance and counseling: he spent more than eleven years counseling in Public Schools, also serving as Director of Guidance; he has lectured in many Universities and in cities throughout the United States on the emotional development of youth and on marital problems in America. Doctor Augustine is also a marriage counselor, and, from the standpoint of practical experience along this line, he is married and has three children.

So Dr. Augustine comes to us very well qualified to speak not only on the subject of education—Christian Education—but also in the field of Christian living. And it is on both of these subjects that he will speak on Wednesday of National Conference. During the Sunday School Workshop on Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 he will speak on the subject "Goals of a Growing Sunday School." And

for the Wednesday evening Conference Session his subject will be "What to Do When Life Gets Difficult." These are two sessions you will not want to miss at this year's National Conference.

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NEEDED: AT RIVERSIDE

We need for the coming school year, a cook; also a full-time matron for the girls and hostess in the girls' dormitory, Wheeler Home. Our kitchen and dining room will be in new quarters in the Wheeler Home when school opens this August 29th. The matron would be living in an apartment in this concrete block building and be a much-needed mother to about 25 girls. Both the cook and matron are badly needed. They would both get the regular faculty cut, which is 25% of all income divided among staff members here. Please be in prayer concerning these needs. Are there not two ladies somewhere in the Brethren Church who will respond to God's call to service for a time in Lost Creek?

Write to: Rev. Harold E. Barnett,
Riverside Christian Training School,
Lost Creek, Kentucky.

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By the Editor

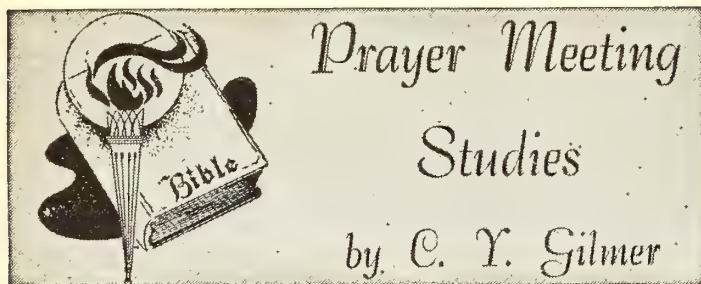
ATTENTION!

Conference Travelers from the East

Eastern Brethren who may be planning on using the Ohio Turnpike in order to come to Ashland for General Conference are advised of some route changes in Ohio which most surely will make it easier for you to travel the miles. We suggest you come west on the Ohio Turnpike, leaving it at Interchange No. 11 (Cleveland), then go south on U. S. 21 (It is marked "Akron South" as you leave the pike). About eight miles on this and then turn right on U. S. 18 towards Medina, for about 12 miles to where Interstate 71 turns off to the left towards Ashland. The Ashland turn-off from the freeway (Interstate 71) is at U. S. 250. Follow the signs to Ashland, just a mile or so to the west. This routing from the Turnpike to Ashland is also known as Ohio Rt. 1, and is marked that way. You will find this an ideal route to Ashland as all but the Rt. 21 section is four lane highway.

All General Conference Travelers

And while we are on this matter of driving, we suggest that all drivers watch posted speed limits in Ohio. Many sections of Ohio highways are now marked at quarter-mile intervals with white stripes across the road whereby highway patrolmen in low-flying aircraft can clock cars as they cross from one line to another, then radio the information on speeding cars to ground patrols stationed further down the road. You will find fast drivers in Ohio, as elsewhere, but our Highway Patrol is seeking to increase highway safety by increased traffic control as noted above, and by other methods. So, drive safely and arrive in Ashland ticket-free, giving that money to any of our denominational enterprises.



I BELIEVE

It is my faith that Christ will come,
Not just the faith of church or creed;
I claim it from His promises
That answer to my spirit's need.

It is my hope, my more than hope!
My deep conviction, my belief;
The Bringer of all joy will come
To wipe away the tears of grief.

It is my certain faith, to prove
At last a sure reality,
That captives in the place of death
Will hear His voice and then be free.

Oh, blessed faith! Oh, glorious!
Unwavering, though tested long;
Mine eyes shall see Him, King of kings,
And join the glad, rejoicing throng.
—Hazel Hartwell Simon

JESUS SAID that He would come again to receive His own (Jn. 14:3). Men in white said that He would come "in like manner" as he went (Acts 1:11). Living believers will be withdrawn from the earth (1 Thess. 4:17). The Holy Spirit will be withdrawn at the same time (2 Thess. 2:7—"letteth" means "hindereth"), and the Antichrist empowered by Satan will take over. Without the Holy Spirit God's people would be "comfortless" (Jn. 14:18).

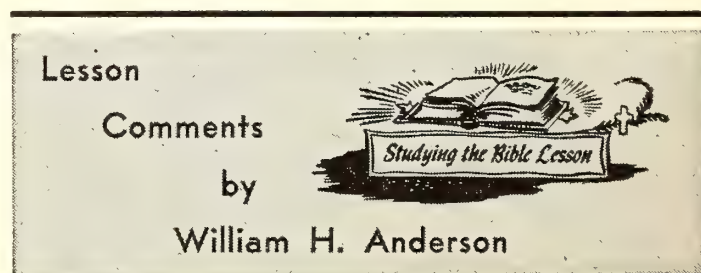
In the revelation Jesus will come with His saints (1 Thess. 3:13; Jude 14; Zech. 14:5). He will come with His saints to end the Great Tribulation and to execute righteous judgment upon the earth (2 Thess. 1:7-10). At the rapture Christ comes as the Bridegroom (Matt. 25:10), to take unto Himself His bride, the blood-washed Church (Eph. 5:23-32). At the revelation He comes with His Bride to rule the nations (Rev. 2:26, 27; 5:10; 12:5; 19:15). The rapture may occur any moment (Matt. 24:42).

It is absurd to say that the coming of the Lord means death (Phil. 3:20). Death is our enemy to be put down by the Lord Jesus Christ at His coming (1 Cor. 15:26). We are looking for Him—not death (1 Cor. 15:51, 52). At His coming the righteous dead will be raised, the living righteous will be translated, and all will have victory over death and the grave (1 Cor. 15:53-55). In Adam all die but in Christ all shall be made alive (1 Cor. 15:22). The world is in trouble and it has no way out (Lu. 21:25-27). Atheism will produce a world with no sale of goods nor hire for man (Zech. 8:10).

Yes, Christ will come Himself with a shout (1 Thess. 4:16). The dead will hear His voice (Jn. 5:28). The

resurrected and the translated believers will be caught up to meet Him in the air (1 Thess. 4:17). Christ will receive them unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). He will minister unto His watching servants (Lu. 12:37). He will come to earth again (Acts 1:11). He will stand upon the Mount of Olives at the spot where He ascended (Zech. 14:4). He will come in flaming fire (2 Thess. 1:8). He will come in clouds with power and great glory (Matt. 24:30; 1 Pet. 1:7). He will stand upon the earth (Job 19:25). His saints will come with Him (Deut. 33:2; 1 Thess. 3:13; Jude 14). Every eye shall see Him (Rev. 1:7). He shall destroy the Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:8). He shall sit on His throne (Matt. 25:31; Rev. 5:13).

All living nations will be gathered before Him (Matt. 25:32). He shall have the throne of David (Isa. 9:6, 7; Lu. 1:32; Ezek. 21:25-27). The throne will be on earth (Jer. 23:5, 6). He shall have a kingdom and rule it with His saints (Dan. 7:13, 14, 18, 22, 27). The kingdoms of this world shall become His kingdom (Zech. 9:10; Rev. 11:15). All kings and nations shall serve Him (Psa. 72:11; Isa. 49:6, 7; Rev. 15:4). The people shall gather unto Him (Gen. 49:10). Every knee shall bow to Him (Isa. 45:23). They shall come and worship the King (Zech. 14:16). He shall build up Zion (Jerusalem—Psa. 102:16). His throne shall be in Jerusalem (Jer. 3:17; Isa. 33:20, 21). The glory of the Lord shall be revealed (Isa. 40:5).



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Lesson for August 14, 1960

PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-10

ISAIAH IS CONSIDERED by many to be the peer of the Old Testament prophets. His style is the climax of literary art. He uses 2,100 words, while Ezekiel employs 1,500, and Jeremiah only 1,600. Isaiah is considered to be "The St. Paul of the Old Testament."

This is the first of five lessons taken from this book.

ISAIAH MET GOD

"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and His train filled the temple" (6:1—A.S.V.).

"There is a majesty about him (Isaiah), especially in his description of his vision of God. There is something 'high and lifted up' about Isaiah, as there is about his God.

"He was orator, poet, author, singer, statesman, theologian, and reformer; it is as theologian and exhorting prophet that we meet him in this lesson" (Frank S. Mead).

Many writers feel that Isaiah's vision, as recorded in chapter 6, was his induction into the office of prophet. But one writer has this to say:

"This vision was a red letter day in his life, and marked the beginning of a larger service. He was a Prophet before this time, and had exercised his gift powerfully and fearlessly, exposing the unbelief, sin, hypocrisy, and idolatry of his people . . . But this vision of God and its consequences made a deep and indelible impression upon his whole being, which clarified, deepened, and transformed his prophetic ministry."

Whatever the occasion, one thing is certain: ISAIAH MET GOD, and it was a meeting that changed his life!

ISAIAH MET GOD IN THE TEMPLE

"I saw...the Lord,...and His train filled the temple."

It is significant that the prophet was in the temple when he had his vision of God. The temple was the dwelling place of the Lord. Not that God was restricted to the temple. Solomon, after building the temple, realized that God was too big to be confined to an earthly tabernacle:

"Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee; how much less this house which I have built!" (II Chron. 6:18).

Nonetheless, God chose the temple as His earthly dwelling place where He could commune with men.

"Isaiah had gone to the Temple to worship and pray. There God had a dwelling place; there was the place of prayer (I Kings 8:27-53). It was his faith in God that led him there, with desire, expectation, and assurance, that God would enlighten him and bring comfort to his soul. He was not disappointed. God met him, and did for him more abundantly than he could ask or think."

One of the places where you may meet God is in His House!

WHEN ISAIAH MET GOD HE ALSO MET HIMSELF

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts" (6:5).

Isaiah had to see **God** before he could see **himself**. He had had a glimpse of God's holiness, righteousness, and glory. Only then was he truly aware of his own unworthiness!

"The vision Isaiah had made a profound impression upon him. He was deeply humbled because of the sense of his own sinfulness...The word 'undone' shows that he had an overwhelming sense of his own unworthiness, in the light of the sense of Jehovah's holiness and glory, which came to him because of the vision. He was appalled by what he had **SEEN, HEARD, and FELT**, and he felt himself undone" (W. S. Hottel).

AFTER ISAIAH MET GOD HE WAS CLEANSED

"Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he touched my mouth with it, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine in-

iquity is taken away, and thy sin forgiven" (6:6-7—A. S.V.).

An encounter with God always has a cleansing and purifying effect upon that one. This is why we need to meet God more often!

"The altar speaks of the one great Sacrifice for sins, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world: the fire, the purifying power of the Atoning Sacrifice."

AFTER ISAIAH MET GOD HE WAS COMMISSIONED

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And He said, Go..." (6:8-9).

Many profess to have had a vision of God, but few have responded with "Here am I, send me." But God gives us a vision of **HIMSELF** in order that we might have a vision of **SELF** and then of **SERVICE**.

"Isaiah...made a personal dedication of himself to whatever service the Lord had in store for him. It was a voluntary dedication made without any compulsion. And then it was an entire dedication."

How long has it been since you have had a personal encounter with God?

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

A PARABLE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

"WHAT MAN OF YOU, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost." Luke 15:4-6.

(1) He was not satisfied with 99 percent attendance, as he did not say, "What a remarkable showing, only one absent!"

(2) He felt personally responsible for the one who was not there. He went after the missing sheep. He did not remark, "It will probably come back." He felt it was his duty to bring it back himself.

(3) He did not give up. Note he went until he found it. Hidden away in its own indifference, or in the indifference of father and mother, the straying sheep needs the searching shepherd.

(4) He was not satisfied until it was safe within the fold. This is the ultimate endeavor of every true Sunday school teacher. Not merely present in the class, but in the fold of Christ.

(5) He wanted others to share in his interest and his joy. His friends and neighbors must have come to feel

that to find a lost sheep was the most joyous and worthwhile work in the world.

If every Sunday school teacher would read this parable every Sunday morning before going before his class, it would be a valuable preparation for his work.

—Teaching Techniques

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HEAR DR. P. H. AUGUSTINE — SUNDAY SCHOOL SPEAKER

DON'T MISS hearing Dr. Augustine on Wednesday of General Conference, August 17, 1960, at Ashland, Ohio. An afternoon workshop session will be held for all who are interested in the work of the Sunday school. The afternoon topic will be, "Goals of A Growing Sunday School." In the evening Dr. Augustine will speak on the subject, "What To Do When Life Gets Difficult." Plan now to attend these sessions and all the sessions of General Conference.

A seeker once inquired of Gautama, the Buddha, the way to Nirvana. Gautama seized the seeker and held him under water until he gasped for breath. As the seeker was about to expire, Gautama released him. The seeker sucked in huge quantities of life-giving air. While he was still breathing heavily, Gautama made his point. He told the seeker that if he would strive for Nirvana with the same determination that he had struggled for air, he would find the way.

It is the hungry who are filled. To desire righteousness is in a measure to possess it. To seek goodness is to be good. The seeker is blessed in the seeking. His satisfaction is guaranteed. No more accurate barometer of a person's spiritual health exists than a candid answer to the question, "How deep is the hunger?" **How happy are those who diligently search for the will of God, for they shall be satisfied with what they find!**—C. Milo Connick in BUILD ON THE ROCK, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

World Religious News in Review

CATHOLIC OFFICIALS DEFEND KIDNAPING

WHEATON, Ill. (EP)—The "legal kidnaping" of three children of a Presbyterian father in Medellin, Colombia—a kidnaping which was instigated by a Catholic priest—has been upheld by Roman Catholic officials in that country.

Police seized the three children of Juan Osorio in April with an official warrant issued by the Juvenile Court judge and initiated by Msge. Tulio Botero-Salazar and the Archdiocesan Tribunal. The Church based the order on its teaching that its authority over baptized children takes preference over the rights of the parents and that a Catholic government is bound to protect baptized children when their parents "apostatize."

The Osorio children were baptized in infancy by the Roman Catholic Church. Their father, a widower, was converted three years ago and now attends the Presbyterian Church of Medellin where the children are enrolled in Sunday School. The children were confined for nine days in the home of their Roman Catholic uncle and then released as a result of public indignation over the "legal kidnaping."

The "official explanation" of the seizure of the children is contained

in a statement which was forwarded to the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia by the Roman Catholic Bishop's Council. Signed by Father Francisco A. Duque, the statement argued in defense of the kidnaping as follows:

"The children...received the sacrament of baptism at the direct request of their father, before he abandoned the Catholic faith and committed the crime of heresy by joining a Protestant sect..."

"This means that the above mentioned children are subjects of the Catholic Church and are under its jurisdiction in everything related to their moral and religious education.

"The defection of the father from the Catholic faith and his acceptance of a heretical Protestant sect does not in the least modify the promise made by him before his crime (that of joining a Protestant Church—Ed.), nor does it nullify the jurisdiction which the Church has over his children.

"In a matter so serious as the Catholic education of children, in which nothing less than eternal salvation is at stake, responsibility may not be evaded by the capricious will of parents. The responsibility binds them still; and if they do not wish to fulfill it, then the Church, by virtue of

the jurisdiction which she has over both them and their children, may take them from their care and turn them over to such persons as will give them a Catholic education..."

"An argument from history...During the pontificate of Pope Pius XI, a child of Jewish parents was sick unto death. He was secretly baptized by a Christian servant of the parents. The child did not die, but recovered completely, and the matter was made known to the competent ecclesiastical authority. When the truth of the fact was established, Pope Pius XI, in order that this baptized child might not be perverted but educated in the Catholic faith, took him under his care, not permitting him to live with his parents, but educating him in a catechetical school which he had in Rome. In spite of the attacks of the enemies of the Church, the Holy Father upheld the educational right of the Church."

MINNESOTANS FAVOR COURSE ON TEN COMMANDMENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—Should a course on the Ten Commandments be taught in the public schools?

A majority of Minnesotans think so.

In a statewide survey by the Minnesota poll of the **Minneapolis Tribune**, 58 per cent endorsed the idea while 37 per cent were against it. Five per cent were undecided or offered qualified opinions.

Dr. Arnold T. Olson, Minneapolis, president of the Evangelical Free Church of America, recently proposed

a course in the Ten Commandments for public school students. He urged instruction of the Ten Commandments as "a course in ethics, not in religion or the Bible."

GRAHAM SERVES AS HOUSE GUEST CHAPLAIN

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Serving as a guest chaplain in the House of Representatives during his eight-day crusade in the nation's capital, Billy Graham asked God to grant "supernatural wisdom" to the members of Congress as they face critical world problems.

"Our Father," he prayed, "Thou hast been with our Founding Fathers, with our nation in difficult days and through days of peace and prosperity; and now we come to Thee humbly confessing that we need Thee more than in any time in our history."

The Evangelist prayed that God would give the legislators courage to do what is morally right and faith "to believe that Thou art in the shadows watching, directing, and leading...and that history is in Thy hands."

PROTESTANT MISSIONARY SPEAKS ON RED CHINA

ELMHURST, Ill. (EP)—The "great leap forward" of Communist China shows "how a whole population can be bound and broken on the wheel of a totalitarian regime not only physically but spiritually."

So says Dr. David M. Stowe of Boston, educational secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and a former China resident.

Addressing the Second National Youth Council for the United Church of Christ here, Dr. Stowe gave an example of Communist regimentation in the case of a Chinese city girl who said of the fertilizer she was spreading on farm fields: "the manure no longer smells." This girl, he explained, had been subject to "hsueh-hsi," which literally means "study," but is more accurately translated as "brainwashing."

"Nothing less than a complete transformation of values and preferences is acceptable to China's masters," he continued. "The injunction to 'kai szu-hsiang'—change your thoughts, or in Biblical language, 'repent'—has to be obeyed and a new state of existence achieved."

Dr. Stowe pointed out that China, with the largest population and the largest army in the world, is the "only significant nation which publicly welcomes world war" as a national policy.

He quoted official Peiping statements to the effect that a third world war "would result in several hundred million more people turning to socialism."

He charged that the current U. S. policy is "too negative and unimaginative to deal adequately with this threat," calling for a "rethinking of our whole position in the Far East."

Dr. Stowe outlined a six-point program for U. S.-China relations:

Try to make more non-official contacts with Red China and relax trade restrictions.

Persuade Chiang Kai-shek to evacuate the offshore islands and disassociate the U. S. from their defense.

Induce U. S. allies to help in the defense of Formosa and make neutralization of the Formosa Strait an international responsibility.

Acknowledge the Communist regime as in control of the mainland, but reject its claim on Formosa.

Consider formal recognition of Peiping if it is willing to reciprocate by accepting Formosa's independence, and

Seat Red China and Formosa simultaneously as United Nations members, provided China will purge itself of aggression in Korea by meeting conditions laid down by the UN.

POSTAGE STAMP TO CARRY "IN GOD IS OUR TRUST"

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — On September 14, the Post Office Department will issue a commemorative postage stamp carrying Francis Scott Key's words "And this be our motto, in God is our Trust."

The words are from the oft-overlooked fourth stanza of the Star Spangled Banner, written by Mr. Key while watching the British bombard Fort McHenry on Sept. 14, 1814 during the War of 1812.

The first day of sale will be at the Fort McHenry National Monument, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Key's signature appears beneath his words on the stamp, which will be printed in red, white and blue. The issue is the fourth in a series of six featuring American credos.

PILOTS PRESS FOR AIR LIQUOR BAN

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The Air Line Pilots Association has added its voice to religious and temperance groups which have been trying to arouse sufficient sentiment in Congress to pass legislation banning the serving of liquor on the airlines.

The Senate Interstate Commerce Committee was told by Clarence N. Sayen, president of the Air Line Pilots Association, that in the opinion of pilots who fly commercial airliners, the arrival of the jet age has greatly increased the danger in allowing alcoholic beverages to be served aloft.

This practice, he said, has now been taken up by 12 air carriers, seven of which sell cocktails, and five which serve liquor free to passengers on luxury flights. He pointed out that jet planes weighing 300,000 pounds, carrying as many as 179 passengers and flying 500 miles an hour at 35,000 feet are in use.

"The problems of handling large numbers of people of diverse personalities in a confined space have thus been magnified," he said, "the dangers of emergency decompression at high altitudes increased, and the risk in unscheduled landings to unload an inebriated, sick, or emotional passenger has grown."

"The time of the crew in these high speed, complex aircraft is fully occupied with flight duties and should not be spent in playing nursemaid to inebriated passengers," he told the Senators.

The committee was given by the pilots a documented list of 35 cases in which serious emergencies were created by intoxicated passengers.

Mr. Sayen warned that when a high-speed aircraft leaves the ground it has over 100 passengers sealed into a closely-confined metal tube from which they may not emerge until the aircraft lands. The individual behaviour of passengers cannot be predicted, he pointed out. Some may have capacity for considerable alcohol without effect, while others, apprehensive over flying or suffering from reduced oxygen intake at high altitudes, may become inebriated with only a small amount of intoxicants. It is difficult for hostesses to refuse such passengers alcohol when they see other persons drinking, and if the passenger becomes abusive, the cabin attendants have to call the pilot from the cockpit to restore order.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUG. 15-21 ..NATIONAL CONF. ...Ashland College
 SEPT. 16-18 ..PENNA. DIS. RETREAT ..Laurel Hill
 SEPT. 21-23 ..CENTRAL DIS. CONF. ..Waterloo, Iowa
 OCT. 7- 9 ..MID-WEST DIS. CONF. ..Falls City, Neb.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

This year at Conference we are featuring four (4) workshops for young people. We feel that the importance of these workshops is of great value to the young people. In past Conference years the youth have expressed their appreciation for the type of workshops that have been held. This year we feel that the type of workshop planned will be very informative and helpful.

We want you to be thinking about which workshop you will want to attend. Choose one workshop and then attend that one all week. To help you decide, here are the titles of the workshops and their leaders.

CHURCH MUSIC AND WORSHIP

Rev. Tom Shoemaker

CHURCH RECREATIONJudy Sainer

PEACE MAKINGRev. Phil Lersch

EXPLORING GOD'S WORDDr. Bruce Stark

Some Things To Remember For Conference

1. Bring yourself
 2. Bring your friends
 3. Bring your Bible
 4. Bring pencil and paper
 5. Bring good clothes
 6. Bring picnic clothes
 7. Bring swimming clothes
 8. Bring a mind willing to learn
 9. Bring a right spirit for fellowship
 10. Bring a heart ready to fill with God's love
 11. Bring your ideas for projects
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Attention: All Summer Workers

If you are a Summer worker or Crusader now or if you have been one in the Past you are invited to a Summer Workers Reunion on Tuesday, August 16, 1960, at 2:30. Plan to come and meet your fellow workers and friends.

PIC of the WEEK

YOU

I want **you** to picture **yourself** in this picture having a good time at National Conference. Conference is a time of fun and fellowship and of learning. **PLAN ON BEING HERE!**

ILLUSTRATIONS

"United States has more autos, more television sets, more telephones and more electric appliances than a lot of other nations put together. Yet our people want more and more of these same things.

Chicago policemen have been caught in a rash of burglaries. They protected the thieves instead of the citizens. The same thing happened in Columbus, Ohio. That's pretty low Americanism, isn't it?

A lecturer advised, "Make life hard for yourself. Keep life hard for yourself. Choose a job that hurts." But we Americans want a soft snap—short hours, good pay, easy work. We think we are sitting pretty when we have such jobs. Perhaps we couldn't be sitting worse. Time will tell. An easy life has no perspective, nothing to make the worker proud. Pampered Americans are weakened Americans. Make things easy for a man, keep him from all difficulties, and you have 150 pounds or so of soft meat. Not much else.

If 40% of our grade school boys and girls have no connection with any religious organization, and 80% of our high school students have no definite affiliation with organized religion and if 90% of our university students forget church and sleep till noon on Sunday, could that cause America to lose the battle in the next generation?"

—H. H. Helman

These four illustrations point out to me the laxity that we as Christian believers are facing today. Men, women, and even the children are falling more and more away from God. They are seeking the easy, soft, and pleasing jobs of the nation. Religion and especially Christianity are for the other person.

We as young people in this world need to buckle down and show the world and the adults the concern we have for the advancement of God's work and word. We must show them that instead of Venturing with the World and following along on a worldly pattern we want to go "Venturing with Christ."

The Women's Corner
by Helen Jordan

THE HOUSE BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

ADMIRERS of Sam Walter Foss's poem, "The House by the side of the Road", are many but the story of his writing it is known by a very few people. He was an enthusiastic traveler and on one occasion while on a trip through England he came to a little unpainted house at the top of a long hill. Almost in the road so near it was. At one side a queerly constructed signpost finger pointed to a well-worn path and a sign that read, "Come in and have a cool drink." Following the path, Mr. Foss found in the side of the hill some distance from the house, a spring of ice-cold water into which a barrel had been sunk and above which hung an old fashioned gourd dipper and on a bench nearby was a basket of fragrant apples with another sign, "Help yourself."

Scenting a story, Mr. Foss went back to the house, where he found a childless old couple in straitened circumstances with a rocky farm as their only source of income. But it was rich in the delicious spring water and abundance of fruit. So the sign was placed guiding to the water and from the ripening of the first purple plum to the harvesting of the last apple, a basket of whatever fruit was in season was placed near, so that everyone passing might rest and refresh ones-self.

The old gentleman explained that they were too poor to give money, so they took this way to add their mite to the world's well-doing. The beautiful thought and its helpfulness so impressed Foss that he immortalized with his pen the spirit of the ideal home—

"Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
Where the race of men go by—
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish—so am I.

"Then why should I sit in the scorners seat
Or hurl the cynic ban?
Let me live in my house by the side of the road,
And be a friend to man." —from Signs of Time.

Mrs. Minnie E. Fluke,
Bedford, Pennsylvania

Little four-year-old John had just entered the church and was sitting by his mother. "Is God here?" he whispered. "Yes," answered the mother softly. Said John, "I didn't see his car outside when we came in."

Adults give children many false concepts by their use of symbolic words and phrases.

In their minds we limit God when we speak of the church house as God's house. Rather we should say, "This is the church house, a special place where we learn about God." Our homes belong to God, too, and we want our children to think of Him there.—Claudia Royal in TEACHING YOUR CHILD ABOUT GOD, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

ATTENTION! CHOIR DIRECTORS AND CHOIR MEMBERS

AFTER HAVING HAD such a wonderful National Conference Choir last year, we are eagerly looking forward to an equally fine response this year. It was truly a pleasure and a privilege to have worked with those of you who responded.

The program this year will be similar to that of last year—only the music will be changed. Those of you who missed the opportunity for an inspiration in singing should, by all means, make your presence known this year.

Again we make the request that the minimum age be 15 years. It was very satisfying to have so many youth, older youth, and adults respond to the call last year.

Our music will be as follows:

Laudate Nomen Domini (O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord), Tye (SATB), No. 1526, H. W. Gray Co., New York *

O Lord, We Trust Alone in Thee, Handel (SATB), No. 1526, H. W. Gray Co., New York *

Almighty God of Our Fathers, Will James (SSAA TTBB), No. 569, B. F. Wood Music Co., Boston, Mass.

Let Thy Holy Presence, Tschesnokoff/Cain (SSA TTBB), No. B-12, Summy-Birchard Pub. Co., Evanston, Ill.

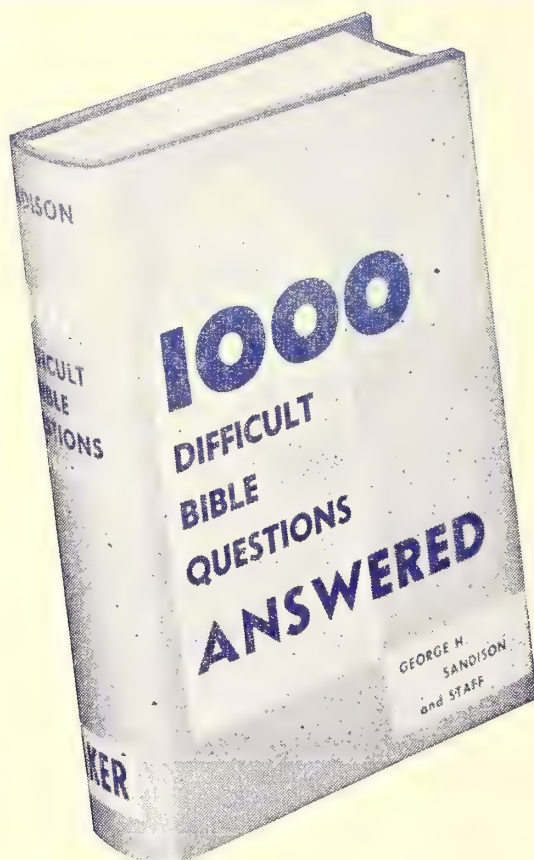
* These are printed as one anthem (or two motets) and are purchased together.

May we ask that you bring with you any copies of the music listed so that there might be enough for everyone. All music must be marked with your church name and city—also, know the amount of copies. We cannot be responsible for the loss of unmarked copies. To those choirs having copies of the music to be brought to conference, will you please send me a card noting the number of copies available?

For your response to the call, and your service to this National Conference Choir, I am certain that many blessings will be yours.

If you have any questions, please write to:

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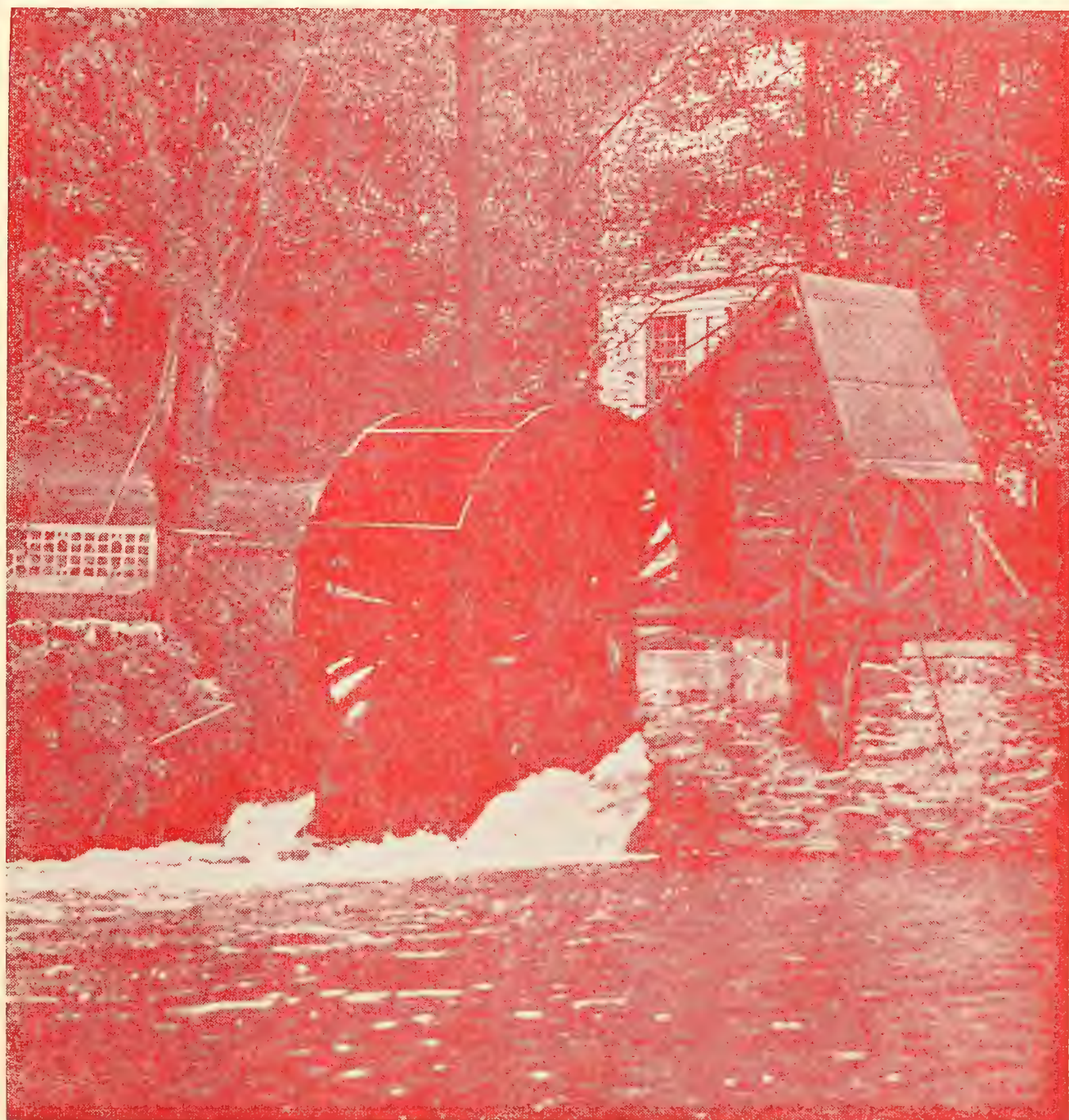


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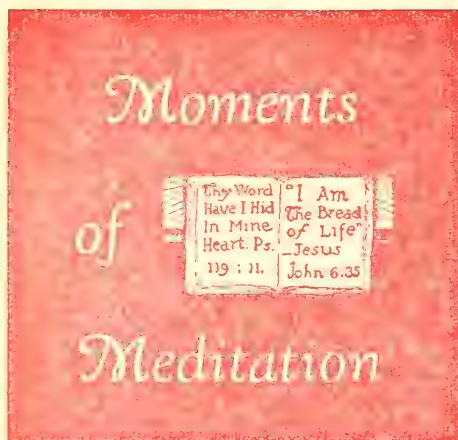


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NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL LISTS DRINKING-DRIVER FACTS

In a recent fact sheet released by the National Safety Council, Chicago, Ill., the following statements were listed.

1. A drinking driver was involved in at least 30 percent of all fatal traffic accidents during 1956.

2. Twenty-two percent of the adult pedestrians killed during 1956 had been drinking.

3. Special holiday studies by the National Safety Council showed that 55 percent of the Christmas season fatal traffic accidents involved a drinking driver.

4. Forty-eight percent of the Labor day (1956 Labor day weekend) fatal traffic accidents involved a drinking driver.

5. In many accident cases, the fact that a driver has been drinking is not recorded and is never entered in the driver's official record.

6. In spite of past and present efforts to increase safety education and traffic enforcement too many drinking drivers are still operating on our streets and highways.

7. The social drinkers are a greater menace than commonly believed as

their critical judgment is impaired with a fairly low alcohol concentration and they outnumber the obviously intoxicated drivers.

8. Drinking to any extent reduces the ability of ANY driver.

9. Small amounts of alcohol reduce self-control and driving ability.

10. Alcohol is not a stimulant and is classified medically as an anesthetic.

11. Loss of judgment and the capacity for self-criticism occurs before obvious symptoms of intoxication.

12. It takes at least three hours to oxidize one ounce of pure alcohol.

13. Two cocktails may reduce visual acuity as much as wearing dark sun glasses at night.

14. "Under the influence" means that due to drinking alcohol a person has lost some of the clearness of mind and self-control that he would otherwise possess.

15. You do not have to be obviously intoxicated to be "under the influence" and an unsafe driver.

16. Pure alcohol leaves no odor on the breath—it is the flavors in the beverage that cause the odor.

17. Coffee or other stimulants will not offset the effects of alcohol. Only TIME can eliminate alcohol from the blood stream.

18. Chemical tests provide the police with a scientific means to determine whether or not alcohol has reduced a driver's ability.



TEMPERANCE & MORALS

Speed Causes Accidents

HARTFORD, CONN.—Excessive speed was by far the biggest single cause of traffic accidents that caused more than 2,825,000 injuries and 36,700 deaths on U.S. highways during 1958, the Travelers Insurance Company reported in its latest highway safety booklet.

It was estimated that speed killed and injured nearly 1,000,000 persons in the United States last year, more than 40 per cent of the total.

Cars that did not have the right-of-way were involved in 25.2 per cent of the accidents causing a total of 608,400 injuries during the year. Reckless driving was blamed for 10.4 per cent of the injuries; cutting in for 4.0 per cent and improper signaling for 3.6 per cent.

Crossing at intersections was the chief cause of 7,700 pedestrians killed and 245,800 injured. A total of 10.1 per cent or 27,040 pedestrians were injured while crossing with the signal as compared with 7.4 per cent injured crossing against the signal.

It was reported that 97.1 per cent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents had more than a year of driving experience; that 87.9 per cent of drivers involved in fatal accidents were men; that 87 per cent of the vehicles involved in non-fatal accidents were passenger cars; and that more than 95 per cent of the cars involved were in apparently good condition at the time of the accident.

Dry roads prevailed in 78.3 per cent of the fatal crashes and 70.1 per cent of the non-fatal accidents. The weather was reported as clear in 84.2 per cent of the fatal pileups and 79.5 per cent of the non-fatal mishaps.

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The Editor's Pulpit

"Do You Know?"

DO YOU KNOW the World is dying for a little bit of love? A sweet, nostalgic song of a generation or two ago, bears these words as title. Perhaps we don't sing it much anymore, but does that lessen the truth of its message? Is there, in the total product of men's complicated lives today, any less need for love and compassion? Materialism says there is, so the void left by the absence of love—God's love—in the human heart, has been filled with things.

We have, to all appearances, achieved a place of advancement whereby we do not need to have the knowledge of God taught in our training centers—our schools. Have not self-styled moderns sought to abolish all teaching of God and reference to Him from our schools? Isn't that just another way of saying that we don't need God anymore?

What about parents who make no effort to attend the services of God's house, or to have daily Bible reading and prayers in their homes; who never have their children in Sunday school or church? Are they not insisting that God is not essential to their lives and welfare?

If this be the case, then our forefathers were all wrong, for they found the knowledge of God to be essential to the welfare of their lives! It seems strange that a people so well blessed and favored by the God of heaven, should so quickly insist He isn't necessary to their well-being. Yet in every instance of where things material are placed ahead of love and worship of God, we are saying just exactly that.

Look up and down the street or the road where you live. How many of your neighbors and friends living around you attended church services last Sunday? As you wended your way to your house of worship, and home again, how many people did you see who were using the Lord's day as just another day for doing "things"?

Yes, we could talk about our responsibility to invite them, to encourage them to go to church; much of this has been done; most of these peo-

ple have been asked and invited many times. They are intelligent people, knowing their right hand from their left—they know it is Sunday. They can hear the church bells ringing; they are free-moral-agents, and can decide for themselves. Yet they have decided that, according to their way of thinking, God isn't necessary to their lives. If that isn't paganism, then we need a new definition of the term. Truly they are dying for a little bit of love.

There are many who cannot attend Sunday services due to illness; many faithful saints there are who are confined to their homes, yet longing to be present in the Lord's house. But for every one of these, there are a hundred others who wilfully ignore the call of the church. Materialism has so engulfed such lives that God doesn't stand a chance with them.

What happens in a life in which the love of God is found not to be essential, according to the individual's way of thinking? The soul-craving has to be satisfied! If men do not drink deep of the love of God, and if they do not put their confidence and trust in Him, then they must plunge their emptiness and their fears into something else! The soul of a man is an ever-hungry thing. They say there is a little rodent whose metabolism is so rapid it must eat three times its own weight every hour or perish. The soul of a man is much the same way. God must be ever-present with the individual. Let a day or a week go by without a close fellowship with God, and our hungry soul literally "runs out" of God and starts feeding on things material. Shut God out of our lives and we immediately start trying to satisfy our soul hunger on things material, even to the destroying of our own selves in the lust and passion of the flesh.

The world needs the testimony of the love of God in our lives—of the exemplary testimony of our love one for the other, and of God's love for us. In this way, a marked difference will be noted, and many who now feed on materialism may thus seek God, finding Him in and through Jesus Christ His Son, and our Lord. W. S. B.

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EARNING AND SERVING

After college, what? Where? With a bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate to my credit, I was about to launch out onto the sea of life and make a living for



Carol Berkshire

myself. But before setting out, I needed a destination. What direction was I to take? Where could I best serve my Lord? This called for some real thinking. Nor was this all—much prayer was necessary as well as quiet listening and patient waiting for God to make His Will known and to open the way. (This was the most trying of all.)

There were probably many other places where I could have begun teaching, but why shouldn't I locate in the vicinity of one of our Brethren churches? All my life I have been interested and active in church work, and I wanted to continue. Our churches are always in need of Sunday school teachers, song leaders, special music and just plain followers who will take hold and carry out assignments or fulfill responsibilities. A new church needs such people even more than older, well-established churches.

Working in the church here in the Phoenix area and seeing it grow—both numerically and spiritually—has been a rewarding experience. It has made me realize anew the truth of Christ's words when He said that we all must become as little children, in the Kingdom of God. Endeavoring to answer the questions of my juniors in Sunday school, the children who attended vacation Bible school, and the Arizona summer campers is a real challenge. We sing about telling the story to those

TEN DOLLAR CLUB CALLS AGAIN

On July 1, a new call was issued by the Ten Dollar Club—this one for Mishawaka, Indiana. Here a new congregation has been organized and plans for building are in the making.

Members of the Ten Dollar Club are to be congratulated for their acumen, realizing how helpful this resource is in developing an effective church extension program. Each call actually makes possible the beginning of another new Brethren church. Of course, to be more effective, we should have a minimum of 2,000 members, instead of the present 954 members. However, every one helps.

Those who want to join the Ten Dollar Club may do so by simply sending ten dollars (or more) to the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, 530 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio. It is not necessary that you have a solicitor seek you out; nor that you have an application form—although they are available, if you want to use one. Just say that you want to join the Ten Dollar Club, and we will take it from there, providing you notices when calls are made—not more than twice a year.

Do join this group of discerning Christian stewards who serve in the Lord's program.

My Share

I Promise to assist in the building of new Brethren churches by giving \$10.00 or more for each new church project. It is my understanding that I will be called upon for this contribution not more than twice in any one year. I further understand that if I am unable to contribute when called, I will be relieved of my obligation.

Signed

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Church

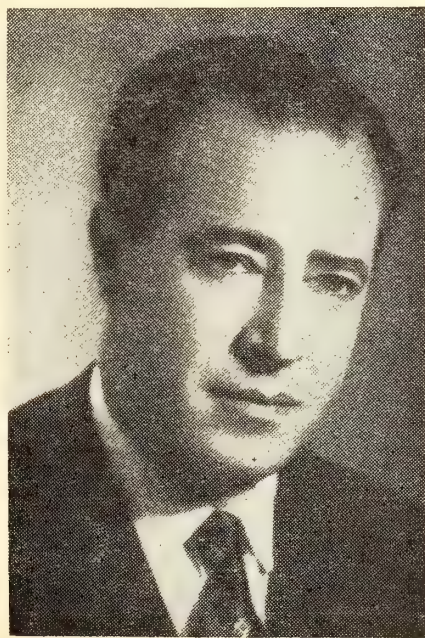
who have never heard—surely men everywhere are searching. Real joy comes when one sees others find Christ and the joy only He can bring.—Carol Berkshire.

(Note: Carol Berkshire, who was graduated from Ashland College in 1959, has been teaching at Chandler, Arizona—close to Phoenix—and providing valuable assistance in the new Papago Park Brethren Church at Tempe, Arizona.)

ARGENTINE WILL ATTEND GENERAL CONFERENCE

Senor Fernando Vangioni, from Buenos Aires, will be spending most of general conference week on the Ashland College campus. He will be the featured speaker at the Missionary Board's fellowship dinner on Tuesday evening and will be used at various other times throughout the week.

Senor Vangioni, who is a pastor in Buenos Aires, provides most of the messages for the radio evangelism programs in which our missionaries are working. He has recently visited Brazil and will come to the States from Ecuador and Columbia, where he has been visiting in the interest of an evangelical ministry.



Senor Fernando Vangioni

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Brother H. H. Rowsey, father-in-law of Pastor J. D. Hamel, was the scheduled guest speaker in the Sarasota church on August 7th.

LINWOOD, MARYLAND. A fellowship service and a farewell party for Brother Bruce C. Shanholtz and family was held at the church the evening of July 12th.

WAYNESBORO, PENNA. (WAYNE HEIGHTS). Brother Freeman Ankrum will be supplying the pulpit of the

Wayne Heights church for the time being. Brother Ankrum began this work with the Wayne Heights Brethren following the death of their beloved pastor, Brother N. Victor Leatherman on July 16th.

VINCO, PENNA. Fourteen new members were received by baptism on July 3rd.

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA. (THIRD). Dedication services for a new church piano were held on July 24th.

Professor Harold Douty of the Pennsylvania Temperance League was the guest speaker at the morning service on July 24th.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. Speakers for July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 respectively, were: Ed Dana, Gene Hollinger, Joe Brubaker, Clyde Balo and Dick Winfield. Dan Leshner was the speaker for August 7th.

New Pastor, Brother Charles Bader is scheduled to arrive in New Lebanon in August, bringing his first message on August 14th.

WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO. One new member was received by baptism on July 24th.

CANTON, OHIO (TRINITY). Two new members were received into the church recently.

SMITHVILLE, OHIO. The Laymen's public service was held on July 24th with Richard Godwin as guest speaker.

BURLINGTON, INDIANA. The Laymen held their public service on July 17th, with Larry Suhrer as guest speaker.

ELKHART, INDIANA. W. M. S. Group 1 had scheduled their public service for August 10th, with the Bylers, missionaries to Argentina, as guest speakers.

The Northern Indiana Brethren ministers and wives were entertained with a picnic dinner by Brother and Sister Milton J. Bowman on July 25th.

ROANN, INDIANA. Received into the church by baptism were eight new members recently.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (ARDMORE). Speakers for services on July 31st, were the Vartanian twins; for August 7th, Rev. George Phillips.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Two new members were received into the church on July 7th.

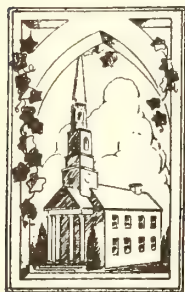
NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Speakers for services on July 24 and 31 respectively, were: Rev. John M. Hartman and Rev. John Metzler.

CERRO GORDO, ILLINOIS. Brother Duane Sholly writes: "Just a note to report the baptism and reception of four new members, all children who made their decision for Christ at the close of our Vacation Bible School."

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS. Rev. Merle Hawbecker was guest speaker in the Milledgeville church on July 10 and 17.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Guest speaker scheduled for August 14th is former pastor, Brother A. T. Ronk.

In the war on the powers of darkness, prayer, joined to fasting, is our mightiest weapon.



What's Doing in the Churches



DENVER, INDIANA

It has been a long time since a report was given from the Denver Church. This year of 1960 is the 50th anniversary of the church.

Rev. A. T. Ronk of Cedar Falls, Iowa, was our pastor during the organization and building of the church. The anniversary date is Sept. 18th with a week's meeting the preceding week. Rev. Ronk has been called to hold this meeting and is speaker for the special day. All Brethren are invited.

Rev. Austin Gable who has been our pastor for the past 15 years resigned at our business meeting in April and is now pastor of the new Kokomo Church. The Denver Church has secured the services of Brother George Hapner to finish Rev. Gable's year.

A farewell program and supper was given by the church one evening the last of June for Rev. Gable, it was also a welcoming for Brother Hapner.

The Denver Church has always been a self-sustaining church. It was organized with 48 charter members. Twenty-one are still living. Eight of these are still active members at Denver.

Our W.M.S. is striving to go forward but we will miss some of our very active members which have and are moving away. Our public service was held last April 3rd, with Mrs. Rodkey as our guest speaker. The W. M. S. sponsors the Signal Lights. At this time we have a fine group of youngsters.

Within the past few years a new addition has been added to our church which includes rest rooms and more class room. Also a new lighting system was installed.

Our prayer is that He may bless our church as we strive to do our best for Him and that we may grow spiritually in His Service.

Mrs. Fayette Shoemaker,
Church Sec'y.



LOST CREEK, KENTUCKY

Our annual Sunday school picnic will be the event of August 11, on Buckhorn River. A revival is planned at Rowdy Church on Sept. 18-25 with Rev. Balis Campbell of Bulan, Ky.

Work on our new classroom-gym is underway under the supervision of Tom Marcum of Omaha, Nebraska, formerly of Lost Creek.

The Ashland College Gospel Team at Easter and various Brethren Youth Crusaders throughout the summer have done splendid work here and helped us out in a wonderful way. We praise the Lord for consecrated

Brethren Youth! A week of D.V.B.S. was held at Lost Creek, Rowdy and Haddix, reaching about 100 children in all. We had a fine week of Young People's Camp in June with 43 attending. Brother Ronald Ritchey was the evangelist. There was one first-time confession and one re-dedication.

We had a successful 4th of July celebration here with about 500 attending the day of speaking, athletic event, eating and fellowship. A Mennonite quartet sang and Phil Smith, recent mayor of Jackson (county seat) and president of the bank, brought a stirring patriotic message.

Doran and Nancy Hostetler and Maurice Hall are staying during the summer, helping us with the work. They undersigned preaches at Lost Creek in the morning, Rowdy in the afternoon, and at Haddix in the evening. Our garden is really producing and Mrs. Barnett is caring everything in sight.

We are all wonderfully encouraged by the W. M. S. Project of our gym here. The ladies are having a tremendous share in keeping this work going. We are thankful to the Brethren for the gifts of money, food and clothing which are so vital this Spring and Summer for which we are grateful. Only by seeing the work can you really understand it. We would like to list all our visitors by name but it would take one issue of the **Brethren Evangelist** to do it!

Revival meetings at Lost Creek and Rowdy are being planned for this fall. There is a desperate need for another preacher down here. Is there someone who would answer the call and come to preach and help with the work? There are opportunities unlimited down here for work, but your advancement otherwise will be mostly spiritual. This is the kind of advancement with which we should be most concerned if we really belong to Christ.

Riverside Christian Training School expects to open the fall school term on August 29, by the grace of God with a full staff of teachers. It is expected that the accreditation of our school will be higher this year under the new system of accreditation which the State has just put into effect.

We earnestly covet the prayers of the Brethren as we continue in the work here. Pray that we shall see and take advantage of all the opportunities to serve the Lord in this area. Pray that we shall not be crushed by slings and arrows of Satan. Pray that in face of every problem we shall have clear spiritual vision to see the Lord's will.

Harold E. Barnett.



TOPEKA, KANSAS

Greetings from the state that's never been in the record.

We are still working at the State House as Guide and Information official, winding up seven years last May. We see more people each day than anyone else in the Building. The Governor and I are good friends.

It's been our privilege to visit the Falls City Brethren Church, and at Morrill Brethren Church in the recent weeks along with our grandson, Gary Deeter and wife who were the speakers. They are candidates for the Mission field in Brazil, South America. We also were

with them at Manhattan one Sunday morning. They have done considerable deputation work this year into several states.

One Sunday recently, we preached at Morrill, for Brother Robert Holsinger—an old friend of ours back in Indiana. Our grandson, Mark Deeter, assisted in the service. He has had one year of Bible College, and plans some kind of mission work. He will go to PBI this fall again.

Our general health has been quite good for "kids", and in September we will reach our 80th round in the ladder. We get to witness for our Lord in numerous ways from time to time.

We attended the Wyandote Bible Camp on the 24th. Met many of our old friends and some newer ones. We are not able to help in some personal way, but we do help with some of our "spondulix". We are glad to share. God's people should SHARE.

Our faith looks up to Thee. Kindly regards to all.

Rev. W. R. Deeter,
Rt. 5.



MAURERTOWN, VIRGINIA

We had another successful Daily Vacation Bible School during July, with 64 pupils and 22 teachers or workers enrolled. The average pupil attendance for the two weeks was 58. About 155 were in attendance for the program presented by the Bible school.

A baptismal service was held on Sunday evening, July 1st, when nine were baptized and received into the membership of the church. The pastor baptized the oldest person of his ministry as the one man was 80 years of age.

Robert L. Hoffman, Pastor.

PASTOR NEEDED

The County Line Brethren Church will need a pastor beginning November 1, 1960. Any interested pastors please contact:

Mrs. Everett Gillis, Ch. Sec'y.,
Lakeville, Indiana.

BRETHREN ROAD SIGN "COUNT-UP"

Ordered:

160

Needed:

40



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Wedding Announcement

CHAPMAN-HOSTETLER. Miss Bonnie Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chapman, Bringham, Ind., became the bride of Mr. Norman Hostetler, Peru, Ind., on the evening of June 25, 1960. The double-ring ceremony was read by the bride's pastor in the Flora Brethren Church in the presence of the immediate relatives of the two. The bride is a member of the Flora Brethren Church. They are at home at Peru, Ind. May the joy of the Lord be theirs.

Arthur H. Tinkel, Pastor.

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DEETER-JONES. Kelly Berk Deeter was married to Margie Jones at the Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Mo., on June 11th. Kelly is the son of Vaile and Helen Deeter, Vaile being the son of the undersigned. Ceremony by the pastor of the church, with the undersigned giving the consecration prayer.

Rev. W. R. Deeter.

Laid to Rest

HORNADAY. Paul W. Hornaday, Los Angeles, Calif., died New Year's Eve from injuries received in an automobile accident in September. Born in Udell, Iowa, he was baptized in the Brethren Church. Survived by his widow, one daughter, three grandchildren, three brothers and four sisters. Services held at Fairview church; interment, Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Ora A. Powell.

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BENTZ. Victor B. Bentz, a charter member of the Hagerstown, Md., church, passed to his reward, May 19th, at the age of 90. Member of the Hagerstown church for 71 years. Survived by his wife, and one son. Services by the undersigned; interment, Rose Hill Cemetery.

George W. Solomon, Pastor.

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YESSLER. Mrs. Margaret E. Yessler departed this life, Feb. 20th. Had been a faithful member of the Hagerstown, Md., church for 52 years. Survived by a daughter. Services by the undersigned; interment in Rest Haven Cemetery.

George W. Solomon, Pastor.

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PASLAY. Margaret Isadore Paslay, 86, was killed instantly along with her son, Paul, 50, in an automobile accident, July 18th. Both were members of the Mulberry Grove Brethren Church, Illinois. Funeral services by the undersigned, with burial at Mulberry Grove.

Rev. Duane Sholly.

My Diary

Mrs. Drushal says:

"GOODBYE to RIVERSIDE and LOST CREEK"

For many years the Brethren Evangelist has carried the diary of the life and work of Brother and Sister George E. Drushal at Lost Creek, Kentucky, as written by Sister Drushal. With the passing of Brother Drushal several years ago, Brother Harold E. Barnett has been chosen to carry on the fine work begun 53 years ago by the Drushals. Sister Drushal leaves Lost Creek to accompany her daughter, Adah, to a new teaching position. Here, in the final notes of her Lost Creek Diary, Sister Drushal records the last intimate happenings of a life of 53 years of service to Lost Creek, Riverside Christian Training School, and the communities around Lost Creek. W.S.B.



June 25—Sat. This is Adah's birthday. She and Ada Lu and I are at 1106 E. McLeod Ave., Sapulpa, Oklahoma, with my sisters. Our furniture, flowers, dog—most of our earthly belongings are in storage at Quick-sand, Ky. The friend in whose property our possessions are stored is quite happy about getting to take care of Confuscia, the dog, and our many flowers. Our postmistress at Lost Creek will be kept informed and all mail addressed there will be forwarded. My new diary book beginning April 2, is almost half full already. But most of the items, while they are important and may some day be interesting to our grandchildren as historical facts or should the history of Riverside ever be written, yet not necessary to record here.

April 2—Sat. Adah and Mrs. Joseph went to Stillwater to meet with Mr. Heycoop and Beach Davidson, to discuss Riverside's problems. These four are the incorporators. There are five members, but the fifth was ill and could not go. They decided to recommend to Riverside's Board of Directors, that Riverside be turned over to the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church. They feel that no institution can be successfully governed by two separate boards. Adah and I decided to close our ministry here the first of June. Chauncy and Hattie Sheldon, on furlough from Africa, and who visited us earlier this week phoned us that they would accept the invitation to speak in chapel Monday morning. Emma Lou splashed chlorox in her eyes this morning and Mrs. Hostetler called the Doctor, who gave her instructions over the phone what to do. Half-day session of school to make up for day lost during the heavy snows.

April 3—Sun. Our section of state changed from Central to Eastern time. Some forgot S.S. was an hour earlier and were late. Rained hard all afternoon. Adah had long walk up Fugate's Fork and had to cross the stream five times. The first time she made it without slipping but the second she was in and so waded the rest.

April 4—Mon. Faculty meeting in lounge of girls' dorm. Faculty unanimously decided to give the allowance from the National Sisterhood girls to Mrs. Hostetler.

April 5—Tues. In early morning hours, gave my knee a twist that closes veins. Pains excruciating with even the slightest movement. Adah called Dr. Martin from Homeplace. In bed all day. Garber arrived about noon for Board meeting at night. Not able to attend, but sent resignation as treasurer. Mr. Heycoop resigned as Vice President and Adah as Principal of the High School. Harold Barnett reelected as President of Board. Question came up about Riverside Christian Training School Board dissolving and giving Mission Board control. Four members of the Mission Board were present to assist in the discussion: Milton Bowman, Everett Miller, Claytor Berkshire, and Dale Long. The "Nays" outnumbered the "Yeas" and so the Riverside Board now has full control until 1962 when contract expires.

April 10—Sun. Bro. Taylor of Noctor asked Adah to go over to assist in the services during his absence. The ordination services for deacon and deaconesses to day, for Mrs. Dora Barnett, Mrs. Clara Jackson, Mrs. Stella Barnett, Joe Barnett, Wm. Jackson, and Bill Mullins. Bro. Virgil Meyer preached fine ordination sermon. Adah went in our car this afternoon so that Mr. Barnett and I would not have to wait long as he has service tonight.

April 14—Thurs. Went to weekly Bible class for three older folk who cannot attend Sunday services. Communion service tonight. Good service, but small attendance.

April 15—Fri. Adah took a woman from Fugate's Fork to hospital this morning. Gospel Team from Ashland arrived.

April 16—Sat. Gospel Team helped with Easter egg hunt. Say they had fine time. Adah and I to Rowdy for egg hunt there, preceded by church and yard clean up. While older ones worked, told stories to small ones. Quickly made up new chorus and taught them. Adah and I to hospital to see a friend.

April 17—Sun. Gospel Team had charge of services here and Rowdy in the afternoon. Dedication of new chapel at Haddix this afternoon. Mr. Barnett preached the dedicatory sermon. Had services also there tonight and took group from here to Haddix. Adah and I could not attend services in afternoon but went at night. Full house and good sermon. Enjoyed Gospel Team wherever they went but haven't learned their names yet.

April 20—Wed. Miss Jones and I up all night with patient at Homeplace hospital. Took something to read in case I got sleepy but patient was too sick. She passed away this afternoon.

April 21—Thurs. Had Gospel Team up tonight for buffet supper. Learned all their names, but forgot them again without my book.

April 26—Tues. Adah and I to Haddix to see Mrs. Kessinger off as she left for Kansas. Everyone hates to see her leave. Has faithfully kept up the S. S. and by personal visitation, kept work going. Miss Gillan and Miss Wright, two of our teachers, moved down to stay until school is out.

April 27—Wed. Since we're moving when school closes, began big job of sorting out papers and letters, filing away things to keep and answering long neglected letters. Adah is picking out things we won't need right now and Johnny Haddix is hauling them for storage. Walked up for mail as Doctor says must walk more. Miss Jones isn't well and so she wants me to get hers, too. Almost home, forgot hers, so walked back for it. Met Mrs. Frances coming to see me. Was tired at Bible class time, so Adah drove me over. Enjoyed having a former student in class. Met a man who isn't a Christian. Gives his reason that there are too many preachers not doing right. Thinks we should have a Catholic president, and thinks the union takes the place of church. So used to criticizing church and arguing, that he thought he was in for nice big argument with me. Just asked him a few questions. "Are you a sinner?" "Well, yes." "Can you save yourself?" "No." "Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God and died to save our souls?" "Yes." "Do you believe there is any other way to be saved except through Jesus' blood?" Sincerely he answered, "That's the only way." "Will you accept Jesus as your Saviour now?" He would not, but we recognized from sincerity of answers that his argumentative attitude was due to unrest in his soul. He then listened as we opened the Scriptures. He is near the Kingdom. As many unsaved, he tried to hide the concern for his soul by loud talking.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett got back tonight from attending Minister's Conference. Man and wife came to see us tonight. Had made a public confession of Christ and felt he was saved until Jehovah's Witnesses got hold of him. Now the devil keeps telling him he's not saved. We explained that false cults get most of their converts from fundamental churches whose members do not read their Bible and therefore have no foundation for faith. He promised to unite with some church, read his Bible, pray, and obey, then believe God saved him. Before bedtime, another former student and her husband came in. We rejoiced to find they had remained true to their confession of faith through all these years. We told them we

"have no greater joy than to see that our children walk in the truth."

May 2—Mon. Enjoyed walk to post office. Perfect day. Not a cloud in sky. As usual, paused to pray for Riverside before I crossed the bridge over Troublesome. Looked over campus and thought what a beautiful place for school. Surely God will answer the many prayers going up for its continuance, even though the devil is making strong bid. Mrs. Hostetler and Seniors left this morning for Washington, D. C. Adah arose early to get breakfast for them. Two girls and two boys in class.

May 3—Tues. Good neighbor called and brought big bowl of shucky beans already cooked and seasoned just the way I like them. Also brought some green onions. Beautiful, cloudless day, and good neighbors help relieve monotony of work.

May 5—Thurs. Rather an "off" day for me. Nothing pressing to be done—nothing with a "must" on it. Folks where I have Bible class are away. Went with Mr. Hall to prayer meeting at Rowdy tonight. Had gotten a telephone call from member of church who is teacher, asking me to help with closing day school program. Love to do this kind of thing and so worked up something and took it to her.

May 7—Sat. Ada Lu and I had Mother's Day party for S. S. class. Helped children make something to take to Mother.

May 8—Sun. Ada Lu had special supper ready for us upon returning from Rowdy. This was her Mother's day gift. Garber called tonight.

May 10—Tues. Spent most of day at desk with correspondence. Had two dinners today. Ate first here at home and then was invited to another big dinner at neighbors. We all wept together as we told them we were leaving Riverside, but they understood. We spent most of time listening to tales of their experiences at school here—some of which I had forgotten.

May 11—Wed. Began training Senior boys on their Commencement orations. Enjoy work with them.

May 13—Fri. Regular routine work. My turn to lead chapel. Had one outlined that I thought good. Gave myself a mental pat on the back for it before going over. But before arriving, decided not to give it because I realized I had fallen short of what I was going to tell youngsters to do. Changed subject. Not as good, but had satisfaction I was practicing what I preached. Sorted out my husband's papers that I had been putting off for so long, but knew there were some to be given to Mr. Barnett before leaving, so dug into it.

May 14—Sat. After dinner, neighbor came in and brought us green vegetables. Stayed all afternoon and had nice visit together. Glad our friends are coming to visit us before we leave.

May 15—Baccalaureate Sun. Mr. Barnett gave a good message.

May 17—Tues. Adah in to Jackson today to get car fixed. Got personal check in mail big enough to pay garage

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"STAND FAST

Galatians 5:1

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" Galatians 5:1 is the verse for our inspiration. And we will deal with it by looking at and considering the main words.



LET US BEGIN with the two words "stand fast." The idea is to be rooted and grounded. This is a hard thing for we citizens of the United States to understand today. The way we live we do not have time to become rooted and grounded. The old saying "a rolling stone gathers no moss" holds little for us today. The writer is acquainted with a young man who has made the armed service of his nation the career of his life. He owns a home in a city on the west coast and another on the east coast. His children are not sure where they will go to school this fall. They are not sure whether they will have the same Sunday school teacher this Sunday that they had last Sunday or not. The mother of this home is ready on a moment's notice to pack the suitcases and be on her way. And yet we are supposed to STAND FAST. Is it any wonder that our children do not know what it means to stand, let alone to stand fast?

We were taught by our parents to stand at certain times in our lives. When anyone older than we entered the room, we were to stand and remain standing until that older person was comfortably seated. Then we could be seated. We were to wait until the older folks were seated at the dining table before we were seated.

The scene of a little girl having to stand one day in the small country school is indelibly written on the writer's mind, because that little girl was picked on by the teacher. The teacher had caught her disobeying an order and so a ring was drawn on the blackboard and that little girl stood with her nose in that ring. She had

to stand on her tiptoes to reach, but she stood and stood fast, too.

Now, all these thoughts of standing, and standing fast indicate something. There was a set of rules, manners we called them in some instances by which the game of life was played. And the "standing fast" we are considering today reminds us that there is a set of rules. Paul speaks of the LIBERTY. We are to stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free, but let us consider first of all wherein we stand. It is that same age-old question. Do we **know** wherein we stand?

What things does your Church stand for? This can be traced back to the LIBERTY wherein Christ has made us free? The doctrines that most of us know as the main ones are those that come from man's interpretation of the Scriptures. It is good that we have leaders who live Godly lives and help us in our search for the truth, but are the doctrines that these set forth always the primary ones? Just for an example, is your liberty wherein Christ has made you free founded on "The Ten Commandments" or "The Beatitudes"? The Ten Commandments have become known as "The Law" but consider with me for a moment, are they the law that Christ set forth for happiness? Which way is easier, endeavoring to keep the ten commandments, the "Thou Shalts" and the "Thou Shalt Nots", or would the "Blesseds" be the easier? This brings a question to mind. Do the people who profess to be Christian in the U.S. know either of these set of rules?

Can you, dear reader, state from memory even the short form of the ten commandments? How about the Beatitudes? Can you turn to the Bible in the Book and find them without having to use the concordance? If you can, you have a part, at least, of the knowledge of this liberty wherewith Christ has made us free.

Can you trace the plan of redemption from Genesis to Revelation? What do the words Sa

THE LIBERTY"

Rev. H. William Fells

ation, Judgment, Atonement, Justification, and redemption mean to you? Someone says, "Those are terms that the theologians use." But, dearly loved, these words should be a part of our "Liberty" and we should stand fast in them. In fact, the moral and spiritual laws introduced to us in the Ten Commandments are simply opening the door to the life to be lived in keeping the Beatitudes, and when we have a fuller and more complete understanding of the Beatitudes we will know the meaning of "those theological Terms" that bother so many people. These terms are the ones that give the liberty which Paul is talking about. These terms are also included in that "Perfect Law of Liberty" that James speaks of in James 1:25.

When we have received Salvation from Judgment and Death, which are the result of our being sinners, by the acceptance of the Atonement and the Forgiveness and Justification which God Atonement brings with it, then we will know our Redemption is complete, because we will know the Redeemer, and will be obedient unto His Will. The only cross reference used in speaking of the "Perfect Law of Liberty" in James 1:25 is Leviticus 19:18 which says "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the Lord." Strange, isn't it, that the speaking of the Law of Liberty does not bring out the first commandment, but rather the second.

But look closer, dear ones, the first and greatest commandment is assumed in this statement in Leviticus 19:18. It is the Lord our God, whom we are to love with all our hearts, minds, souls, and bodies that is giving this second commandment to love for our neighbor. If we do not have the accomplishment of the first at least started in our lives, the giving of this command will be to no avail. The sinner must come to God, be forgiven and find that "Perfect Law" and then endeavor to live by it.

Maybe this quote from Henry S. Nash in "The Atoning Life" will aid in our thinking at this point: "Forgiveness does not slacken the Law; when the Law is recognized as the higher will within the lower will, this view rather gives it grip and hold upon the springs of character. This conception of the Law gives unity to all the commandments, renders morality a living body, and makes sin terrible. It is from this point of view that St. James writes when he says, 'He that keepeth the whole law, and yet offendeth in one point, is guilty of all.' For the Law as he conceives it is the living will of God. God's will is not a moral code, but a personal presence in man's heart." So we see that "Standing Fast in Liberty" becomes a matter of DAILY LIVING.

The first thing involved is KNOWING God. To know God means that we have heard the preaching of the Gospel, recognized ourselves as sinners, confessed Christ as Savior, believed in Him, and have pledged ourselves to live lives pleasing unto Him. We have promised to keep the First and Greatest Commandment, Matthew 22:37. Our minds, souls, and bodies are given unto Him. And we have come to the knowledge that we are living under the Law. Not the Law as presented in Exodus 20:3-17, nor the Priestly Code as found in Leviticus, but the Law which is "The Living Will of God." That Law that is a personal presence in man's heart.

When this experience has come to the individual then the second commandment, Matthew 22:39, is "Standing Fast in Liberty." It is the right thing when we are living in the Law of God's Will, to stop and consider each action, or word in the light of what it will do for or to God's Will, and what effect it will have on the lives of our fellowmen around us. No longer does our individual selfish will guide and direct our thoughts and deeds. When we Stand Fast in the Liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, there is true JOY in living, Jesus First, Others second, Yourself last.

GOODBYE TO RIVERSIDE AND LOST CREEK

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bill. Interesting to see how God provides money for repair and gas. (Must turn back pages to where Adah got car. Nannie Lou Sergent was baby sitting for Barnett's and gave Adah fifty cents one day to start a fund for a car. She put it in piggy bank, labeling it for car. A friend heard of this and gave twenty-five dollars. By Christmas-time enough gifts had come. Informed friends in Louisville that we had two hundred dollars for car and to start looking. Adah hopped on bus for Pryce Davidson had spotted several cars for that amount. The first one shown in a big lot was for sale at a price more than we had. Pryce talked the salesman out of his commission and we got it for the exact amount we had. The '51 Ford is still on the road.) Had to apologize to one of our staff members. Had "spilled out" so to speak and said some unkind things about another. The Spirit rebuked me and convicted me as He has done so many times before that God has not appointed me to be the one to make faults of others known.

May 20—Fri. Commencement Day. Charles Munson of Ashland was Commencement speaker. Gave FINE address. The four members of class took part and each did well.

May 21—Sat. Bro. Munson called for brief visit before he started home. Joe and Stella Barnett took me to funeral on South Fork. Man formerly lived in Lost Creek. Three preachers spoke. Second one spoke almost an hour and was going strong when he was sung down.

May 24—Tues. Little after dark, electricity went off and got out our old kerosene lamp. Adah and several faculty members had gone on school bus with students to Jr.-Sr. banquet at Stanton. Ada Lu and Miss Jones were afraid oil lamp would explode. They didn't want me to work by lamp for was sure it would explode. Had lots of work to do and could have done it by lamplight, but they were getting more and more excited about it. Didn't know whether to scold them or laugh so did both and went to bed.

May 25—Wed. Had Senior Class in to our apartment for breakfast. Last day of school, due to make-up snow days. My turn for chapel. Last turn at Riverside so chose verse, that in case any of them did remember it or ever recall it, it would remind them of Jesus: "Thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins." Mrs. Barnett's parents here today. Mr. and Mrs. Ridenour also, and he is busy making shelves in library and other like jobs that need to be done. Mrs. Barnett planned a nice picnic lunch outside at the fireplace. We used to call this the "park" and it was our last meal with students before they left. Athletic events before lunch directed by Mr. Hostetler. Faculty played students softball game and almost won. Eddie Landrum Stevens of class of '49 stopped by with husband and children and stayed for lunch.

May 30-June 3. Adah drove Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Campbell, Ada Lu and I to Greenville, S.C. to Cleo Camp-

bell's graduation from Bob Jones University. We furnished car and they paid all expenses. Lovely trip through Smokies and met up with former students at different places. Were proud of Cleo Campbell, graduate from Riverside in class of '56, finish from Bob Jones, cum laud—one of the seven. She was also one of 24, out of a class of 326 chosen to give a testimony as the diplomas were handed out. When we arrived home Thursday evening, one of the neighbors had big supper ready for us, at her home. Looking for Mr. Teed to arrive to come audit books before turning them over to new treasurer. Had kept on with job after resigning at the insistence of the President.

June 3—Fri. Mr. Teed came. Rooms at old girls dorm but eats with us, and works in my office where all the records are handy. I spent most of day going through old files and letters, saving some for sentimental reasons, others needed for reference. Copied addresses in my address book. Got through one file drawer and there are four more. Glad some of the neighbors called, even though busy. It rests and relaxes one. Even glad for the real early morning call when work was piling up. When Beach and Ida Davidson came, we went with them to their old home up on the hill where they are camping while repairs are being made. We'll miss these pretty mountain scenes such as can be seen from this house overlooking the valley. A woman in late tonight to express her opinion that we should not leave Riverside.

June 6—Mon. Mr. Teed finished auditing my books and placed his O.K. on them. Plans to stay over a day or two to help Miss Parchman get out her yearly itemized financial report, that is made each year.

June 8—Wed. Mr. Teed left on bus, and his services very much appreciated.

June 9—Thurs. Had Bible class in afternoon as usual, the last one with these dear friends.

June 10—Fri. Ada Lu and Adah left early for Louisville this morning with friends at Jackson to attend funeral of Mrs. Pryce Davidson. As they were making the trip there and back in one day, I could not go with them.

June 12—Sun. My S.S. class of High school age stayed after S.S. at Rowdy this afternoon and we sang missionary songs and hymns for an hour. Mr. Barnett had to go to hospital to get medicine for one of his children and get ready for evening service at Haddix. We sang all the choruses we knew, told them a story and had prayer together. Adah was late coming after me for it was her last day at Fugate's Fork and she had several sick people that she always went to see. May the Lord keep them all faithful.

June 15—Wed. Garber and Douglas arrived mid-afternoon, to help with final moving. He is giving us a "lift" in more ways than one. All invited over to neighbor's house for supper tonight. About half an hour before leaving, an old friend from Cornettsville arrived to visit with us. The home to which we were invited told us we could bring all we wanted to come, but the friend and her young driver decided they could not accept. It turned out all right anyhow, as the man of the house where we were

going to eat was coming for us and he was late getting in from work, so had longer visit than we thought with friend. She wanted us to pray with her about her problems that she thinks are unsolvable. Rather have missed the meal than not to have stopped and prayed and counseled with her, but we were able to do both. Got home a little late, but went to prayer meeting anyway, at Marion Barnett's home. Pleasant surprise upon arriving back home. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wilkins from Newark, Ohio with her parents, the Davidsons, were sitting on our porch.

June 16—Thurs. Johnny Haddix, Joe Barnett and Tommy Terry came to help me visit the graveyard before I left. They knew I could not climb the steep hill with a knee that plays tricks on me, so they used the saddle-pack method to get me up and down. Adah went along. Garber was late arriving for I had sent him to the hospital to get medicine I keep for emergencies. Smith cemetery is a beautiful place but hill hard to climb. We first buried our baby there, then Heykoops their baby. Gordon had wanted this to be his resting place, and last, we placed my husband's body beside the three. Adah has said she will bring my body back also. Tommy Terry promised to keep the place up. The roses Gordon had planted on Milyard's grave were blooming. The others planted this spring, growing but not yet blooming.

After lunch, Ada Lu, Garber, Douglas and I left Riverside. As we passed through the village, leaving dear old familiar places behind, passing through Jackson, it was with the same calm feeling as though we still had a home and would be coming back tomorrow. God had worked a miracle for us. We had thought if ever we left Riverside, there would be heartbreaking tears and regrets. Instead, there was real peace. Adah staying a day longer directing the final storage and doing last minute things. Johnny Haddix faithfully trucking for us. Eurabane Neace standing staunchly by Adah to the last minute. Adah spending night at Jackson with the Aquinaldos, then back to Lost Creek in morning closing our apartment, then coming after Ada Lu and me. The Drushal-Lost Creek chapter is closed, but there are new ones to be written.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORTS RECORD DISTRIBUTION OF SCRIPTURES

The American Bible Society, which is observing this year the 125th anniversary of its work for the blind, has reported record breaking distribution of Scriptures to both the sighted and the sightless.

According to its Annual Report, the Society distributed 17,650,917 volumes of Scriptures throughout the world during 1959, a record for any year in its history. The figure exceeds by a considerable margin the 15,000,000 volumes the Society averaged in the previous six years.

Distribution for the blind included Scriptures in Braille, other embossed printing systems and Talking Book records. These totaled 73,194 for the year, another record. In the 125 years since 1835, the Bible Society has distributed 790,035 books and records for the blind.

Embossed books were sent to the blind in English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Greek, Hebrew, Armenian, Italian, Chinese, Turkish, Korean,

Japanese and Hausa—used in Nigeria—during the year. Three tons of Braille paper also were sent to Korea for the printing of embossed Scriptures there, and a new printing of the English Braille Concordance was made to meet the needs of blind ministers, church school teachers, students and librarians.

Despite the substantial increase in Scripture distribution, the report noted "that the annual increase in population in most countries far outstrips the circulation of Scriptures in each year. The total issue of whole Bibles and Testaments across the world by the 23 United Bible Societies, of which the American Bible Society is one, is barely one-fifth of the total annual increase in population."

During the year, the number of languages in which at least one book of the Bible had been published rose to 1,151. The complete Bible now has been published in 219 languages; complete Testaments, but no complete Bible, in an additional 271, and at least one complete book, but no complete Testament, in 661 more.

The Society estimates there are still about 1,000 languages in which no part of the Bible has been published. Translations into these languages are being made at the rate of about one new language a month.

Among the new language publications of 1959 was the Book of Mark in Comanche for Indians in this country.

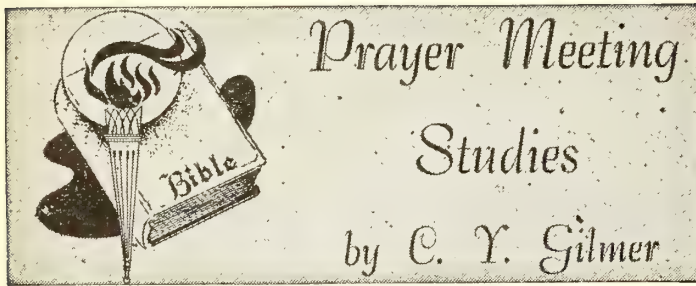
During the year the Society further extended its distribution of Scriptures to the armed forces, a service it has performed for 143 years, by supplying Bibles to our submarine fleet. Because chaplains, who usually distribute Bibles to Navy ships, are not assigned to submarines, the underseas craft have never before received the Scriptures.

The admission of Alaska and Hawaii to statehood increased substantially the number of languages used in the United States. As a result, the report noted, one Society office in this country distributed Scriptures in 60 languages and dialects.

The Society participated in three Scripture distribution projects in Communist areas. It supplied a substantial number of Bibles to the American National Exposition in Moscow to replace those "removed or damaged by tremendous wear"; it supplied Scriptures to a team of students who attended the Communist sponsored World Youth Festival in Vienna, and Hungarian Scriptures were sent to Yugoslavia for church use in that country.

Miss Helen Keller, who has been blind and deaf ever since she was 19 months old, was elected a life member at the Society's Annual Meeting in May. The Society also presented a plaque to her with the inscription, "Insight comes not by the eye nor wisdom by hearing; but from a heart of faith inspired by the Word of God rise truth and love to bless all mankind."

The American Bible Society was organized in 1816 with a single purpose—the widest possible circulation of the Christian Bible throughout the world, without note or comment. Through translation, publication and distribution, it seeks to provide the Scriptures to every person everywhere, in the language or form he can best read for himself. It also works to encourage the constant use of the Scriptures by those who already possess them.



ENTIRELY HIS

There is a joy in serving Christ
Which nothing else can give,
And richest blessing crown the life
When for the Lord we live.
Our "loaves and fishes" brought to Him
He breaks and multiplies
To feed the hungry souls of men
With bread that satisfies.
How good to be an instrument
Of grace that He can use
At any time, in any place,
However He may choose.
A vessel purified and filled
With living water sweet,
A harp divinely tuned and thrilled
A Heaven's mercy-seat!

—Ida A. Guirey

"CHRIST IS ALL, AND IN ALL" (Col. 3:11). He is "altogether lovely" (S. of S. 5:16), "the fairest of ten thousand" to the soul (5:10). Do we love Him more than self (Matt. 16:24)? Do we give Him His rightful pre-eminence (Col. 1:18)? Is He the one master that we love (Matt. 6:24)? Have we given up all for Him (Lu. 14:33)? Is He paramount in our affections (Matt. 10:37, 38)? Do we know the cost of discipleship (Lu. 14:27)? Do our acquaintances know that we love Jesus above all (Mk. 8:34-38)? Is the doing of God's will our delight (Psa. 40:8)? Are we willing to cast out the weight that hinders our service unto God (Matt. 5:29, 30)? Do we walk faithfully in the blessed light God has given (Jn. 12:35, 36)? Have we discarded our idols (I Jn. 5:21)? Our secret faults (Psa. 19:12; Psa. 139:23, 24)?

"Flow, springs of God, flow to my heart,
Bring Christ's full life to me,
Weakness and sin shall then depart,
Complete in Him I'll be.

"Flow, springs of God, flow from my heart,
A channel I would be
Strength give me, Lord, to do my part,
Glory I'd bring to Thee!"

Paul's life demonstrated that Christ was all to him (Gal. 2:20). The ownership of Christ was denoted by the seal of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 1:21, 22). He counted the service of God the one and only thing for which to live (Rom. 1:1). He sought to fill the hearts of God's people with an intense personal love for the Saviour Who died for us (Eph. 6:24). Satan tried to swerve him from his purpose (Phil. 3:13) many times, but it always turned out to the furtherance of the gospel (Phil. 1:12). Paul suffered many things for the One he loved (Gal. 6:17).

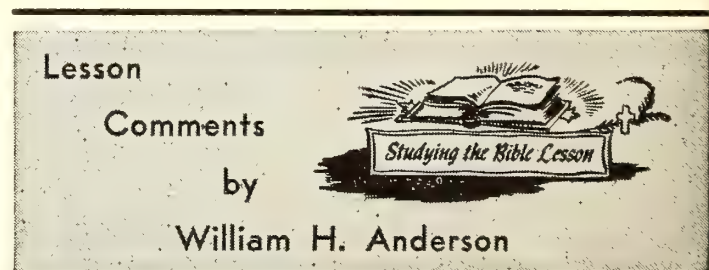
Any recurrence of self-centeredness to Paul would be the working of death (II Cor. 4:10-12). Paul was not satisfied to do "something" but did "everything" to take Christ to the nations (Rom. 1:14, 15; 11:13). He was a "God-intoxicated" man (Eph. 5:18). His holy affections flowed freely to all men (Jn. 7:37-39). His absolute dependence on God was the secret of his power in the work of the Lord (Phil. 4:13).

Jesus, Master, Whose I am,
Purchased, Thine alone to be
By Thy blood, O spotless Lamb,
Shed so willingly for me,
Let my heart be all Thine own,
Let me live to Thee alone.

Other lords have long held sway;
Now, Thy Name alone to bear,
Thy dear voice alone obey,
Is my daily, hourly prayer:
Whom have I in Heaven but Thee?
Nothing else my joy can be.

Jesus, Master, I am Thine:
Keep me faithful, keep me near;
Let Thy presence in me shine
All my homeward way to cheer
Jesus, at Thy feet I fall,
O be Thou my all in all.

—Frances Havergal



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Lesson for August 21, 1960

RESULTS OF SELF-INDULGENCE

Lesson: Isaiah 5:11-24

BECAUSE OF THEIR SIN, the people of Israel, during Isaiah's day, had brought down judgment upon their own heads. Thus, God pronounced WOES against them. Two woes are found in chapter 3 of Isaiah (verses 9 and 11), and 6 woes are found in chapter 5. We turn our attention to those found in this latter chapter of Isaiah's prophecies.

THE WOE OF GREED

"Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!" (vs. 8).

"In other words, the judgment is pronounced on those who selfishly seek to accumulate houses and lands for themselves, showing no consideration for the poor and the needy. Such shall eventually be desolate and their holdings destroyed; their fields will fail to

bear, and their hope of gain will be disappointed" (H. A. Ironside).

GREED is the result of self-indulgence and intemperance. It denotes lack of control over one's self. Because of the world's materialistic outlook, it is becoming increasingly difficult for the Christian to be content with his possessions. The Child of God must be ever on his guard lest the world's lust for "things" grips his heart and life.

THE WOE OF DRUNKENNESS

"Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!" (vs. 11).

Christian Victory reports that . . .

"The American people . . . drink one hundred twenty million gallons of wine, two hundred million gallons of distilled spirits and two million, five hundred thousand gallons of beer annually, for which they pay more than ten billion dollars—besides all the heartaches and heartbreaks, broken homes, broken bodies, ruined lives, wrecked cars, ruined morals and blighted minds involved . . ."

Isaiah continues his indictment of those who engage in strong drink. Although they have time for merry-making and reveling, yet they have no time for God:

"But they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of His hands. Therefore My people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge..." (vs. 12-13).

Little does the drunkard realize he has "gone into captivity"! Isaiah, of course, was referring to a time of literal captivity at the hands of Babylon. But in a real sense the drunkard becomes a captive—to drink and Satan!

"Studies show that 27% of those admitted to Illinois mental hospitals in 1955 were alcoholics, and that the alcoholic patients cost the state more than \$2,000,000 per year" (The Union Signal).

THE WOE OF PRESUMPTION

"Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: That say, Let Him make speed, and hasten His work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!" (vs. 18-19).

"This verse contains the third woe, having reference to presumptuous sinners who defy God's judgments. They are here represented not as drawn away by sin (James 1:14), but as laboriously drawing it to them by soliciting temptation, drawing it out by obstinate persistency in evil and contempt of divine threatenings" (J. A. Alexander).

THE WOE OF INDISCERNIBleness

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (vs. 20).

How prevalent this sin is today! Men are so engulfed in corruption and wickedness that they have lost the

moral and spiritual discernment necessary to tell right from wrong!

THE WOE OF CONCEIT

"Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" (vs. 21).

God has no patience with the proud and haughty! They will soon be brought low, for pride always results in destruction.

"They are wise in their own eyes; they think themselves able to disprove and baffle the reproofs and convictions of God's word, and to evade and elude both the searches and the reaches of His judgments; they think they can outwit Infinite Wisdom and countermine Providence itself" (Matthew Henry).

THE WOE OF EXCESS

"Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink" (vs. 22).

"The words in part reproduce the 'woe' of verses 11, 12, but with the distinctive feature that there the revellers were simply of the careless self-indulgent type, while here they are identified with the unjust and corrupt rulers" (E. H. Plumptre).

Even as the 6th Woe is being pronounced upon the erring people of Israel, so is judgment pronounced:

"Therefore, . . . so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel" (vs. 24).

"The Prophet . . . speaks of the people as a tree whose root is rotten and its growth above ground pulverized" (Alexander).

Israel suffered the natural result of an undisciplined, self-indulgent spirit. The fruit of SIN is self-indulgence; but the fruit of the SPIRIT is self-control.

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by **Jim Rowsey**

GENERAL CONFERENCE

GENERAL CONFERENCE is next week. I hope you are planning to attend all of the sessions, but especially, the SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOP, Wednesday, August 17 in Memorial Chapel. Dr. P. H. Augustine will be leading a discussion on "Goals Of A Growing Sunday School." Don't forget the evening session on Wednesday either. Dr. Augustine will be bringing the message titled, "What To Do When Life Gets Difficult." It's still not too late so make arrangements to come to General Conference now.

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**NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION—
OCTOBER 12-14**

KIEL AUDITORIUM is the place and St. Louis is the city for the fifteenth National Sunday school Con-

vention. I hope you will do your best to attend this convention. Some of the main speakers are: Dr. Clate Risley, executive secretary of NSSA; Rev. Bert Webb, president of NSSA; Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and pastor of the King Street United Brethren Church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; Dr. Theodore H. Epp, founder, director, and radio minister of Back to the Bible Broadcast which is heard around the world over approximately 1900 stations every week; and W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, which church has a Sunday school enrollment above 6,000 with 54 fully-graded departments. Many vitally interesting workshops and institutes are also being planned, so mark the dates and plan now to attend.

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BEATITUDES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

BLESSED is the leader who has not sought the high places, but who has been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.

BLESSED is the leader who knows where he is going, why he is going, and how to get there.

BLESSED is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

BLESSED is the leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial; true leaders are humble.

BLESSED is the leader who seeks for the best of those he serves.

BLESSED is the leader who leads for the good of the most concerned, and not for the personal gratification of his own ideas.

BLESSED is the leader who develops leaders while leading.

BLESSED is the leader who marches with the group, interprets correctly the signs on the pathway that leads to success.

BLESSED is the leader who has his head in the clouds but his feet on the ground.

BLESSED is the leader who considers leadership an opportunity for service.

—Sunday School Memo

World Religious News in Review

JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN CITES REASONS FOR TOKYO RIOTS

A PROMINENT Japanese Christian businessman and active Rotarian told Christian leaders in America recently that the Tokyo riots were the result of radical changes in Japan's educational system, the break-up of the "Family Center" and the failure of Christian missions to reach the populace with the message of Christ.

These are the views of Kiyoshi Togasaki, president of the influential *Japan Times* (a national Japanese daily newspaper published in English). Togasaki, in America to help arrange for the world conference of the Rotary organization in Tokyo next year, gave detailed background to the Communist-triggered June riots protesting the ratification of the Japanese-U.A. Security Treaty.

"World War II practically reduced us to our condition in 1853 when Commodore Perry opened up our ports to world trade," said Togasaki. "We drew up a new constitution; we re-

nounced war as an instrument of international policy; we made the individual the center instead of the family; and we liberated women by giving them access to social, business and cultural pursuits such as they had never enjoyed. The American GI with plenty of money to spend gave our people a taste of high living standards which they sometimes could or could not afford.

"The Communists meanwhile, infiltrated the National Teacher's Union and all around us began growing up a generation of young people who cared little for established tradition. Christian missionaries, given free rein by General Douglas MacArthur, failed to fill the spiritual vacuum left by the cultural breakup and the decline of Shintoism after the war.

"And so on the streets of Tokyo in June we had the ultra-leftists who were against anything, the Communists who were against the West, the ordinary citizen who had a phobia against nuclear war or those who dreaded the military service they thought would follow the signing of the Treaty. And then, of course, there

were students going along with the crowd simply because they were paid by the Communists to do so."

As chairman of the board of directors of Tokyo's 800-student International Christian University since its beginning in 1949, Togasaki stressed the need for Christian education among intelligent future leaders of Japan, but added significantly that Christianity must also reach the common man on the street. This, he said, "Christian missions have failed to do."

In addition to his duties with Rotary, Togasaki serves as an advisor to the Japan Bible Society, St. Luke's International Hospital in Japan (Episcopalian) and many other Christian enterprises. He is a 1928 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and the son-in-law of Paul Kanamori, Japan's famous preacher of a generation past.

Asked about the rise of Shintoism in Japan, Togasaki said the religion is passive and formal in its approach and was not, so far as he could see, making creditable gains. He said that government subsidy of Shinto shrines, however, has been reinstated.

In discussing the future of Christian missions in Japan, Togasaki made specific reference to the Tokyo Crusade to be conducted next May by Dr. Bob Pierce of World Vision, Inc. "Japan is the crossroads of civilization...of East and West...and of many ideologies," he said. "I think this crusade is going to be a great chapter in world history."

**ACKLEY, NOTED SACRED COM-
POSER, DIES**

WHITTIER, Calif. (EP)—The Rev. Alfred Henry Ackley, one of the best known hymnologists of the century, died here July 3 at the age of 73.

Ackley, who had teamed with his late brother, B. D., in writing more than 5,000 hymns, was best known for "He Lives," "Heartaches," "God's Tomorrow," "Song of the Soul Set Free," and "At the End of the Road."

In the early 1900's, he and his brother wrote "Jesus, I'm Coming Home" for a Billy Sunday revival. For more than a half century thereafter he penned hymns, gospel songs and children's choruses—producing, in collaboration with numerous other song writers, messages in music that have touched thousands of hearts through the years.

A retired Presbyterian minister, Rev. Ackley had been affiliated with the Rodeheaver-Hall Mack Co. for more than ten years prior to his death.

Born in Springhill, Pa., Jan. 21, 1887, he is survived by his wife, Alice, and sons, Henry and William.

U.S. "CHRISTIAN STATE"

Is America a Christian country? Patrick O'Donovan, for four years chief correspondent in the United States for the *London Observer*, thinks so.

In a copyrighted column for the *Herald Tribune-London Observer Service*, he declared: "America is a Christian state, if ever there was one. It has the largest proportion of church-going citizens in the world. Its Catholics are the chief source of revenue for the Vatican. Its statesmen call confidently and often on the name of God. Its financial charity is as boundless as the sea. Its policies, at home and abroad, are usually justified, and sincerely, in terms of Christian faith.

"Yet America is most determinedly a secular state, as devoted to the principle of the separation of church and state as it is to the system of checks and balances within its government..."

O'Donovan lists "certain characteristics of American religion." One of them, he says, is "the overriding tolerance. America's great dogmatic theologians are usually emigres from Europe. There are enmities between

the fractured sects of Christendom. There are fringe groups like the Seventh-day Adventists and a myriad of Negro splinter-chapels who preach that there is no salvation outside their private family of God."

Of the Catholic Church in America, O'Donovan declares, "It is far and away the largest of the churches—23 per cent of the white population. It is suspect in a state that glories in its separation from church. It is not democratic, though the laity play a far larger role in it than in any other version of Catholicism. Its weltanschauung is still essentially Irish.

"It is desperately loyal to itself. It still feels beleaguered, if not persecuted. It is not intellectually respected. It is, despite the efforts of assiduous monks, non-ritual, given to the hurried Mass and the endless sermon. It has no great intellectuals and, for that matter, no native-born saint. It is vastly rich and kindly and friendly; and its faults are the accepted Catholic faults and its special virtues are American." (EP)

**GROUP FEARS ATOMIC WAR,
HIDES IN BOMB SHELTERS**

BENSON, Ariz. (EP)—Members of a group known as the Full Gospel Assembly were reportedly barricaded in their sealed homes and church here because they feared an attack on the United States by the Soviet Union on Saturday, July 9.

Numbering about 20 families, the members of the group have their homes and church close together on the outskirts of this small southern Arizona town. "It's like a tomb down there," said Deputy Sheriff Ray Coffey. "There isn't a soul around, not even a dog. They don't answer their telephones or their doors.

"In the past couple of weeks they've bought at least \$30,000 to \$50,000 of food. I saw some of them load about \$25,000 worth into a truck at a wholesale house in Tucson myself."

Utilizing a warrant, City Attorney Fred Talmadge forced his way into the shelter beneath the home of Elder Wilbur Williams, a member of the Assembly.

"These are good people," Talmadge said, "we weren't overly worried, but we did want to make sure the children were okay. We plan no further action. They have a right to their beliefs."

A member told Talmadge they think the United States will be a nuclear

holocaust by Saturday. If it isn't they'll come out of their shelters. Members of the sect indicated that their conviction was divinely inspired.

Members of the Assembly arrived in Benson about six months ago from Columbus, Ohio. Their leader is Rev. Ann Weimer.

**RELIGION ON DECLINE,
UKRAINE COMMUNISTS REPORT**

MOSCOW (EP)—During the past 12 months, 800 Orthodox monks and nuns in Soviet Moldavia alone abandoned their monasteries and more than 10 monasteries were closed, according to a radio station in the Ukraine.

The station asserted these facts in a program of praise to atheism which told of the "success story" of the atheistic campaign in the Soviet Union.

The broadcast reported also that an increasing number of collective farmers in the Ukraine had ceased attending church and had stopped observing religious holidays.

**ANGLICANS TO REBUILD
CHURCHES GOATS ATE**

MELBOURNE, Australia (EP)—Hungry goats in Thargonindah, Western Queensland, ate to the ground an old Anglican church, and the parishioners are collecting funds to rebuild the sanctuary.

The old church was erected at the beginning of the century from cane grass and was gradually nibbled away by goats roaming the area. The Anglican community finally had to convene their services in a small public hall.

Nearly \$14,000 has been collected for the new church to be built goat-proof. Construction will start in July.

**TERRORISTS MURDER MISSION-
ARY**

DOUALA, Cameroun (EP)—A young European missionary has died as the result of head injuries inflicted during an attack by African terrorists here.

The Rev. Bernard Kopp, 31, and three other Europeans were reportedly attacked in a daylight raid while they were making purchases in a store in the capital city.

The late Missionary Kopp was recently named director of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Church of Cameroun. He had previously served for two years as a missionary in the country.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

BATTER UP!

This is your number one sport's caster about to bring you another blow by blow account of the annual All-Star game between the Preachers' Ball Team and the mighty Brethren Youth midgets. The stars are already warming up for the big day. "When is the big day," you ask? Why the big day of the game is Saturday, August 20, 1960. The time is 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The place is that fabulous, huge, new, ball-diamond in Redwood Stadium.

Last year the Preachers took advantage of the Brethren Youth midgets, but this year it's going to be a dif-

ferent story. (You see, the Brethren Youth team has grown a year older and better; Likewise, the Preachers have grown a year older!)

Plan now to get there early to get a good seat. Where else can you see an All-Star game for nothing?

Here is the line-up for the preachers.

1. George Solomon
2. Bob Hoffman
3. Joe Shultz
4. Paul Tinkel
5. Bill Anderson
6. James Naff
7. Charles Lowmaster
8. Richard Allison
9. Charles Perrin
10. Clarence Stogsdill
11. Alvin Grumbling
12. Phil Lersch
13. Jerry Radcliff

RIVERSIDE CRUSADERS RETURN FROM SUCCESSFUL TOUR!

Let me quote from a letter I just received from Doran.

"We are home now and all we can say is that God certainly has blessed us. It certainly was a wonderful time for all five of us."

As you can see Doran and Nancy and the 3 girls certainly received a great blessing for having travelled in some of our churches and presenting the needs of Lost Creek, Kentucky. They are sorry that they could not appear in more churches, but their time limited them. They are also sorry that they could not make it to one or two churches where they were scheduled to appear.

The Riverside Crusaders appeared in 12 churches plus the Ohio Conference, giving a total of 14 services. Both they and I want to thank the Pastors and churches and people that took the Team into their homes and hearts.

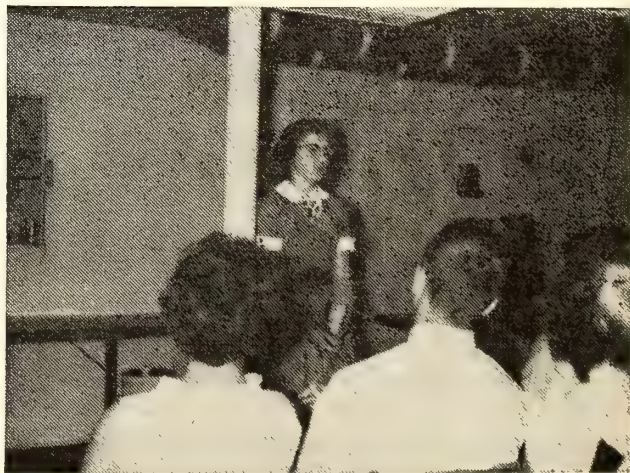


Doran Hostetler explaining the work at Lost Creek

Pics of the Week



Girls trio from Lost Creek



Nancy Hostetler

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

IF I FAIL TO PRAY

"Sometimes I have so much to do—

I feel it must be done:

I work so very, very hard

From morn 'till set of sun;

But there is one thing that I have found:

This really doesn't pay—

For I have found I've weaker grown

If I have failed to pray.

Sometimes 'twas something for myself,

Sometimes it was for God,

Sometimes it was for other folks

The many steps I trod;

But 'tis no matter who 'twas for,

I truthfully must say:

My faith and trust had smaller grown

Because I failed to pray.

So, I am trying hard to learn

That nothing's really great,

If I must take my praying time,

And praying has to wait.

'Tis praying makes me fit for work—

It is my staff and stay;

And work will never be its best

If I have failed to pray."

—Exchange.

Mrs. Orville H. Clarke, Jr.,
Hagerstown, Maryland.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ANSWERED

1. What is **sin**? Omission of divine commandments and commission of forbidden acts; inclination to and deeds of unrighteousness and unholiness; rebellion against God, Deut. 9:7; transgression of law, 1 John 3:4.

2. How did sin **originate**? Among angels by self-determination of the will to evil without external provocation, Jude 6; among men by yielding the inclination and will to evil, externally offered by temptation, Gen. 1:6.

3. Who are **sinners**? (a) The devil, a murderer and liar, John 7:44; a sinner from the beginning, 1 John 3:8; a beguiler, 2 Cor. 11:3; an accuser, Rev. 12:10; an adversary, 1 Peter 5:8; (b) fallen angels, Jude 6; 2 Peter 2:4; (c) all men, Rom. 3:9-12; 5:12.

4. What is **caused** by sin? Enmity, Rom. 8:7; fear, Gen. 3:10; condemnation, Rom. 8:3; death,

Rom. 6:23; judgment, Heb. 10:26, 27; exclusion from the kingdom of God, Gal. 5:19-21.

5. How is **salvation** possible? By the interposition of Jesus Christ effecting a fully demanded obedience of the law and a sufficiently meritorious sacrifice for transgressions, thus reconciling God to man, and by repentance and faith of man, thus being brought nigh to God and made recipient of his grace, Rom. 5:24, 25; Gal. 1:4; Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:24.

6. What is **repentance**? In the scriptural sense a "change of mind," an "after-thought," consisting, on man's part, in an intelligent knowledge and lively consciousness of sin; a deep sorrow on account of it and a prayerful turning unto God for deliverance, and right views of God's character and attributes in the light of the law and the gospel.

7. What is **faith**? Scriptural and saving faith consists in an implicit trust in the word and work of God; a belief with the heart what God says. "It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," Heb. 11:1. By this faith the sinner lays hold on Christ and apprehends for and appropriates to himself his meritorious work and moral qualities for the remission of sin and acceptance with God.

8. What is **grace**? A gift; a present. It is the love of God through Jesus Christ by which he offers unto poor, degraded, guilty sinners free salvation, without any merit or claims on the part of the latter, Rom. 3:21; 4:5; Titus 2:11; Isa. 55:1.

9. What is **conversion**? A turning away from one condition, place, or thing to another; turning from self to God, from sin to righteousness, from earth to heaven, Matt. 13:15; Acts 3:10.

10. What is **regeneration**? A spiritual renewal or birth unto a newness of heart and life by the Holy Ghost, thus reinstating the spirit, image, and life of God in man, John 1:13; 3:3; Titus 3:5.

11. What is **justification**? The gracious act of God whereby he, for the sake of his Son's merits, releases from and forgives sin, acquits the sinner and cancels his debt, Rom. 3:25; 5:1; Gal. 3:11.

12. What is **sanctification**? (a) A separation for a special object, Ex. 13:2; (b) a purification from all uncleanness, Heb. 9:13, 14; Eph. 5:26; 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Thess. 5:23. It is God's command, Lev. 20:7; Christ's wish, John 17:19; the Spirit's work, Rom. 15:16; and heaven's requirement, Rev. 21:27.

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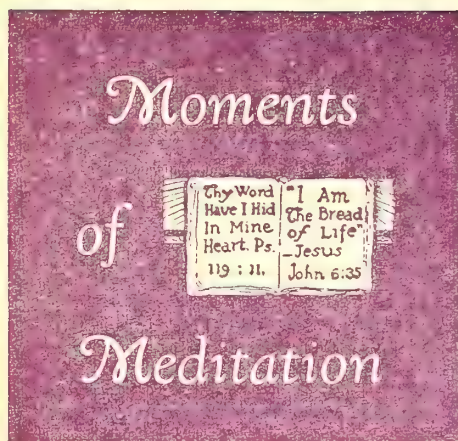
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**BE YE READY**

A man visiting a certain school said he would give a prize to the pupil whose desk he found in the best order when he should return.

"But when will you return?" one asked.

"That I cannot tell," was his answer. One little girl who had been noted for her disorderly habits announced that she meant to win that prize.

"You!" jeered her schoolmates. "Why, your desk is always out of order."

"But I mean to clean it the first of every week."

"But suppose he should come at the end of the week?"

"Then I'll clean it every morning."

"But he may come at the end of the day."

For a moment the little girl was silent, but presently she announced, "I know what I'll do—I'll just keep it clean!"

So it must be with all who would be ready for Christ at His appearing. It may be at midnight, at the cock-crowing, in the morning, or at noon. The exhortation is not "Get ye ready," but "Be ye ready."

—The United Evangelical.

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"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," until he brags about it.—Selected.

IN MY HANDS

Robert L. Byrd

Thy reputation in my hands?
Dear Lord, how can it be?
Am I my Master's keeper, too,
And must I speak for Thee?
Am I by chance the only light
By which some soul may find the
right?

Great God, if such a thing be true,
Teach me to truly speak and do.
'Tis awful, this—to hold within
My hands Thy sacred name.
How oft' I've spoken carelessly
And brought Thee needless shame.
Dear Lord, guide me lest I forget
I am Thy sacred keeper yet,
And may I henceforth, without blame,
Bring honor to Thy glorious name.
—Our Young People.

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KEEP CLEAN

Two young men were traveling on the same train, and formed a speaking acquaintance. At the end of the first day one of them returned from the washroom to his seat, cleaned and attired in fresh linen. "Well," observed the other, "I see you are nearing the end of your journey." "No," replied the other, "I have still another day's travel before me." "Oh, I thought by you getting so cleaned up, you must be getting ready to leave us." "No," returned the other, "I find that the best way to get to the end of the journey clean, is to keep clean as I go along."

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THE UNENDING STORY

Once Mr. Moody, after preaching on the subject: "Christ As a Deliverer," said to a Scotchman, "I did not finish the subject."

"Ah, man," answered the Scotchman, "ye didn't expect to finish it, did ye?"

It will take all eternity to finish telling what Christ has done for man.

**FORGOT IN THE SUMMERTIME**

I forgot my Lord in the summertime
Just the time I was needed most.
I was not away, but on each Lord's
Day
I just failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the summer
time
As I lazily lay in bed;
While the faithful few had my world
to do,
I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my offerings in the summer
time,
When He needed it most of all;
While my cash was spent—I was
pleasure bent,
Just off duty for God until Fall.

I forgot my class in the summertime
But the devil did not forget
Working day and night—he kept up
the fight;
He's a go-getter—you can bet.

I forgot my soul in the summertime
I got along without spiritual food
While my Lord on high sent me bless-
ings
I showed Him naught but ingratitude

If my Lord should come in the sum-
mertime
When from my duty I am free,
Wonder what I'll do when for me life
is through
If, by chance, He should forget me
—Author Unknown
—Waterloo Brethren Bulletin

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The Editor's Pulpit

"Venturing With Christ"

ON THE FRONT PAGE of this *Evangelist* you will notice the new line at the bottom of the page which reads, "For 1960-61: 'Venturing with Christ' (II Peter 3:18)". This is the theme of the 1960 General Conference and will continue as the theme of our church work for the year ahead.

Venturing with Christ presents many challenges and carries with it many responsibilities. It accepts the fact that the work of the church is Christ's work. It also indicates that we are not at the end of the road with only "doom" ahead. Venturing with Christ carries with it the aspiration of getting out of the old rut and into the new adventure, presenting the eternal and changeless Christ to a sick and changing world.

Our theme allows no room for those who want to just continue to exist. It is easy to go along in the same old way, to hold our services each week, to count our offerings and to record the amounts in a record book which, when filled, will take its place on the shelf along side the others which have been gathering dust through the years. Our theme rather, inspires us to check up on our present status, appraise our potential in our community, and adopt new methods and tools of the business, so that the needs of men's souls in this modern day can be met by our presentation of the changeless Christ. If we are doing things the way we did them twenty years ago, it may be time to take a good look; perhaps we need to venture forth with new methods and new procedures.

Venturing with Christ allows no room for those who want to complain and criticize. That is the easiest thing to do. It is easy to pick up a few things which may not be to our liking, criticize them openly and broadly, then abandon ship, or, like Jonah, go sit under a tree, waiting for "doom" to come. **Constructive** criticism is always a good thing, for usually such appraisal carries with it suggestions for bettering the situation. Venturing with Christ takes a good look at our church structure, organizations and programs, then comes up with the suggestions necessary to

correct the imperfections, and to go forward with new zeal and progress under the new methods.

Venturing with Christ never loses faith in the church, its ministry or its program. It believes in the future of the church. Knowing that Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it, evokes from the faithful a resolve to be completely faithful unto the end.

Our theme indicates that we are willing to step out into the future by trying new things, perhaps carrying on the work of the church in ways in which it has never been done before. It is hard to break with old methods. In the olden days, they used to cry, "Get a horse," but the automobile finally prevailed and now few of our churches could conduct their services if it weren't for mechanized transportation.

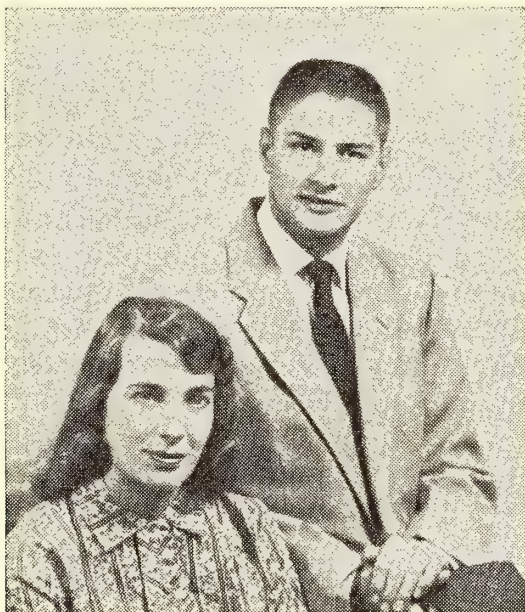
Finally, our theme suggests that what we are doing in Venturing with Christ is by knowing His will for our lives. We thus, according to the program of General Conference week, are to Know His Word through Bible Study, Know His Will through a growing, personal faith, and to Know His Work through an understanding of our denominational program. To do this calls for the application of our theme verse, II Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

This year, let us make our theme to be more than just a slogan to be seen on printed pages and to be spoken in conferences and other meetings. We can do this if we remember that the church is eternal, that it has marched from the footsteps of eleven men, from the catacombs, from the banks of the Eder River, from Germantown to the present day. We must remember that as long as this age of Grace continues that the church must look forward, plan forward and GO forward—yes, ever Venturing with Christ—until that day of victory, when the trumpet shall sound, the dead in Christ arise, and we who are alive shall be caught up . . .! Until that day, Venturing with Christ, our theme for this conference year, must ever be our password. W.S.B.

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MISSIONARY MOTIVATION FROM COSTA RICA

“...and the people imagine a vain thing.”

The bell at the Spanish-Language School had just rung, announcing the end of the first-period class. As the class was dismissed, noises were heard from the street in front of the school. When we investigated the scene, we discovered that faithful Catholics were marching in procession, honoring the “Virgin of Cartago,” a statue of solid gold. They were parading it from San Jose back to its home church in Cartago.

One of the nationals with whom we talked said that “she” was the greatest in all Costa Rica. People were worshipping “it”; and while we looked on, one woman knelt on a chair, and with tears streaming down her cheeks, asked the virgin to pray for her. One sees such things frequently in Latin America.

The churches here are very beautifully decorated—at great expense—while the people starve for the Gospel of Jesus. The Gospel would free them from the bonds of Romanism which is so impersonal; it would give them a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.

Sometimes on Saturdays we fill our motor scooter with gas and head along a mountain road to pass out Gospels of St. John. We don’t speak too much Spanish yet, but it does give us an opportunity to meet the people. We wish those in our own churches could visit a mission field or that congregations would send their pastors to the field to see the conditions and achieve a more fervent missionary vision. As Dr. O. J. Smith once stated: “If you want a new preacher, don’t fire the present one; send him to the mission field for a visit. When he returns, you’ll have

your new minister.” The time is growing short for fulfilling Christ’s number-one commission.

We wish to thank all who have written to us, and we do feel the results of your prayers. Will you continue to pray for every missionary and pastor who is upon your heart, asking the Lord what He would have you to do? All can pray; most can give; and some can go.

Your fellow laborers,
Fran and Bill Curtis
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A TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBER—Asks

Have you joined the TEN DOLLAR CLUB? I think it is a very good investment! My wife and I visited Phoenix this past winter and saw what the TEN DOLLAR CLUB can do for a church.

We arrived there about January 16 and saw the two foundations that were laid. One foundation, by Reverend H. Francis Berkshire, his wife Dorothy, and a group of people who believe in the Brethren Church, was laid. They were meeting then in the Boys’ Club at Scottsdale, with 26 to 29 present. The Jasper Price family was driving about 56 miles to be there, and they attended regularly. This was a spiritual foundation.

The other foundation, the church building, was started with the help of the TEN DOLLAR CLUB. On April 3 they met for the first time in their new place of worship; then on Easter Sunday their attendance exceeded 100. Don’t you think it pays?

Now we have received the call for another such church at Mishawaka, Indiana. We live close to this church; and

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Signed

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The Board of Trustees of Retirement Fund, Inc., of the Brethren Church has now concluded arrangements for the purchase of a group insurance policy covering hospitalization and surgical payments.

Details of the plan have been mailed to all pastors, clerks of congregations, and national board officers.

The plan is open to all full-time employees of any congregation or board of the denomination, laymen or minister. If your congregation has not received the notice and application blank, or if your board office has not received this material, please request it of the Secretary, Mr. Elton E. Whitted, 128 Parkwood Drive, Ashland, Ohio.

It is necessary to have 75% of the persons eligible enrolled in order to start the plan in operation. Dependents are also covered. Some have said that no such enrollment is possible without a salesman to visit each potential group. This Board has no such salesman, but relies on your eagerness to provide for your pastor and employees as the stimulus for participation.

The effective date has been set as December 1, 1960. However, if 75% of the eligibles are enrolled prior to that time, an earlier effective date may be determined.



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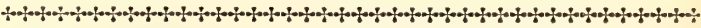
WASHINGTON, D.C. Six new members were received into the church recently.

Brother C. William Cole was guest speaker in the Washington church on August 7th.

NEW PARIS, INDIANA. Brother Jerry Flora, who this spring completed graduate work at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., has accepted the call of the New Paris church to serve as pastor. Brother Flora began his work at New Paris the last of July.

LOREE, INDIANA. Brother Horace Huse has resigned his pastorate at Loree to become pastor of the Akron, Indiana, Cooperative Brethren Church. Brother Huse notes that the change will take place about the first of October.

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA-MORRILL, KANSAS. Brother and Sister Robert Holsinger announce the arrival of Gwen Elaine Holsinger on August 7th. The young lady weighed seven pounds at birth. Our congratulations to the Holsinger family.



This 'n' That

By the Editor

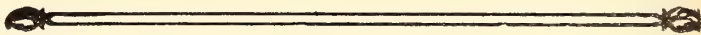
This issue of the *Evangelist*, in addition to being mailed out over our regular mailing list, is also widely distributed to the delegates of the General Conference of the Brethren Church meeting in Ashland, August 15-21.

As is the custom, this issue each year contains the General Conference Moderator's Address in full. Dr. Joseph R. Shultz, this year's Moderator, and Pastor of our church at Washington, D.C., presents his address on the subject: "The Place of the Brethren in the Kingdom of God." We urge its careful reading and study.

Next week's *Evangelist* will contain news about conference week, the events, happenings and decisions of the conference.



Wedding Announcement



CRAWFORD-MAYNARD. Sunday afternoon, July 31st, in the First Brethren Church of Hagerstown, occurred the wedding of Merle Crawford and Rebecca Maynard, both of Fairplay, Maryland. R. F. D. Merle is a member of the St. James Brethren Church, and of the Young People's S. S. Class. The double ring ceremony was read before a large attendance of relatives and friends by the writer.

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Today God is purging His Church and His people, and preparing them for the revival which ushers in the return of the Lord from heaven.

The Place of the Brethren in the Kingdom of God

I. I BELIEVE in God, God the Father Almighty, creator and sovereign of the universe. I HAVE FAITH in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, His pre-existence, His Deity and incarnation by Virgin Birth, His vicarious atonement on the cross, His burial and resurrection, His accession into heaven at the right hand of God; I AM BORN AGAIN by God's grace and my act of faith through the Holy Spirit who indwells me and is my strength, Comforter and guide. I AM A CHRISTIAN!!

I am a Christian Minister—called and ordained of God to preach and to teach the glorious Gospel of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel I preach is based on the authority and integrity of the Holy Scriptures. I believe that God's supreme revelation has been made through Jesus Christ, a complete and authentic record of which revelation is the New Testament; and that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, is the infallible record of the perfect, final and authoritative revelation of God's will, altogether sufficient in themselves as a rule of faith and practice.

I understand the basic content of my doctrinal preaching and teaching to be

- (1) The omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient God, in the per-

sons of the Trinity, who created the universe and is sovereign of all;

- (2) The Pre-existence, Deity and Incarnation by Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God;
- (3) The Vicarious Atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ through the shedding of His blood on the cross;
- (4) The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ in the body in which He suffered and died and His subsequent glorification at the right hand of God;
- (5) The personality and deity of the Holy Spirit who indwells the Christian and is his comforter and guide;
- (6) The fall of man, his consequent spiritual death and utter sinfulness, and the necessity of his new birth;
- (7) The justification by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, of which obedience to the will of God and works of righteousness are the evidence and result; The Christian should "be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind";
- (8) The Christian should observe, as his duty and privilege, the ordinances of our Lord Jesus

Christ, among which are (a) baptism of believers by Triune immersion; (b) confirmation; (c) triune Holy Communion service of the cleansing of the saint's feet, the Lord's supper, the communion of the bread and wine; and (d) the anointing of the sick with oil;

- (9) The resurrection of the dead, the judgment of the world, and the life everlasting of the just;
- (10) The personal and visible return of our Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the glorious goal for which we are taught to watch, wait and pray.

I AM A MEMBER OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH. She is the mother of my faith. She has given me my Christian principles of philosophy and my moral code of ethics. She has shared in giving me my education and my good way of life. In fact, she has given me about all that I am, and all that I hold worthwhile and eternal. Therefore, THE VINDICATION OF HER EXISTENCE IS NOT IN SIZE, BUT LIFE. I owe her my love, my loyalty, my allegiance, and my life.

It is through the Brethren Church that I have entered the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God was the

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most frequent topic in the teaching of Jesus. More than one hundred times in the Gospels the kingdom of God is mentioned. The first teaching of Jesus was the proclamation, "From that time began Jesus to preach and to say, repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17). The kingdom of God was also the final teaching of Jesus. In the night in which He was betrayed, speaking of the new feast which He instituted that night, He said, "I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God" (Luke 22:6).

Jesus taught that the kingdom of God is of supreme value. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..." (Matt. 6:33). He illustrated the pre-eminent value of His kingdom by two of His parables, the pearl of great price and the hidden treasure.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he must enter the kingdom. Therefore, every serious Believer must ask himself if he has entered the kingdom which Jesus spoke about, and every serious Brethren must ask if his church is a part of this great kingdom.

The "Great Confession" in Matthew, Chapter 16, teaches that God Almighty by special revelation through Peter declared that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. He is God's Son, God's final and complete revelation to mankind. This is the "Confession", the "rock".

Every man who makes this confession is immediately a part of a corporate body, the "ecclesia". This is the meaning of the Scripture—"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6). The "oneness" of all Christians is in the fact of the "oneness" of God. Every genuine confessing Christian is immediately one with every other genuine confessing Christian. "Oneness" comes into being not by church organization, but because we are all born into the Family Circle of God by the Holy Spirit, by the power and act of God. Therefore, both the genuine Christian and the genuine Brethren have entered and are a part of the kingdom of God.

Christ calls the Christians together into an "ecclesia" for a definite purpose. "I will build my 'ecclesia' and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). Jesus Christ calls men apart from the rest of mankind to join His body. Together they form the righteous army of God in an unrighteous world. The world is the camp of the enemy, anarchy in revolt against God. Christ came to resolve this revolt, this sin which mars and destroys His Father's creation. Christ is the head, we are members of this mighty march against Satan

and sin; and hades shall not prevail, shall not withstand this eventual complete triumph of God.

The Brethren Church by her confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is a definite part of the eternal kingdom of God. The purpose for her existence in the world today is to LOVE GOD AND HATE SIN, to serve the living Savior.

Christ has given the means for the march to all Christians. "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." All true administration of the Gospel is the exercise of the keys. Not only in the public worship service where the Gospel is preached, but also in every way when single souls are confronted with the Gospel. Those who repent are freed from their sins and enter the kingdom of God. Those who refuse the grace of God and remain impenitent are sent away from the kingdom of God, bound by sin not only in this world, but also in the world to come. Always the power in them is Christ's own for us to use only in accord with His will. The keys never work according to man's sinful perverted will. Each fits its own lock. But the keys HAVE BEEN GIVEN, to all who by the Holy Spirit are born into the family of God. And the exer-

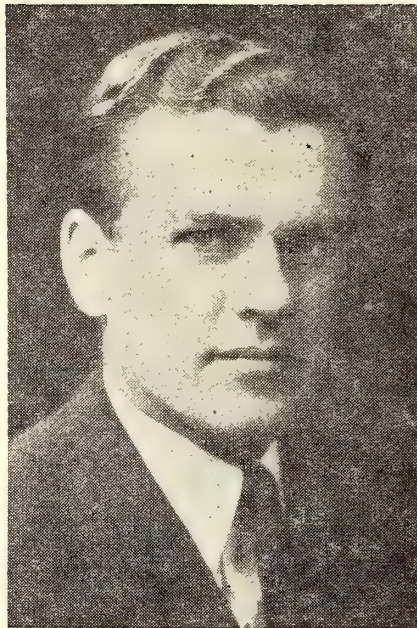
cise of the keys is the GREAT COMMAND OF GOD.

Christ has not only given us moral authority but also spiritual power. "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20). The power of the rockets is not in the nuts and bolts, the screws and rivets, the motors and mechanism, the head or the tail, the launching pad or the launchers, but the fuel in the chambers. Everything does have its place, but in the final analysis the "how fast" and the "how far" is determined by the fuel in the chambers. And I suppose that the Church does need some "nuts" and "launchers", but in the final analysis the "how fast" and the "how far" of the Brethren Church is dependent upon the power of God in our midst.

The Brethren Church is certainly not the whole army of God in the world. We are not even a regiment, battalion, or company. Perhaps we are just a scouting party in the middle of the night trying to determine the position of the enemy. But wherever we stand for God against Satan, whenever we preach the Gospel, wherever we build a church we are saying to God, "we love you". And we are shouting to Satan that we hate him and all of his beguiling, perverted, and cursed ways.

THE BRETHREN CHURCH IS A PART OF THE TOTALITY OF THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD, RATHER THAN THE ECUMENICITY OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY. Christ is our Living Head, we need no other. The Bible is the guide for the practice of our faith even in the Twentieth Century, and we need no other.

The noted Protestant theologian Paul Tillich warns that there is a "trend away from Reformation individualism and toward authoritarian forms of religion which may end the Protestant era. This trend was indicated by recent mergers of Protestant groups, the ecumenical movement, and Roman Catholic encouragement of Christian unity. Ecumenicity doesn't do much theologically. What is produced in terms of theology is not very impressive. A committee cannot make a theology, so victory is BASED ON THE LOWEST COMMON DENOMINATOR. The Protestant theology is essentially non-conformist, but rugged



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individualism has disappeared and has been replaced by 'organized man', the development of the collective spirit. The trend toward spiritual security and, therefore, authoritarian forms of religion poses a threat to Protestantism. Popularity of primitive orthodoxy revivalism also evidences a desire for security since authority gives security. Today's younger generation wants to be sociologically, ethically and spiritually secure, despite all this; you can't kill the prophetic spirit, although it may go underground if the Protestant era should be ended by authoritarianism."

Dr. Newbegin poses the question: "Does the church not suffer from the same ailments as the society it is called to serve; sleek and prosperous, popular as never before, proud of its possessions, revelling in its statue...? There is a dangerous question whether after we get all the churches together, after all our ecclesiastical joinery, we will still have an evangel to proclaim."

The two greatest centuries of the Christian Faith were the first century and the sixteenth century. The first century had scattered believers going everywhere witnessing to their faith, and the whole world was turned. The sixteenth century was the time of the great Reformation, and Christian revival shook the earth. History demonstrates that when the church comes

under a single hierarchy of leadership it becomes corrupt in power, indifferent to the needs of mankind, and loses its will to witness. On the other hand, when all the different denominations within the kingdom of God are allowed to work and witness there is a personal and vigorous witnessing to all segments of mankind.

Listen to II Peter 2:1-3: "There shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them...And many shall follow their pernicious ways..."

Satan does not build a church of his own out of his own funds and put a sign upon it: "First Church of Satan". Rather he goes to the uttermost limit of devilish deception and places his teachers in the pulpits, Bible classes and Sunday Schools of Christian Churches. Under cover of the vocabulary of orthodoxy these false teachers deliberately and intentionally "bring in damnable heresies", to turn men away from the Lord, "even denying the Lord that bought them." In truth this unmasks them and stamps their teaching as Satanic.

"Many shall follow their pernicious ways." They who listen to this false gospel are feeding upon the devil's poison. Thousands of uninstructed Christians are so deceived today.

Antichristendom will not be the eliminating of religion, but the establishment of a false religion. Antichrist will be worshipped above all according to the prophecies of Revelation 13:8, 12; 14:8, and 16:2. This false religion will have all the forms of religion and a likeness to Christianity, except a counterfeit Christ will be worshipped in place of Jesus the Christ. Religion will be popular and the majority will worship.

This is the crux of the subject: "The Place of the Brethren in the kingdom of God." I believe that the Brethren Church has a definite place in the kingdom of God and a vital contribution for a needy world. First of all, the Brethren have the gift of the genuine Gospel. Then she has the rugged individualism to hold the unpopular Christian doctrines and stand against the coming and going of many false social philosophies.

The line of prophecies through the Scripture makes clear that the end of the age will bring a life and death testing of every Believer upon the per-

son of Jesus Christ. In the end the one federal religious church will demand allegiance to the antichrist and his false gospel. Here the Brethren Church will stand as always, in the love of God the Father, in the truth of the Holy Scriptures by the Holy Spirit, and in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers... Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day to do them" (Deut. 7:7-11).

II. Just to stand and maintain a position is not enough, we will become stagnant and die. A ball team never wins a game just by putting the opponent out, they must get a few runs. We either gain new life, or we lose the old life we have. We must continue to advance.

The answer to "how" is really very simple. And actually there is only one answer: And best of all everyone can participate. No one is too young or too old. It is not dependent upon how little or how much education. You may live in Ashland or Africa, South Bend or South America. You may be a college president or a cowhand, an officer on a denominational board or an officer in a local organization, a secretary for a denominational board or a Sunday School teacher. It is something everyone can do, but few will; something we all should do but the majority won't.

It is the answer to our finances. It would solve our leadership problem. It would multiply our mission program ten-fold. It would mean that very soon a majority of the college students would be of a high Christian caliber.

What is the primary answer? **EVERY MEMBER OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH witnessing and winning someone to Jesus Christ.** The heart of the Christian Faith is to win the lost. Jesus' ministry was directed to individuals, rather than to the masses. In the Gospels there are recorded twenty-eight personal specific interviews, and only three mass meetings. Our primary purpose of living is to bring men and women into a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Last year Dr. Autrey was in the Near East preaching to preachers on evangelism. These men of another nation drew back from the suggestion that they should witness to strangers house to house, person to person. They insisted that in their part of the world such a method would not work; it did not fit the day, nor the people, nor the customs. Dr. Autrey, insisted that they try the method which Jesus taught. He said, this is not American, but Divine. "Try the Jesus way." With little confidence in it, these preachers of another nation went out to witness. They came back as did the first with tidings of wonderful victory. It was not their world's way, but it was God's way, and it worked.

Christians are committing the sin of silence. It is apparent in every Church. For instance, in one of the major evangelical denominations it takes the efforts of thirty-one church members to win one other person to Christ in a year's time. And yet this is the one thing that all professed Christians are called to do. If the experience with Jesus Christ is not of sufficient import to recommend it to someone else, then the whole structure of the Kingdom is in question.

Christians sell soap as if their very life depended on it, cars as if they were the original heavenly chariots, cigarettes as if that makes you feel better and live longer. We are vocal on everything else save the important thing! The same tongue that thickens when it comes to the wares of the gospel is astoundingly agile and glib with Caesar's wares.

"Let preachers do it. Why expect laymen who are busy with beans and bonds to be witnesses?" Jesus didn't win people, but persons; and while the masses in Jerusalem evoked from Him sympathy and solicitation, His

call was to Andrew, the man; to Matthew, the tax collector. Mary and Martha were not swallowed up in the anonymity of the ladies aid society in Bethany.

Some of the most glorious hours of the church were not in the multi-million dollar Cathedrals, but in dungeon-like catacombs alongside sheep fodder and horse stables. Some of the most glorious hours of the church today are not 11:00 A.M. or 7:30 P.M. Sunday, but in carpeted offices, in plowed fields, in living rooms and garages, over telephone and back yards.

Recently a young mother came to our Church with her family. In her home later she related to me how her husband was won to the Christian Faith. Each Saturday evening another couple would come to their home and they would play games and eat. When the "Billy Graham Hour of Decision" would come on TV they made sure that he was sitting there where he could see, then, "toned-down" their conversation so that he could hear the Gospel. After many Saturday evenings of games and Graham he asked to go to her church. Later he had a genuine conversion. All because two housewives had enough common sense and faith to arrange circumstances and witness their own Christian faith.

The Brethren Church's greatest Twentieth century challenge is personal witnessing. The giving of the genuine Gospel to this generation is our God-appointed goal.

Every Pastor knows, and all laymen are aware that we live in a world that needs the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. As one Pastor of our day has written, "The center of material prosperity and technical development becomes the rule of Whirligig the King. Frenzied by the passe, we breathe faster, run harder, buy more,

drink more, crack up oftener, and bury quicker. And in the place of our Lord's promised faith and strength appears another means of relief. Barbiturates to put us to sleep, caffeine to wake us up, tranquilizers to calm our nerves, alkalizers to slow down juices and ulcers; hydrochloric acid to speed them up, aspirin for minor insulation, and demerol for a black-out. We try wind insurance to buy off the storm. Our lives are dependent on bank vaults, credit ratings, and retirement plans, we live with bulging medicine cabinets, hospitalization contracts, slats under bed-springs. Cancer, heart attacks, and wrecks; these are our fears. Credit, debts, compensation—these are our concerns and the drive is for security. Give us status, property, security: guarantee it with federal funds and somehow God will make everything come out all right in the end!"

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace..." (Hebrews 13:8,9). The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the answer for sinful mankind and without any equivocation the primary function and answer of the Brethren Church is **everyone winning one to Jesus Christ**. The Gospel is for every man, at all times, under any circumstance.

The story is told of Clarence Powell and his family of five children who were caught in a drought-stricken dust bowl. School was opening soon and three of his children had no shoes. Just then his wife cried that the washing machine broke down. He hunted the ads to find a used washing machine. He went to the address where one was advertised and found a long luxurious ranch house. He hesitated but went in. In the midst of all the modern gadgets and luxury he began to complain of his plight and of his children with no shoes. The wife of the house left the room weeping. He apologized to the man and asked why. Well, we have one child, a little girl. She has never walked a day in her life. We would give everything we have for a pair of worn-out shoes.

Today God is not asking us to lay down our lives in martyrdom, but in Christian service. Today, you have eyes and ears, tongue and lips, hands

and feet. —For God's sake, use them for God!—

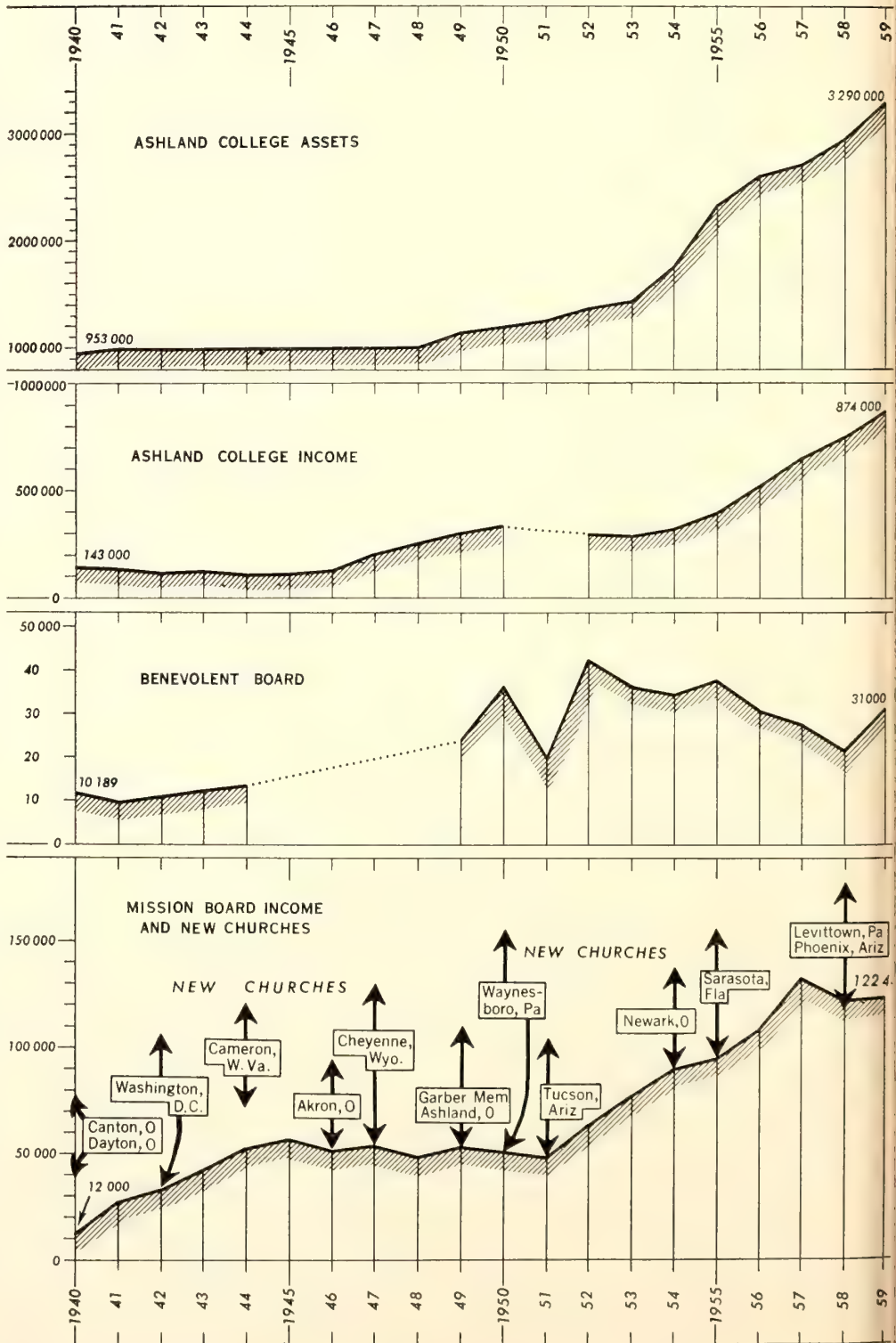
III. Following are some recommendations for the better and continued administration of the Brethren Church.

1. The Seminary is "the birth-place of leadership in the church".

The Brethren Church is to a large degree determined by her Seminary. This is true of every denomination. Of course every faithful, alert, conscientious minister is appreciated whether he has seminary training or not. However, eventually the WRIT-

Graphs to accompany
General Conference

Plate One



TEN AND UNWRITTEN THEOL-
OGY AND DOCTRINE OF THE
CHURCH MUST COME FROM THE
COLLECTIVE LEARNING AND
LIVES OF HER OWN SEMINARY.
And a study of the accompanying
chart shows the naked fact that our
Seminary has not kept pace with our
“progressive” denomination.

Therefore, the General Conference
of the Brethren Church is bound by
spiritual concern and moral respon-
sibility to approve and promote the
Seminary Development program. (1)

Full accreditation of the Seminary by
the A.A.T.S. by August 1965. (2) En-
rollment of minimum of 50 seminary
students. (3) Setting up a new Col-
lege Department of Bible and Phil-
osophy. (4) Encouragement of Fac-
ulty Research and Study. (5) En-
larged curricular offerings: enriched
B.D. program, two-year Associate in
Theology, two-year Associate in Re-
ligious Education, two-year Pastoral
Certificate. (6) Development of the
Seminary library, and (7) Alteration
of the Seminary building.

Many times in many conferences
there has been endless discussion as
to who is responsible for a guidance
program for the enrollment of our
young men and women in the Semi-
nary. This is nonsense. It is not
“either-or”, but “everyone”, the Ad-
ministration, Faculty members, Min-
isters, Sunday School teachers, and
parents, who is responsible for guid-
ing our young people into accepting
the call of our Lord and Master.

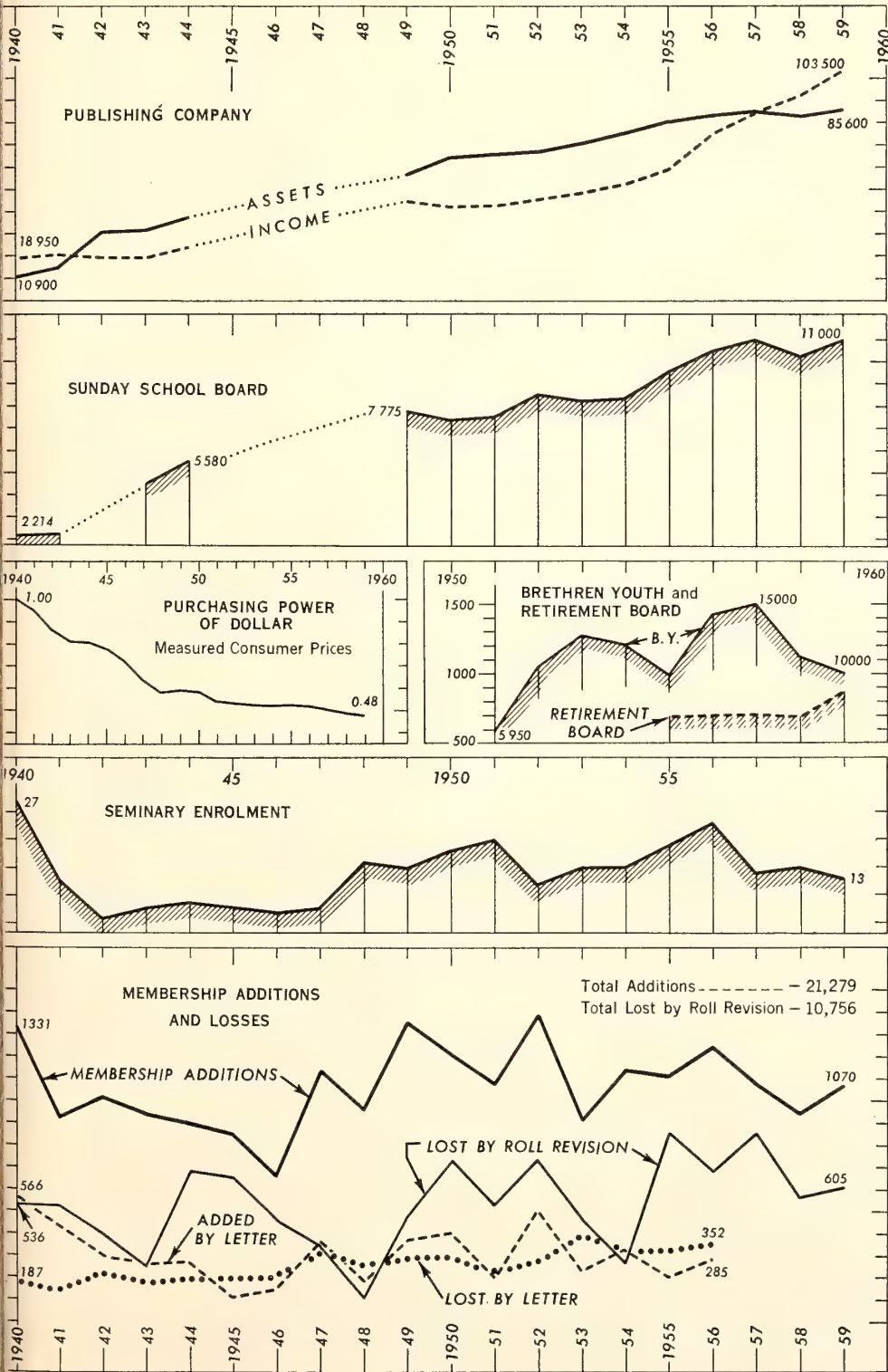
The Seminary Administration and
Faculty must **PERSONALLY AND
VIGOROUSLY PROMOTE THE
SEMINARY THROUGHOUT THE
DENOMINATION.** And at the Sunday
morning worship hour is the time to
reach the maximum number of peo-
ple. There is considerable time and
expense involved, but it must be done,
and soon. The present core of min-
isters in the churches must also per-
sonally and vigorously promote the
Church’s Seminary. And who ever
heard of a major team member boo-
ing its fellow team member? All
Ministers must promote their Church’s
own Seminary or accept the tragic
title of “False Brethren”. This is
strong language, but these are stren-
uous times.

I further recommend that the W.
M. S. and Laymen Organizations of
our Church devote one year of study
on the general topic of “THE CALL
AND CHALLENGE OF THE CHRIS-
TIAN MINISTRY”. Think of the im-
pact over our Brotherhood if the
majority of the Mothers and Fathers
would study how God calls His ser-
vants to preach and teach the glorious
Gospel. Imagine how God would bless
our Church if the W. M. S. and Lay-
men Members would pray each day
for consecrated, devoted, intelligent,
men and women to serve Him in the
Brethren Church.

No denomination will rise any high-
er, nor go any further than her Sem-

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Plate Two



inary. It is a hard saying, but true: "A Church is what its leaders are."

2. Records and membership is always a problem for organized denominations. Who is a member, when does one cease becoming a member, what constitutes active or inactive membership? I believe that the Brethren Church is the most liberal Church in throwing members away. It comes under the heading, "roll revision". Why? The stated reason is that this process is necessary to keep an accurate account of membership. However, after twenty years discarding members is the Brethren Denomination membership accurate? Hardly. What have we gained? Nothing.

The reasons for retaining all membership names are numerous. First of all, if out of the 10,756 discarded members over the past twenty years one person could have been reclaimed by the cleansing power of God then the keeping of them would have been eternally worthwhile. If the throwing away of the 10,756 discouraged one person, only one person, from the Christian faith and eternal life then the throwing away is a cursed sin! Man works his records by days and years, God works in whole lifetimes, and who can judge when and how God is dealing even with a carnal faithless-appearing member?

Secondly, this process becomes a source of discouragement and defeat. From the study of the chart I believe that we have grown as rapidly as the majority of other denominations. And yet it is the common belief in our church that we have been losing. The majority of denominations do not have extensive roll revisions. And if the Brethren Church's statistics are to be recorded and compared with denominations of America then the same rules should be followed.

Thirdly, there is no Scripture to justify such action. The three basic reasons for removing people from Church rolls are: death, transfer to another Church, and discipline as outlined in Matt. 18.

Fourth, with the increasing movement of people within the U.S. and our desire to build home mission

churches, wouldn't it be best to keep all membership for possible future reference?

The most obvious reason for throwing away membership is to reduce the local church's District and National apportionment. This is placing the completing of goals above the value of the souls of men. This is sin. This is smallness on the part of the local Church. I believe that the local Church should give because of the worthiness of the cause, and if they are unable to give according to the membership they should simply include a statement stating the fact.

I recommend a complete study of the problem by the Polity Committee, and a written report be submitted for action at the Seventy-Third General Conference of the Brethren Church.

3. Since our entire Church structure in both theology and polity is non-creedal I believe that a forming of a creed would lend little value, and much harm. Four serious dangers of a creed are: (1) Creeds become an instrument of division rather than unity. (2) The element of genuine confession of faith in Christ is largely lost in that of assent to theological orthodoxy. (3) The highly intellectual content makes it most difficult for the average man to understand. (4) Usually a process of elaboration revolves around a creed, and the continuing requirement of this or that new dogma on pain of losing church membership only corrupts the church and the witness.

I believe that the unity of belief we are seeking will come by the writing of books and articles. And the common acceptance, or rejection, of the writings of Brethren men actually forms our common basis of belief. This system also has the advantage over a creedal system in that there can be a continuous Church theology without the revolution that becomes necessary in changing a creed.

Further, the Brethren Church should create a spirit of receiving any and all writings of her leaders. Every leader is free to write his beliefs and convictions and needs no authority from a Board or Committee. The sanctioning comes not from the organ-

ization of the Church, but from the common acceptance or rejection by the membership.

4. Next to preaching and the training of preachers, publications come highest in the administration of a denomination. From the accompanying chart it is evident that The Brethren Publishing Company has made real progress. And we thank the faithful men who manage the Company.

For further progress I would suggest a Unified Publication. This publication should have glossy paper covers with formats of modern art work, rather than the usual stereotyped pictures. The different sections could be perforated for removing and using in the various meetings. The back cover could be designed as a poster to be cut off and used as a poster of the various denominational boards, offerings, and announcements. Paid advertisement should be solicited from related Christian business.

The present book store should be greatly expanded. It is a profitable business and is used extensively by all other denominations. I would suggest that the Publishing Board consider opening other branch stores in areas where there is a concentration of Brethren people. One good store could have a net profit exceeding the whole Publication Day Offering.

I would recommend that our publications be put on a profitable basis and the Publication Day Offering be eliminated.

5. I recommend that The Sunday School Board study and select one company to supply the Sunday School material for the Children's department. Some of the reasons for this action are: (1) Many companies will adapt the materials to our doctrines and put our name on the covers of the materials. This, of course, has much value over the present haphazard systems of our Sunday Schools. (2) All our Sunday Schools would be using graded materials. (3) Our Sunday Schools would be more unified across the Denomination. (4) Our specific doctrines would be included in the children's Sunday School material. (5) By buying in large quantities from one company our own Publish-

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ing Company will make a greater profit in handling the materials. (6) The material would arrive sooner in our local Churches because the order is established in advance.

This is not an untried system. This system is used by both the Church of the Brethren and the Grace Brethren Church. And the benefits and satisfaction far outdistance the disadvantages in such a system.

6. The growth of the mission program in the Brethren Church during the past twenty years is commendable. The new missionaries and missions in Africa and South America are inspiring. We give our thanks to the Bylers, the Bischofs, the Shanks, the Solomons, the Krafts, the Rowses, and Miss Liskey. However, the painful fact is that there is a dire need for twice this number immediately. Let us make a solemn covenant to PRAY, GIVE, SEND, AND GO.

The establishment of new churches across America is an absolute imperative. I personally believe that this is of such vital importance that experienced, capable ministers in established churches should be called to these new fields. This should be done even if it leaves the established church without a minister for the present time. The simple reason is that many of the new places of opportunity will be lost if they are not realized immediately.

Because of the urgency of church extension and the critical shortage of ministers I would further recommend that every church that holds "revival or evangelistic" meetings consider the plan of releasing the time of the "evangelist" to go to a designated home mission area to work and preach. At the exact same time the "home" Church could meet each evening to pray for the "evangelist" in this new work. The love gift could be given in the same manner to cover the expenses and honorarium. This endeavor would be planned and coordinated through the Mission Board and the Secretary of the Central Planning and Coordinating Committee.

I believe that if this suggested plan, or a similar one, could be established

we would witness a birth of another new Brethren Church by 1961 General Conference. There would also be a real revival in the local church who gave themselves to the birth of a new church.

For the promotion of the total mission program I would like to make some considered suggestions. First of all, the program must be **personally and vigorously promoted by the executive leaders in the grass roots of the local church.** And the Sunday morning worship hour is the only hour to reach the most people. More, and more attractive literature, plain facts, pictures, and graphs are essential for the understanding of the program. We receive many personal letters from the Missionaries themselves, and we read and appreciate the mission news. However, this does not sell missions to the man in the pew. The surest way to sell missions in the local church is the same way. Good preaching by the executives and missionaries themselves, and good printed literature.

In our changing, challenging, competitive world Christian missions must be the foundation of the work of the Church. Never before in the history of the world has there been a greater need to preach the Gospel to every creature.

7. I recommend that The Brethren Youth Board consider the plan of forming the more experienced Crusaders into teams to go into areas where there is a need for a new mission church to conduct a Sunday School or Vacation Bible School. Also, in coordination with the Mission Board surveys could be made in projected areas in view of establishing new churches.

8. Since District Conferences form the basis of our Denomination and of General Conference I recommend that a District Conference Committee be appointed. The work of this committee shall be: To study the District Conferences; the times of the District Conferences in view of coordination so that they do not overlap; the best time of the week and how many days are desired for District Conferences; the realignment and/or joining of

District Conferences for the better administration of church work; and the furtherance of uniform District conference constitutions.

The District Conferences are functioning much like they were in "horse and buggy days". It is urgent that the means and methods of our basic structure be brought up to date.

9. In view of the fact that the denomination has a serious shortage of men for the pastoral ministry, and that many minister's wives are working I recommend that a special study committee be formed to review pastors' salaries. And further that a suggested salary scale be considered by General Conference to be published for the guidance of local churches.

10. For a better administration of the church it is recommended that the tenure for denominational leaders be considered. Church history and experience indicates clearly that the losses resulting from long term in office far outweigh the gains. That is, the administrative know-how is more than balanced by losses in perspective and sensitivity. Leaders lose touch with the grass roots.

General Conference is composed of persons who are not familiar with the procedure, who know that free debate would lengthen the time of the assembly, who are intimidated by those who do speak on the floor. Thus, a process which has the appearance of elections can be turned into a process that results in indefinite tenure. The power of "in-groups" increases, usually to the exclusion of those who hold no office. The number of interested people become less and less because of the "same ones", and the work is slowed in progress.

Past experiences become a blind spot to many leaders and they lose their vision and total perspective. They come to believe that there is only one way, or one answer to a problem, where there are probably many ways to work and proceed.

Therefore, I recommend that the Rules and Organization Committee consider the motion: Board Members and Executives be chosen for a defined term not to exceed five years,

and be permitted to succeed themselves but once.

In fairness such a plan ought not to apply to those in office at the time it goes into effect. And also the plan ought not apply to non-policy making technicians, and workers.

11. The Moderator recommends that the Brethren Church be made aware of the imminent danger of the freedom of the United States by the Roman Catholic Church. All Brethren should know that the ultimate aim of the Roman Catholic is to rule the world both spiritually and politically. That anyone outside the Roman Catholic Church is damned, that all marriages outside their jurisdiction are adulterous and our children are unclean. By their doctrine all Brethren are damned, our marriages are sinful, our doctrine is false, our spiritual experiences are not valid, and our Church is evil. And to speak objective truths is not bigotry.

Following is the essence of an editorial in the "Pulpit Digest": "The first thing on which we need to be clear is that a man's religious faith, if vital, affects his total life. Religion is no private or compartmentalized experience. His political responsibility is no more outside of religious considerations than any other part of this thought and activity. A Quaker who is convinced that God's will never under any circumstances permits participation in war ought not to be in the Defense Department. A Christian Scientist cannot be expected to serve in the public health department if his faith opposes medicine. A Methodist who opposes all forms of alcoholic drinking should not serve on the state liquor board. And a Roman Catholic who believes that the education of children is the function of the Church ought not be the one to make decisions concerning public schools.

The Roman Catholic, unlike other religions, belongs to a hierarchical Church which assumes not only the right but also the duty of directing the conscience of its members. The official position of the church is clear. The "Syllabus of Errors of Pope Pius

IX in 1864 condemned the proposition that "every man is free to embrace and to profess the religion he has judged by the light of reason to be true." The encyclical "Libertas" of Pope Leo XIII set forth the unqualified doctrine that "The state cannot adopt the same attitude to all religions without discrimination". The organ of the Jesuits, "Civiltà Cattolica", as recently as 1948, fully defends this traditional view, declaring that the Roman Catholic Church "must demand the right of freedom for herself alone because such a right can only be possessed by truth, never by error".

In May of this year the "L'Osservatore Romano", Vatican City daily, called attention to the hierarchy's "duty and right to guide, direct and correct" Catholics in politics. Listen as I quote the "L'Osservatore Romano": "The Church, constituted with its hierarchy by Jesus Christ as a perfect society, has full powers of real jurisdiction over all the faithful and thus has the right and the duty to guide, direct and correct them on the plane of ideas and of action in conformity with the dictates of the Gospel in what is necessary to attain the supreme end of man, . . . A Catholic can never depart from the teachings and directives of the Church. In every sector of his activity, his conduct, both private and public, must be motivated by the laws, orientation and instructions of the hierarchy."

The pressures that are placed on Catholics in public office by the hierarchy are uncompromising and unrelenting. A Catholic in the White House would endanger the freedom of religion in the United States.

CONCLUSION—

The place of the Brethren Church in the kingdom of God? The Brethren have a definite place, a vital role, and a genuine Gospel. The mighty army of God against sin and Satan is in full force. And we have just begun to fight!!

Never fear, only remember that our God is the one who created the uni-

verse and established the earth, who divided the sea and delivered His people from bondage, who selected 300 men from the camp of Gideon and scattered the camp of the Midianites, who selected the Apostles to spread the Gospel, who gave His only begotten Son for the sins of the world. He is the One who puts strength in our spirits, fire in our faith, and love in our life.

Our Good Fridays are changed into Easter Dawns. Death is changed to life, darkness to light, fear to faith, weakness to strength, hate to love, overwhelming sadness to overwhelming joy. Frightened fugitives became flaming missionaries and cursing cowards to willing Christian martyrs.

The Christian Faith is the most realistic thing on earth. More real than science, business, or government. It alone recognizes there is darkness and a night; it is the only one that declares the truth of sin. And it alone has the answer for it all, the Gospel of our Lord.

Martin Luther in grief tries to prepare his little daughter for death. He turns and says: "Magdalene, my little girl, you would like to stay with your father here and you would be glad to go to your Father in Heaven?" "Yes, dear Father, as God wills," she replies. "You lovely Lena, you will rise and shine like the stars and the sun." "How strange it is to know she is at peace . . . and yet to be so sorrowful."

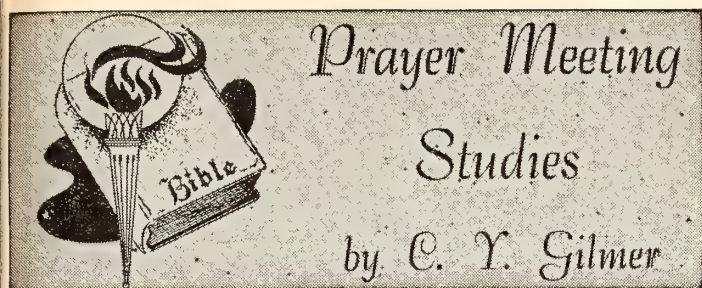
How strange it is to have the peace of God in our hearts and yet be in a world of sin and struggle. "But be of good cheer for I have overcome the world." "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with the saints. Amen."

Washington, D. C.

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I want to express public thanks to Mr. T. C. Lyon, Washington, D. C. for the graphs. I accept all responsibility for error.

J. R. S.



THIS IS VICTORY

To feel the tempter's mighty power—without appeal;
 To know the pull that money has—and never yield;
 To be entranced by honor's glare—and have no urge;
 To hear the voice of passing pomp—and not submerge;
 To be uplifted, lauded high—and sense no pride;
 To gain an orator's great fame—and never stride;
 To be exalted to the skies—yet self disdain;
 To be condemned and set aside—and not complain,
 This is victory! —R. E. Neighbour

VICTORY IS OURS through Christ (Col. 2:15). Up on the cross of shame our Christ bruised Satan's head (Gen. 3:15). It is His liberating truth that is needed in this strange earthly conflict (Jn. 8:32). We are to triumph because Jesus is our mighty Victor (Rev. 3:21). This has spelled victory and life to thousands (Rev. 12:7-11). If we resist, the Devil will flee (Jas. 4:7). Using the Word, Christ resisted him vocally (Lu. 4:8). God wants us to have the victory (I Cor. 15:57). Let us use the authority given to us (Lu. 10:19).

The Christian life is a battlefield (II Tim. 2:3). To seek and to do God's will we have to deny ourselves and our own preferences (Matt. 16:24). We have Christ's words to keep (Jn. 14:23). The love of Christ constrains us (II Cor. 5:14). We have a work to do (Mk. 13:34). The arm of flesh will fail (Matt. 26:41), but the Spirit of God is adequate (Acts 1:8). We are not to war after the flesh (II Cor. 10:3, 4). It is a greater warfare than that (Eph. 6:12). Such a fight requires adequate preparation (vs. 11, 13). It requires our taking a stand and staying by it (v. 14). We have to be vigilant in prayer (Lu. 21:34-36), and thus, not become discouraged (Lu. 18:1).

When I refuse the easy thing for love of my dear Lord,
 And when I choose the harder thing for love of my dear Lord,
 And do not make a fuss, or speak a single grumbling word,

That is discipline.

When everything seems going wrong, and yet I will not grouse,
 When it is hot, and I am tired, and yet I will not grouse,
 But sing a song, and do my work in school and in the house,

That is discipline.

When Satan whispers, "Scamp your work," to say to him, "I won't,"
 When Satan whispers, "Slack a bit," to say to him, "I won't,"
 To rule myself, and not to wait for others' do and don't,

That is discipline.

When I look up, and triumph over every sinful thing,

The things that no one knows about, the cowardly, selfish thing,
 And then with heart and will I live to please my glorious King,

That is discipline.

To trample on that curious thing inside of me that says "I,"

To think of others always, never, never of that "I,"
 To learn to live according to my Saviour's word, "Deny,"
 That is discipline.

—Amy Carmichael

Jesus was manifested to give us victory over Satan (I Jn. 3:8). Because of His faithfulness (Heb. 10:23), we are "more than conquerors" (Rom. 8:37). By regeneration we are new creatures (II Cor. 5:17). Since we put on the new man (Col. 3:10), "old things have passed away." We have been delivered from Satan's dominion to the reign of Christ (Col. 1:13, 14). God being with us (Isa. 41:10), "who can be against us" (Rom. 8:31)? God is greater than Satan (I Jn. 4:4). He is our strength (Psa. 27:1). We need not waver (Heb. 10:23).

"Jesus, Thy life is mine!

Dwell evermore in me;

And let me see

That nothing can untwine

Thy life from mine.

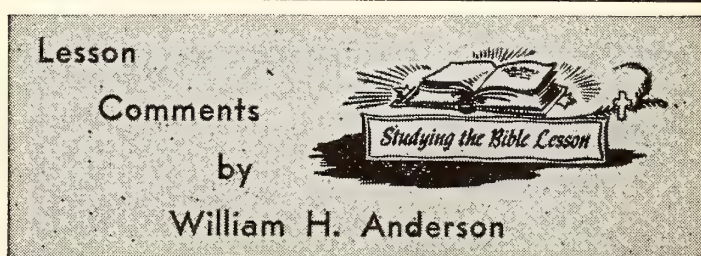
"Thy life in me be shown!

Lord, I would henceforth seek

To think and speak

Thy thoughts, Thy words alone,

No more my own."



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Lesson for August 28, 1960

THE DANGER OF MILITARY ALLIANCES

Lesson: Isaiah 30:1-3, 15-18

"Instead of trusting God...Americans put their trust in military alliances, in anti-Russian security pacts, in giving military aid to Pakistan over the protest of India, in support of French colonialism in Indo-China" (William B. Lippard).

DURING THE DAYS of Isaiah the prophet, Israel was guilty of this same sin. Israel had to learn the hard way that it is "Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WERE REBUKED BECAUSE THEY FAILED TO SEEK COUNSEL OF GOD.

"Woe to the rebellious children," says the Lord, "who carry out a plan, but not Mine; and who make a league,

but not of My spirit, that they may add sin to sin" (30:1—R. S. V.).

Israel struggled constantly against the more powerful nation of Assyria. In an attempt to gain victory over this formidable foe, the leaders of Judah made a secret alliance with Egypt, her neighbor to the south. But GOD knew all about it, as we read in 29:15:

"Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?"

In time of trouble God's people should always turn heavenward for help. "Lean not unto thine own understanding," Solomon admonished, but "in all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" (Pro. 3:5-6).

The person who refuses to seek God must suffer the consequences. "But ye have set at nought all My counsel, and would none of My reproof...Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices" (Pro. 1:25, 31).

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WERE REBUKED BECAUSE THEY PUT THEIR TRUST IN MAN RATHER THAN GOD.

"Woe to the rebellious children...who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for My counsel, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh, and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!" (30:2—R. S. V.).

"They appealed to Egypt, that land from which they had once been delivered, for help. This, in the eyes of God, was a grievous sin, indicating their lack of confidence in Himself and their hope of securing help from the very power which had once enslaved them and from whose bondage they had been redeemed...To go down now to Egypt for help meant that they had forgotten God's dealings with them in the past and that they no longer dared to depend on Him for their present deliverance" (H. A. Ironside).

When will we learn as a nation and people that "In God We Trust" is more than a motto to be stamped upon our coins. It is an imperative for survival!

"A great host of Americans, instead of trusting in God, put their trust in the atomic bomb, appallingly unaware that the bomb will likely be their destruction instead of protection. Long ago the Founder of Christianity issued a timeless, urgent, preemptory warning. History has substantiated what He said: 'All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.' Today He could say, 'All they that take the atomic bomb shall perish with the bomb.'" (Lippard).

GOD DESIRED THAT THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL REST IN HIM.

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength" (30:15—R. S. V.).

They were urged to turn "from their self-chosen way, and rest from self-confident work of their own" (Franz Delitzsch).

GOD DESIRED THAT THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WAIT FOR HIM.

"Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you For the Lord is a God of justice, blessed are all those who wait for Him" (30:18—R. S. V.).

Israel's only hope was in the graciousness, the mercy the compassion of God. They deserved no mercy. Justice required that they be punished for their iniquity

"Jehovah is waiting for the time when He can show His favour once more, and blessed are they who meet His waiting with their own waiting" (Delitzsch).

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

I AM A SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT THE POSITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT—

...is an important position.

God has given me the job, even though I was nominated and elected by men. So, I am responsible to all but most of all to God. My job may influence lives ranging from the youngest to the oldest.

...is a co-operative position.

I am not the pastor, nor the "pastor" of the Sunday school, but I shall be working closely with him. In real sense we shall be a team in our work for the Sunday school.

...is a demanding position.

I owe the best that I am and that I may become to my job. I must strive to perfect the qualifications of spirituality, church loyalty, Sunday school enthusiasm, ability to work with people, an ever-widening vision, sanctified aggressiveness, and faithfulness. True spirituality must be my daily habit; church loyalty must be my evident stand. Enthusiasm will possess me when I understand the tremendous opportunities my job affords. I must work daily with people—"Heavenly Father, help me always to love and understand men." Our Sunday school will never grow beyond my vision; sanctified aggressiveness will be required if it reaches that vision. My job is a demanding one: I must be faithful to my calling and to Him who calls.

...has important relationships.

To the pastor. The pastor is the spiritual leader of the whole church: I shall need his help in keeping the spiritual objectives clear. As he is the highest executive of the church it will be my privilege and duty to discuss all plans and programs with him.

To the staff. I must always show interest in the burdens and needs of the staff: available for consultation, quick to commend, slow to criticize, timely with encouragement and open to suggestions. Respect and co-operation will be born as I exhibit wisdom, sincerity and vision.

To the pupil. A personal interest should be shown in everyone who attends. Personal acquaintance with a maximum number should be my goal: a growing Sunday school is made up of satisfied pupils.

...has varied duties.

As administrative head of the Sunday school, I will: (1) help to formulate its organization and policies, (2) preside over the general sessions, (3) be responsible for regular workers' conferences, (4) lead the school toward the attainment of the "Standard", (5) be ever alert for expansion, (6) see that proper records are kept and utilized, (7) promote the Teachers' Training program, (8) publicize the Sunday school, (9) inspire soul-winning in every department, and (10) strive to put every member to work for Sunday school growth. With the pastor and staff, I will set dates for special days and nominate teachers. Above all, I will remember that my job reaches into every day of the week.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

NEWS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

John 3:16.

IN SEEKING to advertise his wares, a newsboy one Saturday evening, hawked his publication in the following words: "I have here the news for tomorrow." And so we have in the world the Daily publications of the more populous communities, the Weekly disseminators of information, the Monthly Magazines with their jumbled array of composite information, and the Quarterly assemblage of scholarly discussions and arguments on the social, political and religious topics of interest to the various classes of readers.

And these all publish for "TOMORROW." Some carry facts and happenings that have interest and meaning but for the present and immediate future. Others extend their concern and information into more distant areas of time, while some have more limitless future as their time limit. And this is true because TIME cannot be halted for the deliberations of humanity. Man must be constantly meditating on facts and theories, that he may keep abreast of truth and progress. And the multiplicity and variety of facts and figures to be found in all the publications extant in the world is so great that the Bible declaration is literally true that "of the making of books there is no end." And so the publication of papers, magazines, books, goes on, bringing added grists of facts, figures, and theories on every facet of life's experience; and yet the knowledge we acquire today and tomorrow will be the history of the third day.

But the greatest news for today, for tomorrow, for every day—FOR EVERY DAY and FOR EVER—is the news of our text—is that God loves everyone, everywhere. This text asserts the inestimable value of every person. God sees us not only as we are, but also as we may become through the free and unfavored love of

Christ working in us. He is not only the Creator, the Sustainer, the Lord; but He is all these and more. And above all He is the Father who so loved that He gave Himself, in the person of His Son, for the salvation of man.

No matter how low man has gone in any age or clime, how far from the best he may have wandered, he has never sunken so low or wandered so far astray that there has ceased to be hope for him. The "NEWS" for all souls of all time is still John 3:16.



What's Doing
in the
Churches



SARASOTA, FLORIDA

FLASH!!! Sunday, July 31, was a very special day in the Sarasota Brethren Church. In spite of the fact that the skies let loose about 14 inches of rain from Thursday to Sunday morning and that the city had run a water line down the middle of Shade Avenue (our entrance street) and left the street a veritable sea of mud, and that it was necessary to park the cars in the D. A. V. parking lot and literally wade the water to get to the church, THERE WERE 91 present for the morning service. Then baptismal services were supposed to be held at our usual place along Sarasota Bay. But due to the bad condition of the water following a storm in the Gulf which was the cause of the tremendous rain-fall, this was impossible, but Rev. Hamel, through a friendship which he had formed with Captain Drumright of the Sarasota Fire Department, was given permission to use the swimming pool at the home of Captain and Mrs. Drumright for the service. Fifty-one gathered around the pool at 1:30 in the afternoon and witnessed the beautiful rite which was administered to fourteen—eleven adults, one young man and two boys. The mother of the young man and one of the boys was going on vacation to Pennsylvania on Monday morning, so they were received into the church by the laying on of hands at poolside, with the undersigned, together with Rev. H. W. Fells of the Garber Brethren Church of Ashland and the pastor administering the rite. The remainder of the 14 will be received at the church next Sunday. This brings to 30 the number received into the church since the arrival of Brother Hamel the latter part of February.

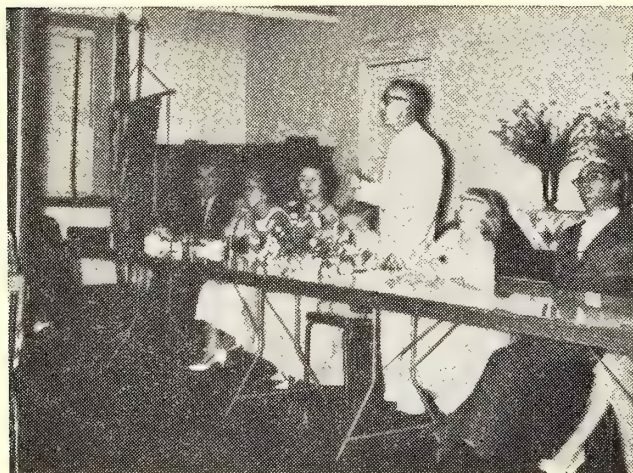
Brother Hamel left immediately after the baptismal service with the first group of young people who will attend Camp "Ithiel", the Church of the Brethren Camp (with which we are cooperating this year) located six miles west of Orlando, Florida. Brother Hamel is identified with the teaching staff this week.

Fred C. Vanator.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

PIC of the WEEK



Leo Jones as Master of Ceremonies at
Pennsylvania Conference

The Theme of the 1960 Pennsylvania Youth Conference was "Proving Christianity". The text was taken from Romans 12:2.

On Monday evening after the General session of the Conference, the Brethren youth met for the first get-together. The Levittown Youth was in charge of a group mixer. Everyone went on a scavenger hunt to find out who could find the most names.

Tuesday morning after the Brotherhood and Sisterhood meetings, a Coffee Break was led by Marlin McCann. Songs were sung while registration took place. Rev. William (Bill) Fells was the Youth Conference Speaker. Each morning, Bill gave an inspiring and challenging message to the young people. The youth of the Conference appreciated the high spiritual level on which the messages were based.

Each afternoon the youth participated in a planning session. Here, the officers were elected and plans for a camp, a retreat and another conference were discussed. Recreation was on the docket for Tuesday afternoon. Many of us enjoyed volley ball in the hot sun. After the Tuesday evening session, a movie was shown entitled, "Does Christ Live in Your Home?" Everyone that saw the movie was quite impressed by it.

Wednesday afternoon, the group was invited to swim in a private pool of one of the citizens of Meyersdale. One of the highlights of the Conference was the Brethren Youth Banquet on Wednesday evening. The best boy delegate and the best girl delegate of the Conference were chosen. The best girl delegate was DeAnn Ben-shoff, of Johnstown, and the best boy delegate was Merle Stutzman, Jr., also of Johnstown. Rev. Rob Byler, our Missionary to the Argentine gave us some food for thought. A quartet composed of Rev. Charles Huff, Leo

Jones, Rev. Byler and Marlin McCann presented a number. Rev. Byler sang one verse in Spanish. Mrs. Leo Jones accompanied the quartet at the piano.

Wednesday evening was youth night at the General Conference Session. Rev. Charles Huff presided over the meeting. The Youth Choir, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jones, presented several numbers. Rev. Bill Fells closed the session by giving to everyone a very inspiring message.

Thursday morning saw the close of the messages by Rev. Fells. Several of the young people came forward and rededicated their lives.

Thursday afternoon, the youth went on a picnic several miles from Meyersdale into the hills. After a meal of hot dogs and one (1) watermelon, the youth sang some songs and then returned to Meyersdale. Appreciation was expressed by the youth for the work done by the Conference Directors, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jones of Ashland, Ohio; to Rev. Fells for his fine messages, and to the Youth Director for the Coffee Breaks. The Pennsylvania District as a whole should be complimented on having such a well-planned Conference for their Young People.

COMING EVENTS

Watch for the dates of Brethren College Days—Coming this fall!

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT YOUTH RETREAT
Laurel Hill, Pa. September 16-17

CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Waterloo, Iowa September 21-22

MID-WEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Falls City, Nebraska October 7-8

Make your plans now to attend these important events

Notice to Youth and Youth Directors

If at any time you have any questions about youth work or any problems that come before you in your local work, please feel free to write the National Youth Office.

THANK YOU!

Just a word of thanks to all of you who are making this Conference what it is. Much hard work and planning have gone into this year's program. More thanks to come later.

A FUNNY

Willie got very tired of the long sermon at church. "If we give him the money now, ma, will he let us go out?" he asked in a loud whisper.

If Satan can make a man a perfect sinner, then the Lord Jesus Christ can make a man a perfect Christian.

GENERAL CONFERENCE
ECHOES

THE SEVENTY-THIRD General Conference of the Brethren Church opened Monday evening, August 15th, in Memorial Chapel on the Ashland College Campus. Attendance for the opening session was very good; the weather was ideal, being cool, as against last year's very warm week.

Vice-Moderator, J. D. Hamel, brought a most inspiring and challenging message on the subject, "Our Unfinished Task."

Tuesday morning, following simultaneous sessions, Moderator J. R. Shultz brought his Moderator's Address, which message is printed in this Evangelist. At the business session, 316 delegates presented their credentials; a year ago the first day total was 283.

Further news of the conference will appear next week.

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The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

"Some 200 years ago John Wesley wrote in his journal: 'Yesterday many came considerable distance—found God to be both the God of the hills and the valleys . . .'

"In our busy lives we sometimes are prone to forget that God must be God of all or not God at all. When the going gets tough, as it frequently does in these days of contention and dissension, we fearfully wonder if the time will ever come when the lion and the lamb shall lie down together in the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy.

"In an age like this we greatly need new Paul Reverses to ride up and down the highways and constantly remind us that eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty, as it has been through most of the ages since the world began.

"Our American heritage is not like an heirloom to be automatically handed down from generation to generation. It is something that must be relived, reinterpreted, and rewon by every generation.

"If our civilization is to be preserved, it will be preserved by individuals—hundreds of thousands of men and women whose lives are the candles of the Lord and whose attitudes toward other people of all classes and groups, make them a part of the solution rather than a part of the problem.

"Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, spoke for all of us when again and again he declared he had more trouble with himself than with any other person he had ever met.

"One of the great truths in the Bible is contained in this verse: 'The eyes of the wise man are before him; the eyes of the foolish man are at the ends of the earth.'

"This verse means just what it says—the wise man sees the possibilities and potentialities of the place where he is. The eyes of the foolish man are always scanning the horizon for signs of a glory he thinks he has missed at home.

"Russell H. Conwell died years ago but people still talk about his famous lecture, 'Acres of Diamonds,' which he delivered thousands of times. He made a million dollars out of that message—all of which he gave to the cause of Christian education.

"The message of that famous lecturer which thrilled and opened new vistas for multitudes who heard it was that the 'acres of diamonds' for which we all yearn are not half a world away but in our own backyard if we will but dig for them.

"And so in such an age as this, the way to escape the fallacies on every hand, is to devote every day to such quality of work, and enriching of human relationships, that we shall have accomplished something worth while when all our days are done.

Out Of This Life

"Out of this life I shall never take
Things of silver and gold I make.
All that I cherish and hoard away,
After I leave, on earth must stay.

"Though I call it mine and I boast its worth,
I must give it all up when I quit the earth.
All that I gather and all that I keep
I must leave behind when I fall asleep.

"And I wonder often, just what I shall own,
In that other life when I pass alone,
What shall He find and what shall He see,
In the soul that answers the call of me?

"Shall the great Judge learn when my task is through
That my soul had gathered some riches too?
Or shall at the last, it be mine to find,
That all I had worked for, I had left behind?"

Selected

Mrs. Mae Maust,
Waterloo, Iowa

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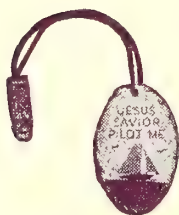
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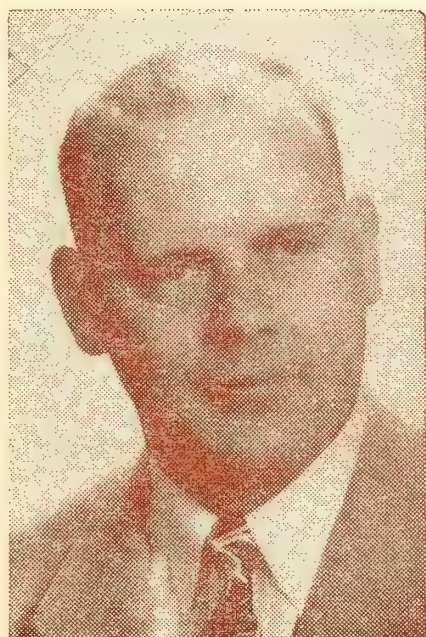
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Acceptance Speech of Our New Moderator



Rev. J. D. Hamel,
Sarasota, Florida

Dear Members and Friends of the Brethren Church:

The Seventy-Second General Conference of the Brethren Church is now history and a new slate of Officers prepare to lead you to new goals for a new year.

As we begin this new year we realize the need for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our troubled world. Let us accept the challenge that is ours, the opportunity to serve. We pledge to you our devoted attention to the duties outlined for us in our conference Manual of Procedure which was adopted by the General Conference in 1915.

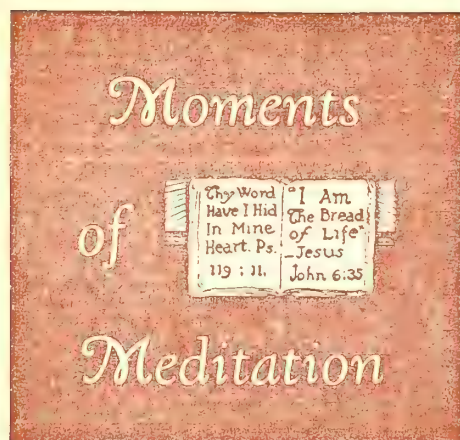
However, we cannot accomplish our aims without the wholehearted co-operation and active assistance of each member of the Brethren Church.

We are your chosen leaders, but YOU are the Brethren Church! Beloved..., I ask for your prayers and co-operation in helping me fulfill one of the greatest privileges of my life, that of serving as your Moderator for the year 1961.

Words cannot express the depth of my appreciation as I sincerely and humbly accept the gavel of authority as Moderator of the Brethren Church.

My own church in Sarasota and myself are honored by the faith and confidence manifested in electing me to fill this high office.

I thank you with a heart full of love and gratitude for this privilege and I assure you that I will make every effort to perform my duties to the best of my ability.



ONE MORE REVIVAL

Horace Bushnell said: "One more revival, only one more, is needed. The revival of Christian Stewardship; the rededication of money power to God. When that revival comes, the Kingdom of God will come in a day."

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PRESSING FORWARD

By F. W. Davis

All the past must be forgotten,
Every failure, each mistake,
If we want to win for Jesus
Every conquest for His sake.
Let's go forward into battle
For our God, His truth and right;
With His love, His grace and mercy,
We can conquer in this fight!
Friend, we must be free from evil—
Every doubt and worldly care—
That is often prone to hinder
Our advancement anywhere.
We are in a raging conflict
Backed by Satan, sin, and strife,
And we must keep pressing forward
If we win eternal life!

—Herald of Holiness



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BONES

A Negro preacher spoke in the Church one Sunday on "Bones" and many were the analogies he drew from the familiar bones which are commonly spoken of and encountered day by day.

"There are," he said, "some people in the Church like 'wish bones,' wishing, but never doing anything.

"Then there are the 'funny bones,' who are so touchy and easily hurt.

"The 'jaw bones,' who only talk.

"The 'dry bones,' who are always prim and proper, but dead as a door knob.

"The 'tail bones,' who are always behind in their work, and in their subscriptions.

"Finally, there are the 'back bones,' who are really the spiritual support of the whole Church."

To which of these bones would you be likened?—The Indian Christian.

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"THIS ONE THING I DO"

We read a Tamil parable which relates how a father commanded his willful son to carry through a crowded street a shell filled with oil. Two soldiers accompanied him, drawn swords in their hands, with orders to behead the boy if he spilled a single drop. When he returned, unharmed, the father asked, "What did you see, my son, as you went through the street?" and the lad answered, "Nothing, my father."

"But," said the father, "this is our market day, and all sorts of wares are displayed."

"Why, father," explained the boy, "my eyes were constantly on the oil in the shell." It was this singleness of purpose that saved the boy's life. It is when we say with Paul, "This one thing I do," and then make the serving of Christ the aim of our lives,

that we shall do great things for him. Then he will be able to use and do works of power through us.

It is the daily, hourly acknowledgment of our allegiance to our Master that keeps us true to Him amid the distractions, the allurements about us.

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The humblest and most ignorant child of God may have as much power in prayer as the greatest and most learned professor.

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"WE CAN'T GET OUT ON SUNDAY"

"We can't get out to church, you know,
I really grieve to say,
We are so rushed—that frequently
We're forced to stay away.
These modern times are so intense
So strenuous—and then
When Sunday comes, we're rather worn,

And sleep till after ten.
It really is distressing,
That duties are so pressing.
With theater and opera and the seas
at its height
The concert and the lecture and the movie every night;
With club and lodge and matinee
following on Monday,
You see just how it is that
We can't get out to church on Sunday.

Then too, it often storms, you know
Last Tuesday, 'twas a shame—
We had to go to a movie show,
Right in the pouring rain.
There's such a crowd in every car
On Sunday too—and so
With things like that and all the rest
We seldom get to go!
It really is distressing
That duties are so pressing."

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The Editor's Pulpit

Great Joy In That City

FOLLOWING THE PERSECUTION of the Christians in the city of Jerusalem a few years after the ascension of the Lord, it is noted that "they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." This part of the account is very familiar to most of us. Because of persecution, the disciples went everywhere, not only to escape the severe pain, suffering and even death for their faith, but to also proclaim their wonderful faith in Christ.

Most sermons or writings usually stop with the all-encompassing verse of Acts 8:4—that they went everywhere and preached about the Lord. Resident in our minds then is the picture of these zealous disciples going into the far corners of that day's world, preaching the word of the Lord.

However, we can well consider one of the specific preaching missions which resulted from the persecution at Jerusalem. Continue your reading of this 8th chapter of Acts and you will find that a man by the name of Philip went down from the city of Jerusalem to the city of Samaria. What do you do when you go to a strange city? Do people know by your actions and words that you are a disciple of Christ?

A recent survey in a city revealed that many people had moved into the area but retained their church membership in their former location. The amazing thing which the survey revealed was that a fair percentage of these people who retained their church membership in their former locality, did not go to church anywhere in their new location! We cannot go into the reasons for this, but it seems that if they would have really desired in their hearts to witness to their Lord, they would have found a place in which to worship and serve Him in their new location. Could it be that they didn't want anyone to know that they had once named the name of the Lord?

Not so with this man named Philip! When he reached Samaria, he preached Christ unto them. Here was the real pioneering spirit of Christian witnessing. Each person being a personal bearer of the good news of salvation through Christ. How did the people receive his messages? We are told that they, with one accord, gave heed unto

those things which he spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

In this day when there seems to be so little response to the preaching of the Gospel we may raise a question in our mind as to why during Philip's stay in Samaria, the people heard him so readily. The answer is that today where the Gospel is being preached in all its fulness and power, and where people are praying and witnessing, souls are being won to Christ. At that moment, there was no organized opposition to the preaching of the Gospel in Samaria. So the people gave heed, the Spirit of God did His convicting work; as a result, healings and miracles took place.

Note that unclean spirits came out of many that were possessed with them; many people that were crippled with palsies, were healed of them. So great was the blessing of God upon this ministry of Philip that there was great joy in that city. The end result was that both men and women were baptized, believing in the things Philip preached concerning the kingdom of God, and Jesus Christ.

Let us not underestimate the power of preaching the word of the Lord today, as it is able to bring men to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Let us remember that as then, Christ can cast out the unclean spirits—the hates, the envyings, the doubts and fears. The spiritual weaknesses (palsies)—lack of full commitment to Christ, self-satisfaction and self-contentment, can be healed, causing men and women to go forth in new-found power in the work of Christ and His church.

This is practically the end of the so-called "summer vacation season." In a few days the schools will be starting, many of our churches will be holding their Rally Days, and will be starting back onto their "winter" schedules. Many sermons will be preached, many Sunday school lessons taught, between now and next summer. Pray that it might be the kind of preaching and teaching which will bring people to Christ so that He can cast out unclean spirits and heal broken souls. In so doing there will come great joy in your city, your church, your home, your life. As one person has remarked, "I didn't know that yielding to Christ and turning from sin could bring so much joy and peace to my heart; why didn't I do it many years ago?" W. S. B.

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SEVEN HUNDRED LEPROSY CURES ANNUALLY

Traditions of stigma and despair that have been associated for centuries with persons suffering from leprosy are being effectively challenged by Dr. Roy Pfaltzgraff as he speaks to American audiences.

As director of the Garkida, Nigeria, Leprosarium, Dr. Pfaltzgraff has become well acquainted with the disease and the fact and fiction connected with it. Although Dr. Pfaltzgraff went to Nigeria in 1945, he did not take over direction of the leprosarium until 1955 because, he said, "there was no one else to do it." It was then that he began to lose his misconceptions about leprosy. Today he wonders, "Why don't all doctors specialize in leprosy? I can't think of a more fascinating subject."

"Contrary to popular opinion," he emphasizes, "leprosy, if found early, can be cured in about two years' time by treatment with Dapsone, a drug related to sulpha."

One of the many paradoxes about leprosy has been that the stigma and revulsion against leprosy patients is weakest in the area of least education, according to Dr. Roy.

As a result, he says, primitive people walk miles to be treated at the leprosarium, which is one of about fifteen in the British colony. Patients are allowed to leave to visit their families, and when cured, there generally is no stigma attached to them when they return home for good.

But ignorance fosters the disease because it seems to flourish amid filth and lack of sanitation and that prolonged skin contact may produce it and the fact that many people wear no clothes but carry their babies on

their backs in constant skin contact may contribute to the spread of leprosy.

"We can cure leprosy if we get it early enough," Dr. Pfaltzgraff stressed. "We send about 700 patients home each year cured. Prevention is largely a matter of hygienics."

At present he and his wife, a graduate nurse whom he first met at Elizabethtown College, are the sole medical staff in charge of the leprosarium which treats approximately 650 patients on the 2,500 acre reservation plus 6,000 outpatients.

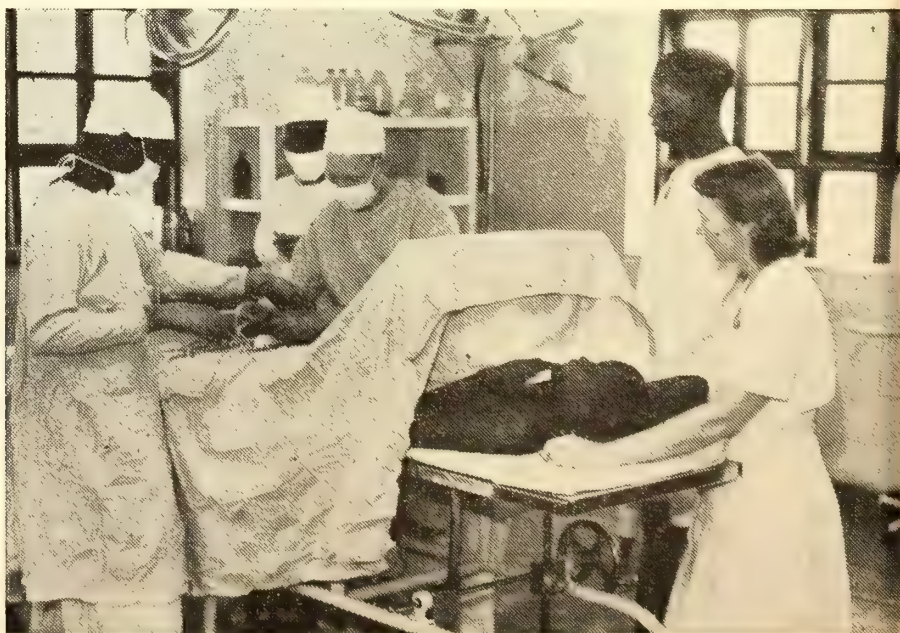
This doctor-nurse team have been doing surgical work which helps rehabilitate patients who have been crippled by leprosy. "In the worst cases," he says, "surgery can be done without anesthesia because of the nerve deadening effects of the disease."

When the Pfaltzgraffs return to Nigeria in June, they expect a two-man British team to assist in this surgical job.

Fortunately, most of the patients can care for themselves and even grow their own food while being treated.

The patients also are trained to care for their fellows and two full-time Negro male nurses have been educated and assist in the 60-bed hospital which is financed by the British government and the American Leprosy Mission, a non-denominational agency interested in work with lepers.

Dr. Pfaltzgraff tells how the work with lepers recently was given a boost by the World Health Organization of the United Nations which is striving to get more qualified personnel into the field.



Hands of mercy work for the glory of God and the good of mankind.

In a WHO medical priority list, experts in leprosy were given top priority. This is because there are only about 500 physicians in the world who are specialists in leprosy. On the other hand there are about 20 million persons in the world afflicted with the disease.

In Nigeria, about one in every ten persons has leprosy. In some areas of the colony the rate is as high as 30%. In contrast, there are approximately 3,000 lepers in the United States.

With the help of dedicated workers, the day may come when this disease which has scourged mankind since before Bible times, will be controlled.

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COMING EVENTS

NORTHERN INDIANA LAYMEN

The 93rd meeting of the Northern Indiana Laymen will be held in the Bryan, Ohio church, Monday, September 19th. Supper will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 E. S. T.

Please get your reservations in to Mr. E. Condit Newcomer, R. R. 3, Bryan, Ohio, not later than September 10th.

George Kerlin, Secretary.

LOSE SOMETHING AT CONFERENCE???

We have on hand: a baby's sweater, a lady's scarf, a pair of sun glasses, a pendant on a chain, and one envelope of small booklets, etc., which had been purchased at the Brethren Publishing Company Book Store. These articles may be claimed by sending proper identification to the Editor of Publications, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio.

Items of General Interest

OAK HILL, W. VA. Brother Myron Dodds has accepted the call of the Oak Hill church to serve as pastor. Brother Dodds, the son of Brother and Sister J. G. Dodds, of Muncie, Indiana, received his Masters Degree from Plymouth University in New Hampshire this summer.

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. Terry Litton, Pre-Seminary student at Ashland from the Hagerstown church, was guest speaker at Hagerstown on July 24th and on August 14th, in the absence of the pastor.

WAYNESBORO, PENNA. (WAYNE HEIGHTS). Guest speaker on August 21st, was Rev. N. W. Brechbiel.

MARIANNA, PENNA. (HIGHLAND). Brother Carl Phillips was guest speaker in the Highland church on July 24th. Highland is the home church of Brother Phillips.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. Gerald Thomas filled the pulpit of the New Lebanon church as guest speaker on August 21st.

MISHAWAKA, INDIANA. William Meinke has informed us that both the National and District Mission Boards have approved the plans for the Mishawaka church building. Plans are to proceed as soon as possible in the erection of this new church.

NORTH MANCHESTER, INDIANA. Brother C. C. Grisso is filling the pulpit of the North Manchester church from August 21st through September 4th, in the absence of the pastor.

BRIGHTON CHAPEL, INDIANA. Guest speaker in the Brighton Chapel church on August 7th, was Brother C. C. Grisso.

ROANOKE, INDIANA. Brother E. M. Riddle notes that in his write-up of the dedication of their new parsonage (Brethren Evangelist, July 16, 1960), he omitted mentioning that at that time the church presented to the Riddles two very attractive and substantial lawn chairs.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Rev. Carl W. Rarick was guest speaker at morning and evening services on August 21st in the Muncie church.

Next Week!

Great news of advancement
in Brethren Publications.

Don't miss next week's issue!

Lift Up Your Eyes

and see

A World In Need

Dale J. Long

Text — John 4:35



DELEGATES of the 1960 Ohio Conference of the Brethren Church and friends. As Vice Moderator of this Conference during the past year, it has been a rich and rewarding experience, as I have been privileged to take a closer look at some of the needs of our District and work with the Executive Committee in bringing about a solution to a few of the existing problems.

The topic assigned me for this address, however, is to cover a much larger area—the world. It would be well for us to keep in mind that what I have to say regarding the world applies to each one of us as individuals for we must always remember that the world, the church, or any group of people is made up of individuals and it is here where action must begin.

When one gives serious thought to the statement—lift up your eyes and see a world in need—I am quite confident that most people would have a long list of things flash through their minds. This was my experience, and I found it quite difficult to narrow down the needs of the world to a few representative ones. To be sure, I believe every person present today would say the crying need of the world is to see Christ. But since our Moderator will be speaking spe-



Vice-Moderator's Address delivered at the Ohio District Conference at West Alexandria, Ohio, July 12, 1960.

cifically on this subject this evening, I will endeavor to point out other needs of the world with which we as Christians should be concerned—Realizing, of course, that Christ is involved in the meeting of these needs.

PHYSICAL AND MATERIAL

The first need that comes into my mind is that of a physical or material nature. Much could be said on this, including the many statistics given. For example, the average American disposes of more food via the garbage can than many peoples of the world have to eat. Another statistic often quoted is that nearly one-third of the world goes to bed—if they even have a bed—with empty stomachs. In the meantime we are taking Tums for the tummy for the common ailment of overeating. Yes, the physical and material needs of the world should be definitely a matter of concern to the Christian, and I believe that the Church can and should do more for the underprivileged peoples of the world.

In spite of this crying need, I am convinced that millions of people the world over have a deeper hunger than that of a physical or material nature.

SOUL-SEARCHING

The hunger I refer to is that of a man's soul. We may mean well by giving tribute money to missions, hiring pastors to do the work of the church, but have we been willing to talk to our neighbor and acquaintances about his soul? Before we do this, the first and foremost require-

ment for fulfilling this need of the world is to look at our own soul. We must soon realize that God cannot possibly use us to wrestle with the depths of troubled souls in our fellowman until we are willing to wrestle with the depths of our own souls.

As we examine our own souls in the most critical manner possible, we may be shocked at our findings. Regardless of these findings, we must constantly bear in mind that whatever may be our experience of failure and barrenness, Christ is never defeated. His power is boundless. Hence, our next step is to get into a right relationship with Him, and we shall see His power being demonstrated in our hearts and lives and service. Yes, His victorious life will fill us and overflow through us to others in the world. As one writer has said, this is revival in its essence.

If, however, we are to come into this right relationship with Him, the first thing we must learn is that our wills must be broken to His will. To be broken is the beginning of revival. It is painful, it is humiliating, but it is the only way. It is being, "Not I, but Christ." The Lord Jesus cannot live in us fully and reveal Himself through us until the proud self within us is broken. This simply means that the hard unyielding self, which justifies itself, wants its own way, stands up for its rights, and seeks its own glory, at last bows its head to God's will, admits its wrong, gives up its own way to Jesus, surrenders its rights and discards its own glory—that the Lord Jesus might have all and be in all. In other words it is dying to self and self-attitudes. Oh, how the world needs to take her eyes off of self. But how can this be done unless the professing Christians throughout the world accomplish this in their own lives and thereby prove to the unbelieving world that Christ is the answer to the hunger of their souls.

Then as we look honestly at our Christian lives—the outward expression of our souls—we can see how much of this self there is in each of us. It is so often self who tries to live the Christian life. It is self, too, who is often doing Christian work and witnessing. This ought never be and will never accomplish the soul-searching the world needs. It is always self who gets irritable, envious, resentful, critical, and worried. It is self who is hard and unyielding in its attitudes to others. As we continue our examination of self we come to astonishing realization that we ourselves are in dire need of being broken in order to carry out our God-given responsibilities and

privileges. As long as self is in control, God can do very little with us, for all the fruits of the Spirit with which God longs to fill us are the complete opposite of the hard, unbroken spirit within us. Let us turn to Galatians 5:22-24 and review the fruits of the Spirit to see how we measure up.

Being broken is both God's work and ours. He brings His pressure to bear, but we have to make the choice. If we are really open to conviction as we seek fellowship with God, He will show us the expressions of this proud, hard self that causes Him pain. Then it is, we can either stiffen our necks and refuse to bend our will to His or we can bow our head in submission and say, "Yes Lord, here am I to mold, make and use in thy service." Hence, brokenness in daily living is simply the response of humility to the conviction of God.

For this reason, we cannot possibly be broken except at the Cross of Jesus where we first received our salvation. The willingness of Jesus to be broken for us is the all-compelling motive in our being willing to be broken too. Brethren, we must be willing to search our own souls and yield to God, if we ever hope to reach the millions of restless and hungry souls all about us.

CALMNESS AND ASSURANCE

The next need I would like for us to think upon is the great need of calmness and assurance in the midst of turmoil. As we wrestle with the problems of others souls, we must always remember that our message is one of reconciliation as explained in the fifth Chapter of II Corinthians. The mere fact that the soul of the unbeliever is troubled proves that man already knows that something is wrong and in most cases realizes his separation from God. Hence, we must point the way to calmness and assurance which is found only by way of the Cross.

With world tensions reaching a fearful state, the Christian Church must proclaim as never before that Christ gives peace in the midst of crises. We must also point out that this peace in the hearts of men is available only after sincere soul-searching and a willingness to place our hope and trust in the hands of our Redeemer.

Let us take a look at a few of the assurances we find in God's word. Col. 2:2, Heb. 6:11; 10:22-23, Acts 17:31, Psalm 23, Psalm 91.

How many times have we as Christians endeavored to lead others to Christ, who gives lasting calmness and assurance, but demonstrate just the opposite in our daily living? Here again we

find that soul-searching is of utmost importance followed by a willingness to do something about it.

Experiencing and knowing Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour is a must before we can possibly have a Christian witness. With this calmness and assurance in our hearts and souls, we won't be able to withhold the Gospel from our fellowman in need any longer. Let us stop confusing calmness and assurance found in Jesus Christ with the complacency and apathy of the Christian world over the millions of souls dying and going into a Christless eternity. Do you realize that ten thousand souls in the next 24 hours will leave this world without any hope of assurance? Yes, many of these will die of starvation of both body and soul.

To be sure, we must have calmness and assurance from above, but we as laity of the church need to get excited about this matter of witnessing with our own lives and through our consecrated gifts to send substitutes where we cannot go ourselves. Does not Proverbs tell us that, "he that winneth souls is wise"? What are we going to do about it?

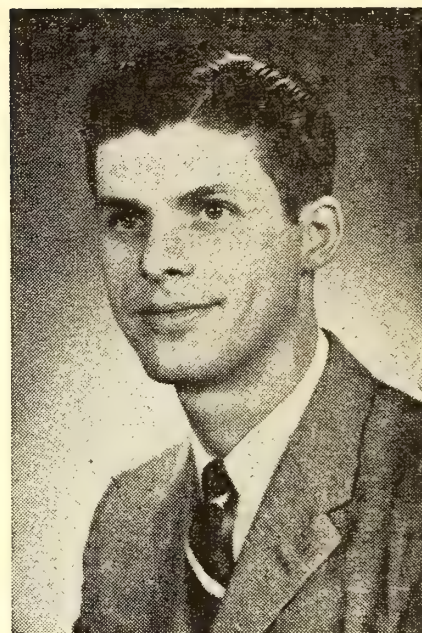
PRAYER

The fourth need of the world I see when I lift up my eyes is that of prayer. Oh, how we need first-century power to carry out 20th century programs. Imagine, if you can, what changes would be brought about in the world if every man, woman, boy and girl professing Jesus Christ as Saviour would go boldly to the throne of grace in prayer about the world's problems and then set about to do what God would have them to do.

Just as the simple prayer of a repentant sinner can save his soul from hell, so can the prayers of the Christian save America and the world. Are we willing to pay the price to prevail in prayer for the problems of the world?

Going back to the turn of the century, we find men like Edward Bounds writing persuasively on prayer. Unlike many modern writers, Bounds did not appeal to parapsychology nor explore secular history and literature for cultivated allusions to support his theme. But Bounds prayed!!

Dr. Wimberly attributes Bounds' zeal for prayer to the diary of David Brainard. Dr. Wimberly writes: "David Brainard, a missionary to the American Indians, kept a diary. After his death, Jonathan Edwards published it; William Carey, a humble shoemaker read it and went to India; Henry Martyn read it and went to Persia; Mc-



DALE J. LONG

Cheyne read it and went to the Jews; E. M. Bounds read it and went to his knees."

We are told that after reading Brainard's diary, Edward Bounds habitually prayed from four o'clock every morning until seven and from this intense prayer life, he developed such spiritual power that he cast a spell over any congregation. From his intense prayer life there also issued his books on prayer.

Like Bounds, Jonathan Edwards' life was one of prayer. His success was not the result of his homiletical ability, for he read his sermons with no gestures. But before he preached "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," a sermon famous for its effectiveness, he had spent three days and three nights in prayer and fasting.

Modern books on prayer sometimes picture prayer as a means of changing the one who prays. It is an exposure of one's soul to God, as a negative in the making of a picture is exposed to the light, they explain.

While this is a very real aspect of prayer, the effective prayer warriors have never thought of prayer merely as a way of improving themselves but as a means of accomplishing God's will in the world around them. E. M. Bounds wrote "Prayer is spiritual work." Those who work hard enough at prayer can expect to see amazing results outside themselves as well as within themselves.

In this critical hour of history, there may not be a great deal that the average citizen can

do about the fate of our nation and the world, threatened in almost every possible way, but all of us can pray! This may be the only thing many of us can do. It may also be the best thing that anyone can do!

God's promise to King Solomon many years ago applies to our nation and the world today: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

When we pause from our praying and listen to God, let us be keenly aware of the fact that we ourselves will in all probability be the answer to our prayers as we commit our all—time, talent and money—to God out of love and gratitude.

WORKS OF LOVE

This leads us to the fifth and final need which I would like for us to consider on this matter of seeing a world in need. I have entitled this need as the **works of love**. To have entitled this need as simply work would have been in error, for there is much work being done in the world which will come to naught.

Let us look at this word "love" as used in the scriptures and the importance of it in our work as Christians: The scripture defines love in the only way that it can or ought to be defined; namely, by listing its attributes. "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (I Cor. 13:4-7—R. S. V.).

I John 4:8 tells us that God is love in His very essence, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." Much more could be said about love but suffice it to say that love is the mark of a true disciple. John 13:35—"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (R. S. V.).

Work then cannot be anything but ultimately empty unless done out of love, and man must also realize that its true purpose is to glorify God. The apostle Paul brings this out very vividly in his first letter to the Corinthians (I Cor. 10:31), "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Some of you may be asking the question, what is all the urgency? Why get so excited? The world has been here for thousands of years and who

are we to turn the world upside down in our generation. In reply let's consider this for awhile: Studies made on the world's population reveal that last year 90 million people were added to the world's population, which is the same as adding a new nation the size of Japan. Reports also go on to tell us that we have not begun to feed, house, clothe, or educate the present 2 billion, 800 million people. To cause further concern, you should know that if the present trend continues the world's population is expected to reach 7 billion by the year 2000 barring a world catastrophe or the return of our Lord. In my opinion, the Christian world has not begun to spiritually feed the present peoples of the world let alone be in readiness to meet the needs of the future.

We must agree that if the church does not do the works of love, no one else will do it. Humanly speaking, the laity are 97% of the membership of the church. Therefore, the burden of this work must rest on the laity and rightly so. It's high time we re-examine the role of the laity. They are not simply part-time Christians who do not earn their living by a salary from the church, but are people commanded of God through the New Testament to have exactly the same call and exactly the same quality of spiritual life and exactly the same kind of witness that the ministers are expected to have... (It is at the beach, in the office, on the farm, in the factory, in the home; it is here where the battle is won).

We should also take account of our theological heritage; we must return to our Bible with a new intensity of study and meditation and obedience; we must put back into our lives daily devotions, family and regular church worship. We need to realize that a loosely knit group of people who may be congenial but who have no commitment, no discipline, no love, and who have no definite purpose, cannot possibly please God or win the world to Christ.

Brethren we should feed the hungry peoples of the world to show our Christian concern, but we dare not stop there. We must go on to wrestle with the depths of our souls first and then help others by showing them the way of reconciliation—faith in Jesus Christ. We must have the calmness and assurance of Jesus in our own hearts if we are to help others in this troubled world of ours. We must pray as never before and pray believing. And last but not least, we must remember that only one life t'will soon be past, only

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SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELISM

By Lloyd Matson

REMEMBER THE SCENE of a few years ago? The unhappy motorist trundles off to a roadside stream with a battered bucket to replenish the radiator. Model T's frequently required more water than gas. There was a big market for patented stop-leaks. And every ardent motorist had an emergency home-spun remedy, from corn starch to flax seed.

Something like that is happening to our Sunday Schools. I looked at my roomful of Beginner and Primary children last week. Sixty-three bundles of mischief and bubbling energy. Experience dictates that we enjoy them while we can. Only about ten of them will still be in Sunday School through their junior-high years. We lose 85 per cent in the years when the greatest need for Bible teaching dawns.

While we scurry about for novel ideas to attract new folk, some serious thought is due the problem of mass-leakage. We desperately need a Sunday School stop-leak. Too many are limping along with temporary, home-spun remedies. The key to the problem calls for effectively practicing what gospel Sunday Schools insist is their first aim: soul-winning. The home-spun is failing.

Parties, prizes, and ball teams fed into the Sunday School program become like narcotics to the addict. Bigger and stronger doses are required constantly to get the desired effect. We can't out-party the world. To an unsaved teenager, Marching Through Jerusalem is dreadfully dull compared with the school dance.

The Sunday School stop-leak is evangelism. A person won to Christ in the Sunday School is much less apt to drop out than the unconverted. Is it fair to assume there are gospel Sunday Schools that do not practice evangelism? Our record system suggests the answer.

How many Sunday School records provide space for spiritual statistics? Name, age, birth-

date, phone, and address. A giant-stride toward effective Sunday School evangelism is taken by the Sunday School that determines to simply record the testimony of every pupil.

This is not impractical. A wise teacher will sense the degree of sincerity or understanding involved in the pupil's statement. We collect information from new pupils faithfully. Why not conclude with, "When did you let Jesus come into your heart?" The response will immediately identify the area of spiritual need. What teacher would not be challenged by the reminder at each roll-taking that certain of her pupils are yet unsaved. And there are far-reaching implications involved in seriously tackling the leakage problem.

Authorities claim that over 80 per cent of all church members come through the Sunday School. Ninety-five per cent of Christian leadership rises out of Sunday School ranks. If we admit to losing all but 15 per cent through teenage mortality, then it follows that the churches are made up largely from that 15 per cent. While we suspect there is more to statistics than meets the eye, the startling conclusion leaps out at us: To double the church tomorrow, we need but to hold an additional 15 to 20 per cent in our Sunday Schools. A consistent soul-winning program can accomplish this.

Consider the reasons given by youngsters for dropping out of Sunday School. Top on the list: mom and dad don't attend. Crash programs aimed at enrolling adults will help to a degree. A few will respond. Their children's chances of lasting through the drop-out years will be strengthened greatly. Yet this is admittedly makeshift. Parental Sunday morning habits are cruelly stubborn.

And if they come, evangelism is still the need. Unsaved adults, like their children, soon discover Bible teaching makes them uncomfortable. The pattern of life discovered by maturing teen-agers

is not in harmony with the Scriptures. They will not long expose themselves to discomfort when it is socially acceptable to stay home Sunday mornings. Searching beneath the excuses given for dropping out, one will find conviction of sin the real reason. If we fail to evangelize, we cannot hold them.

Parties, recreation, and clubs may serve a useful purpose in making contacts and sharing a community responsibility; but don't expect too much toward strengthening teen-age Sunday School attendance. The church has a child one or two hours a week. The home and school so dominate in time and influence that the fundamental life-changing experience of Salvation is the Sunday School's only hope in the heated competition for people.

Christ's orders to the Church began with evangelism. Ordinances and instruction follow. The Sunday School is the church at work, the most efficient evangelistic opportunity yet discovered. True Bible teaching does not begin until the hearer is a disciple, a believer in Jesus Christ. The Sunday School's first responsibility is to systematically, prayerfully seek the conversion of every pupil—adult or child.

Begin with the first interview, classify the pupils as saved or unsaved. Write it down! No mechanical, perfunctory mass hand-raising technique dare be substituted for the person-to-person interview with a decision for Christ as the goal. Specific, prayer-prepared evangelistic opportunities can be planned; decision days, guest evangelists, pastor's visits to classes. These will blend with the week-by-week soul-winning spirit of the teacher, who each time the roll is taken reads again Johnnie or Mary's answer to the greatest question in life.

To be sure, no method or system will substitute for the burdened heart. And we have no promise that all who come under the hearing of the Word will respond as we wish. Yet any device that keeps soul-winning before the eyes and hearts of the people is worth considering. Eight out of every ten who come as little children leave in their early teens. Again we say, the stop-leak is **EVANGELISM**.

S. S. TRAGEDY—"in the front door at four, out the back door at fourteen!"

—Reprinted from the Sunday School Journal, via The United Brethren.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

HOW DO YOU DO?

"This one thing I do . . . I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13, 14.

"THIS ONE THING I DO." Concentration is a secret of power. Whether it be the centering of attention on the business of striving to master the piano, or of learning to drive a golf ball in the right direction and to the desired distance. A man becomes an authority on the thing he does. But the depth of a man's concern in the thing that he is doing determines the **quality** of his power.

The expert in a game may talk of nothing else, and become monotonous and tiresome. And such is a possibility with the religious expert. He may concentrate on a ritual, or doctrine, or a method, and become narrow.

But that on which Paul concentrated gave him an increasing understanding of life and its meaning, and increasing power to maintain harmonious relations with all things and all men. Christian devotion should both widen and deepen the Christian's interests, and these interests should have but one center—Christ.

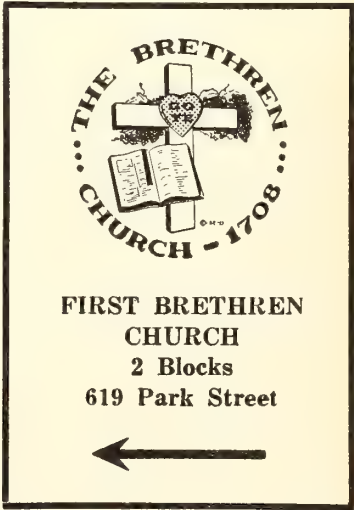
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**LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND SEE
A WORLD IN NEED**

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what's done for Christ will last. Yes, work the works of love while it is still day for the night cometh when no man can work.

Is it not true then that the answer to our individual needs and the world at large lies in our choices? It's your choice and mine—what will it be??

RULES FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

1. Seek God's blessing and guidance in all the affairs of life. Engage in no business in which you cannot look up and say: "Bless me in this O my Father."

2. Ever consider the Bible as your best treasure. Read it, study it daily with earnest prayer, for it is your only sure guide to the life beyond.

3. Never neglect, upon any pretence whatever, your daily religious duties: the family altar, the reading of God's Word, and your private devotions.

4. Be particular in the right observance of the Sabbath. Not only avoid worldly business, but worldly reading and conversation. Strive to be "in the Spirit on the Lord's day. Not seeking thine own pleasure, nor doing thine own ways."

5. Guard against irritation and anger. Possess your spirit in patience, whatever may ruffle from without. Resent no wrong or injury, but forgive. Endeavor to exhibit the spirit of Christ. "Love your enemies; do good to them and pray for them."

6. Avoid evil speaking. Regard with a charitable heart the weaknesses and failings of others, and be more ready to reclaim and restore than to censure.

7. Govern your appetites, your passions. Control your longings for wealth and applause. Mortify the carnal desires—lust, sensuality, sloth. "Keep thyself pure."

8. Strive to possess meekness and humility. Never speak well of yourself, and never allow others to flatter you. Abhor pride, self-conceit, hypocrisy.

9. Use those special gifts—time, wealth, the powers of body and mind—God has given you wisely and well. Use time carefully. Never spend it in trifling. Aim at its best use, its highest end, "to do the will of God and to **finish** the work given you to do."

10. Give all that is possible of your means to do good. Use your wealth as one who must give an account of his stewardship.

11. Employ your strength and talent for the worthiest ends possible. If you have but one talent, do not bury it in idleness. "Live for some-

thing." Strive to accomplish much for God in a little time.

12. Prepare to meet disappointments. Expect trials, losses, afflictions, and endure them manfully. Remember "this is earth, not heaven."

13. Have decision of character. Be firm in your purpose to do right, to obey God. Ever value His approbation and that of your own conscience infinitely more than the esteem or applause of men.

14. Never evade what you know is duty. Never be ashamed of being known as a Christian. Fear God, not man. Neither be a lukewarm, indifferent disciple of Christ. Be a Christian in earnest, and be a Christian always.

15. Endeavor to recommend religion by your daily Christian life: in your words and manners by courtesy, forbearance and kindness; in your dealings by justice, truth and honesty, and in your example by purity, goodness and benevolence.

16. Do not be a gloomy Christian. Strive to be cheerful, hopeful. Trust in God. Delight to diffuse enjoyment, to make others happy, and you will have gladness enough in your own house.

17. Ever cultivate a spirit of thankfulness. Often recount the mercies and blessings you receive, and let your heart go out in love and gratitude to the Giver.

18. Endeavor to be a consistent, a well-proportioned Christian. Strive to exhibit all the Christian graces in your life and character. Imitate the best of models—Christ.

19. Watch for opportunities to do good. Speak for religion. Speak for Jesus. Endeavor to speak in a kind and attractive manner, so as to win souls to Christ. "One soul converted to God is better than a thousand moralized."

20. Inquire each evening of yourself: For what am I living? What am I doing for God? Have I spoken or done ought for him today? Am I advancing in the Christian life? Is Jesus more precious? Am I living daily prepared for eternity? Think of these things, O my soul, as in the immediate presence of God!

—Christian at Work.

The Congo:

Situation Still Unsettled

THROUGH THE YEARS, the Belgian Congo has been the scene of some of the most extensive and fruitful missionary work carried on by the Christian Church anywhere in the world.

Pioneers like the famed David Livingstone, H. Gratton Guinness, missionary-explorer George Grenfell, Thomas J. Comber, Plymouth Brethren F. S. Arnot and Dan Crawford, Methodist Bishop William Taylor and Southern Presbyterian Dr. William Morrison first explored the recesses of this part of the Dark Continent; and in their train came scores of others—such as the colorful C. T. Studd and pioneering Dr. Titus Johnson, to mention only a representative pair.

The advance of Christian missions brought schools, hospitals, leprosaria, literacy and Scripture distribution to the Congo in one of the most intensive and many-faceted examples of missionary enterprise ever recorded. Recent figures showed a total of 2,146 outside missionaries and 20,269 Christian National (native) workers working side by side in efforts to reach the Congo's estimated 17,000,000-plus for Christ.

But shortly after the establishment of the Congo as a new African nation, minor rioting broke out which soon exploded into chaotic confusion.

The rioting itself was sudden, unpredictable, spasmodic. Mission agencies, some with 75 years of service there behind them, found themselves in the dilemma of suddenly having to decide whether to withdraw or not their forces. To move the missionaries unnecessarily in a situation that might suddenly calm would be expensive, time-consuming and perhaps pose psychological problems in future missionary-National relations. On the other hand, to under-evaluate the seriousness of the situation would be to place many missionary lives in jeopardy.

The situation varied from area to area, from mission to mission. Some missionaries were merely evacuated

to safer African areas; some 122 missionaries and their children were flown to the United States on July 21.

To fully assess the missionary situation as the crisis continued was difficult at best, but in general these were the major developments by July 23:

Forty-one missionaries and 36 missionary children of the Evangelical Free Church of America moved out of the Congo temporarily to seek refuge in Bangui, French Equatorial Africa.

Presbyterian U. S. (Southern) missionaries early in the situation, evacuated posts in the critical areas of Kasha, Moma, Luebo, Mutoto and Katube. Women and children of the Lubondai station were evacuated, but the men were "staying for the time being." Famed Southern Presbyterian "flying missionary" Dr. Mark Poole, who collaborated with Korean War hero John W. Davis in flying more than 200 missionaries and children out of Presbyterian and Methodist missions in the Congo, declared that "the loyalty of the Christian Africans is unshakable," but "calculated dissatisfaction has been spread" among the Congolese army.

Male missionaries of the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) elected to remain, but some of the wives and all of the 34 children of the group's 96 missionaries were evacuated to other African stations.

The Rev. Vernon Sprunger, Elkhart, Ind., executive secretary of the Congo Independent Mission, operated jointly by several Mennonite groups, said all its personnel were presumed safe.

As the missionaries evacuated, their varying reports reflected the differing situations from one area to another.

Rescued by helicopter and brought to Accra, Ghana, one group of 73 American Protestant missionaries told how three American Baptist families at Sona-Mpangu (160 miles from

Leopoldville) were attacked by 13 Congolese soldiers who beat them with rifle butts and trampled on them.

Donald Ellis of Indianapolis said the soldiers forced them to lie on the ground. He reported that his wife and another woman missionary (Rhoda Nielsen of Cedar Falls, Ia.) were struck by soldiers during the incident.

Ellis' ten-year-old son Davie reported: "They beat up our daddies. They made them lie on the ground and marched all over them."

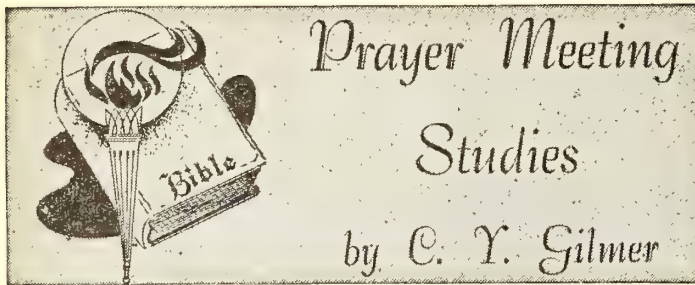
Others in the group said that when local Congolese protested that the missionaries were Americans, one of the soldiers retorted: "Americans — so what? You're still white."

But in a group evacuated to the United States, the Rev. Ira Cross of Ceres, Calif., a missionary in Leopoldville since 1948, said he and his wife were "not molested."

When the crisis developed, Dr. Titus M. Johnson, veteran Evangelical Free Church missionary and now an instructor at Trinity Theological Seminary and College in Chicago, was back in the Congo for a year's service in a hospital operated by the Swedish Mission Covenant Church. After a dramatic escape, he wrote to friends in America: "Things got beyond all limit and description... White people beaten and put in jail, women abused, nobody safe... Bayonets were put to ribs, guns pointed at us from all sides. 'Doctor or missionary,' they said, 'it does not matter who you are or what you do. It is your skin.'"

One thing was certain. However the immediate crisis might be resolved, missionary work in the Congo would demand prayer support as never before. Approaches and procedures would have to be re-evaluated in the light of this strongest-ever Nationalism; every effort would be made to preserve all the gains of the past three quarters of a century.

To their Christian friends all over the world, the missionaries of the Congo were saying, "Brethren, pray for us"—as never before.



DAVID'S SCARLET SIN

They say sin touches not a man so near
As shame a woman; yet he too should be
Part of the penance, being more deep than she
Set in the sin. —Swineburne.

DAVID WAS A REGENERATED, GOD-SURRENDERED man (I Sam. 13:4). He enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord upon him (I Sam. 16:13). God spoke of him as an example to his son Solomon (I Kgs. 2:14). Solomon failed to live up to his father, David, as an example (I Kgs. 11:4). The kings of Judah were rated by the Lord in the light of David's record (I Kgs. 15:3, 4). David had a good record apart from his horrible sin against Bath-sheba and Uriah (I Kgs. 15:5). David was promised a great dynasty (II Sam. 7:16), Christ was to come of David's line (Lu. 1:32, 33). David was a prophet (Acts 2:29-31).

David was "drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (Jas. 1:14, 15). David was tempted because he was enjoying leisure instead of exercising his kingly duty (II Sam. 11:1). Being a king he thought he was exempt from the death penalty for adultery (Lev. 20:10).

Robes and furr'd gowns hide all. Plate sin with gold,
And the strong lance of justice hurtless breaks;
Arm it in rags, a pigmy's straw doth pierce it.
—Shakespeare.

So David dallied with sin (II Sam. 11:2; I Thess. 5:22). He sent his servant to inquire who the woman was (II Sam. 11:3). The woman's husband was in the battlefield for his country and his king (v. 6); one of David's mighty men (II Sam. 23:39). David sent for Bath-sheba (II Tim. 2:22), and yielded to temptation (II Sam. 11:4). He had failed to watch his own heart with prayer (I Cor. 9:27). He had forgotten the example of Joseph (Gen. 39:9).

Then David's sin began to catch up with him (II Sam. 11:5). David had Uriah to furlough home from the battlefield (vs. 6-8). But the patriotic soldier slept at the door of the king's house (vs. 9-11). Then the king made Uriah drunk, but still he did not go to his home (vs. 12, 13). The desperate David planned the faithful soldier's death (vs. 14, 15).

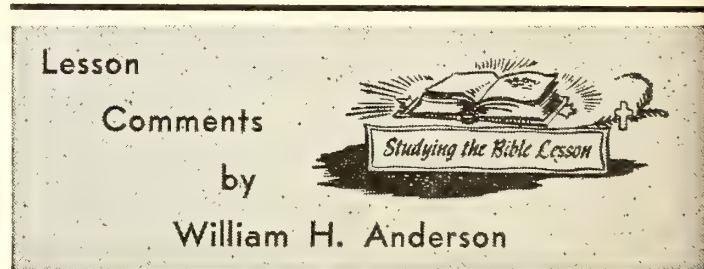
'Tis fearful building upon any sin;
One mischief enter'd, brings another in:
The second pulls a third, the third draws more,
And they for all the rest set open the door:
Till custom take away the judging sense,
That to offend we think is no offense.—Smith

Then the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to expose David's sin (II Sam. 12:1-14). Later John the Baptist re-

proved King Herod for the sin of adultery (Matt. 14:4). David imposed his own sentence—his own death, and restoration fourfold (II Sam. 12:5, 6). David did not have to die (v. 13) but he had to reap his sin fourfold (vs. 10-12, 14). The child by Bath-sheba died (vs. 15, 16, 19). Then David's spoiled son Amnon brought disgrace upon his half sister (II Sam. 13:15, 16). For this Absalom killed Amnon (v. 28). "David mourned for his son every day" (v. 37). Then Absalom stole the hearts of Israel from his father (15:2, 3), declared himself king in his father's stead (v. 10), and David had to flee (v. 14). Absalom was killed (18:14), and David is broken-hearted again (v. 33). David understood why all this tragedy (II Sam. 16:10).

O the dangerous siege
Sin lays about us! And the tyranny
He exercises when he hath expung'd,
Like to the horror of a winter's thunder,
Mixed with gushing storm; that suffers nothing
To stir abroad on earth, but their own rages,
Is sin, when it hath gather'd head above us:
No roof, no shelter can secure us so,
But he will drown our cheeks in fear or woe.
—Chapman

David repented in the 51st Psalm, and had his awful sins blotted out (Isa. 44:22).



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Lesson for September 4, 1960

GOD'S HAND IN HISTORY

Lesson: Isaiah 10:5-7, 12-15; 14:24-27

PEOPLE OFTEN SAY, after a narrow escape, "That was nothing but providence." What do they mean? Dr. William G. T. Shedd defines "the Providence of God" in these words:

"That activity of God's mind and will whereby for eternity He has arranged all things in such a manner that they will work together for the accomplishment of a divinely predetermined purpose."

A careful study of the Bible convinces the earnest Christian that behind all the movements of men and nations is the unerring hand of God!

ASSYRIA WAS SIMPLY A TOOL IN GOD'S HAND.
"Oh, Assyria, the rod of My anger, the staff of My fury!" (10:5—R. S. V.).

"The correction of the kingdom of Judah by Sennacherib king of Assyria is foretold in this chapter; and this prediction was fulfilled in the fourteenth year

of Hezekiah, when that potent prince, encouraged by the successes of his predecessor against the ten tribes, 'came up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them, and laid siege to Jerusalem' (II Kings 18:13,17)" (Matthew Henry).

God used the wicked Assyrians as a scourge to chasten His people. Judah had sinned against God. Therefore, said God, the armies of Assyria would "tread them down like the mire of the streets."

The proud, arrogant leaders of the nations today are apt to overlook the Sovereign hand of God in history. One of these days, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision" (Ps. 2:4).

ASSYRIA DID NOT REALIZE GOD WAS USING HIM TO FULFILL A DIVINE PURPOSE. "But he (Assyria) does not so intend, and his mind does not so think; but it is in his mind to destroy and to cut off nations not a few" (10:7—R. S. V.).

Did Pharaoh realize God was using him to chastise His people in Egypt? Did Sennacherib have any inkling God was permitting him to afflict the Jews? Did Hitler or Stalin know all their power was permitted by the Almighty to bring His people to their spiritual senses?

"The wise God often makes even the sinful passions and projects of men subservient to His own great and holy purposes...What Joseph's brethren designed for hurt God overruled for good, Gen. 1:20. Men have their ends and God has His, but we are sure 'the counsel of the Lord shall stand'" (Henry).

ASSYRIA THE PUNISHER WAS PUNISHED BY GOD. "When the Lord has finished all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem He will punish the arrogant boasting of the king of Assyria and his haughty pride" (10:12—R. S. V.).

PRIDE and ARROGANCY was the cause of Assyria's downfall! The nation attributed its victory over Judah to its superior strength and wisdom: "By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom, for I have understanding."

Though Assyria was but an instrument in the Sovereign hand of the Lord, yet the nation refused to recognize this fact.

"This is the extent of Assyria's blind presumption, that he not only conceives that he executed judgment on the nations without the Lord, but that divinity was constrained to serve him" (J. P. Lange).

ASSYRIA WOULD BE DEFEATED ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD. "The Lord of hosts hath sworn saying, ...that I will break the Assyrian in My land, and upon My mountains tread him under foot... For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" (14:24-27).

"By this assurance God designed to comfort His people, when they should be in Babylon in a long and dreary captivity...His plans shall stand. None can disannul them. No arm has power to resist Him. None of the schemes formed against Him shall ever prosper. Whatever...may befall His people...they may have the assurance that all His plans are wise, and that they all shall stand" (Albert Barnes).

How comforting for the Christian to realize that God has a divine purpose in history which He is gradually unfolding. With the Apostle Paul we must cry out in wonder and awe:

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out!" (Rom. 11:33).

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

THE CRADLE ROLL HAS A MINISTRY

THE QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED, "Just what help can I expect from my church in raising my family in the knowledge of Christ and in reverence for God?" As Cradle Roll superintendent, I have a real interest in you and your baby. The Cradle Roll Department is a home-centered ministry. It links the home with the Sunday school and the church.

Child psychologists maintain that in the first few years of childhood foundations are laid that determine a child's whole character. Some go so far as to say that by the time a child is two years old, his personality is so well molded that it can be changed only with great difficulty.

I hope that you will bring your baby to our department every Sunday. Consideration of physical growth is a reminder that you as parents will need to grow spiritually to meet the challenge your youngsters will offer you. Therefore, we have seen the need of having a strong Cradle Roll Department in order that you can learn to know Him better and also teach other boys and girls in our Sunday school.

It has been said that a nine pound baby can keep a 200-pound man away from Sunday school, but a nine pound baby can also be the means of bringing a 200-pound father to know the Lord Jesus.

I trust that you will invite your unsaved friends and those who have become indifferent, to our Sunday school and encourage them to bring their little ones to our department.

The Cradle Roll Department many times brings unsaved to Christ, leads indifferent Christians back to the Lord, and contributes to the growth of spiritual Christians because somebody took an interest in their baby and invited them to Sunday school.

The primary motive of the Cradle Roll is to win parents to Christ and to link the home with the church. Often the only way this can be accomplished is through their precious "wee" one.

Every three months you will be receiving a pamphlet in the form of a letter providing you with helpful information as well as containing a spiritual challenge. These notes contain valuable data on workable methods of bringing up your baby "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." You'll also enjoy the pertinent illustrations of the behavior patterns of children. I will send

birthday greetings to the baby and also visit your home periodically.

An ounce of example outweighs a ton of advice, someone has said. Christian parents have proven that babies can soon realize that God is the "giver of every good and perfect gift."

An earnest young mother asked her doctor, "Dr. Long, 'when shall I begin to teach and train my little boy?

He is now two years old.'" The doctor, himself a father, with equal earnestness shook his head and replied, "Mrs. Phillips, you have already lost two years."

Right beginnings give provision of future success in your child's spiritual welfare. Remember that tomorrow's church is today's Cradle Roll. Won't you help your child to lay a firm foundation upon which to build his life?

World Religious News in Review

PRESIDENT DESIGNATES "NATIONAL PRAYER DAY"

NEWPORT, R. I. (EP)—Wednesday, October 5, has been designated by President Eisenhower as a National Day of Prayer.

"It is not by our strength alone," he said in a proclamation issued at the Summer White House here, "nor by our own righteousness, that we have enjoyed the abundant gifts of our Creator..."

"In this time of testing we shall ever place our trust in the keeping of God's commandments, knowing that He who has brought us here requires justice and mercy in return.

"As we lift our thankful hearts to Him, we will see clearly the vision of the world that is meant to be and set our hearts resolutely toward the achievement of it."

A joint resolution approved by Congress in 1952 provided that the President "shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer on which people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups and as individuals."

As in previous years, the 1960 Day of Prayer falls on the first Wednesday in October.

WORLD'S END PREDICTION STIRS WIDE REPERCUSSIONS

ROME (EP)—When July 14, 1960 came and went, Brother Emman of a small Italian spiritualist sect announced from his mountain top retreat in the Italian Alps: "I must have been mistaken in interpreting

the voices I received from the Logos, that is, the Supreme Authority." And people all over the world breathed a sigh of relief.

His much-publicized prediction that a mercury bomb would strike the earth on July 14 and knock it off its axis sending oceans roaring over all but the highest mountain peaks, had spread fear from Greece to Mexico and from Formosa to Holland.

From Athens, a woman telephoned the Vatican asking the Pope to deny or confirm the prophecy. She was told by an official: "Try to find grace with God and you will be able to face the end of the world whenever it comes. The Church can neither deny nor confirm events which enter into the sphere of God."

Churches filled in Nazareth, Israel; fearful citizens of Crete and Formosa had gathered outside a church to pray and repent; Mexican Catholics crowded churches until told by Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to Mexico, that the prophecies of the Italian mystics were "absurd" and that "God has not communicated to the church when the end will come to the world."

A Holland restaurant proprietor advertized a merry farewell party to celebrate the end of the world, and was denounced by local Protestant pastors as blasphemous. And in Singapore, students demonstrated with signs reading, "The world must be given another chance!"

OUSTED PASTOR FORMS NEW CONGREGATION

LIMA, O. (EP)—The Rev. Frank Hamblen, suspended pastor of West

High Street Evangelical United Brethren Church here, has become minister of Calvary Bible Church organized by some members of his former congregation.

The clergyman, who earlier had announced his intention to withdraw from the denomination, was dismissed by the EUB Sandusky Conference and removed from its list of ministers.

Mr. Hamblen cited as his reason for withdrawing the "extreme liberalism and unbelief in the basic principles of the Christian faith and the changing moral standards in our (EUB) institutions, seminaries and colleges.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES FEEL CONGOLESE WRATH

LEOPOLDVILLE, Congo Republic (EP)—Caught in the anti-white demonstrations following the Congo's independence on June 30th, American missionaries have been assaulted or held under siege in the strife-torn new nation.

Sixty American Presbyterian missionaries and their families in northern Katanga province were cut off from outside communications by mutinous Congolese soldiers; two American missionary women were reportedly assaulted during the riots and 18 were evacuated by helicopter from the Kimpesi Missionary Station near the port of Matadi on the Congo River.

Most Protestant missionaries in the Congo are Presbyterians, Baptists or Salvation Army workers. According to 1959 statistics, 45 mission societies were operating in the country at that time, staffed by 2,608 missionaries and by 645 ordained Congolese pastors. Adult members of the Protestant Churches numbered 821,025, and the total of those under instruction for baptism was 345,473.

The U. S. State Department has recommended that all American missionaries be evacuated at once from the Congo Republic.

ALCOHOLISM TERMED GREATER MENACE THAN RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Radioactive fallout may pose a health menace to Americans, but alcoholism is a more serious one. So says Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, head of the clinical sciences department of the University of Illinois.

Addressing the 5th annual Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism at American University here, he declared: "The dangers from radioactive fallout are guarded against and every effort to protect the public is made, whereas very little is being done to protect the public from the disastrous effects of alcoholism."

Dr. Ivy noted that the number of alcoholics is increasing at the rate of 450,000 a year. He pointed out that there are eight million known alcoholics, and that 20,000 persons die and 400,000 are injured annually in accidents caused by drunken drivers.

"Only a handful of people have been seriously exposed to radioactive fallout," Dr. Ivy declared, "and few, if any, deaths have resulted despite the world-wide outcry against atomic testing. There must be something drastically wrong with our sense of values," he added, "when we, as a nation, allow without protest the terrible ruination of human life caused by the use of alcoholic beverages."

FOUNDATION PHILANTHROPIES: LESS THAN 5 PER CENT TO RELIGION

NEW YORK (EP)—Of the grand total of \$625 million distributed annually by the more than 5,000 philanthropic foundations in this country, less than five per cent—or about \$28,065,000—goes to religious purposes.

A comparison of the various fields in which grants are made shows that religion ranks next to the lowest in amounts received. The least is given to government, which on a yearly average receives \$13,609,000. These and other statistics on foundation giving are contained in a new 872-page volume titled *The Foundation Directory, Edition 1*. Listing 5,202 foundations, the report was published by the Russel Sage Foundation.

An analysis of the grants to religion show that theological seminaries one year received 44 per cent, churches

26 per cent, church-related schools 9 per cent, welfare programs 6 per cent, and ministers 5 per cent.

Chief benefactor from foundation grants, the report shows, is education. In a typical year, some \$257,090,000 goes to educational purposes.

CUBA REPORTED MORE OPEN TO EVANGELICALS

HAVANA, Cuba (EP)—Never before in its 400-year history has Cuba been so friendly toward the ministry of evangelicals.

This word was flashed to the Los Angeles (Calif.) headquarters of the World Gospel Crusades by its president, Dr. B. H. Pearson, who is currently in "Castro-land" aiding some 700 Cuban pastors in a campaign to put Gospel literature into every home.

"For many years the Roman Catholic church has had firm control here," Dr. Pearson is quoted as saying, "but now the tables are turned. Premier Fidel Castro has succeeded in loosening the grip of the Catholic Church on his country, and now evangelicals are preaching the Gospel in parks and in open-air meetings and are enjoying liberty like they have not known for many years."

A Cuban pastor told the WGC office: "Don't believe all you read in the United States papers. You won't find out about the true picture from them. You hear only one side—the inroads Communism is making. We are thanking God for the freedom He has given us to preach the Gospel. We must hurry, because we don't know how long we have to work."

World Gospel Crusades, serving with Christian Literature, Inc., has already provided more than 300,000 Gospel portions and hopes to send one million to the island republic this summer—the amount needed for the "Every Home" Crusade.

CRISWELL CITES KENNEDY ELECTION AS END TO FREE CHURCH

DALLAS (EP)—If Democrat nominee Sen. John F. Kennedy is elected to the presidency of the United States, it could "spell the death of a free church in a free state." So warned the pastor of the world's largest Southern Baptist Church in a recent Sunday sermon.

Kennedy's election, said W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist

Church of Dallas, would kill "all hopes of continued full religious liberty in America."

"If Kennedy is nominated and elected," said the 50-year-old minister, it would inevitably open the door for a United States ambassador to the Roman Catholic Church, tax support for Catholic schools, and finally the recognition of the Roman church above all others."

Supporting his thesis, Criswell pointed to a recent article in *Osservatore Romano*, official Vatican newspaper, which declared: "The church has full power of jurisdiction over all the faithful and hence has the duty to guide and direct them on the plane of ideas and action. The church has the duty and the right to intervene even in the political field. A Catholic can never prescind the teachings and directives of the church."

Criswell has been pastor of the 12,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas for the past 16 years.

THE CONGO: MISSIONARIES WAIT, PRAY FOR RETURN

The actual violence may have abated, but the crisis is far from over.

This, in general, seems to be the attitude of most missionary organizations which have been active in the Congo.

Some missionaries have remained at their posts.

Many have been evacuated to the United States.

And many, many others have found temporary asylum in neighboring African countries.

But most of them agree on one thing: missionary work in Africa will never be the same.

Some of the missionaries are frankly pessimistic.

Others are just as frankly uncertain.

And no doubt more than a few share the view of the Rev. Glenn Murray, a Presbyterian veteran of 20 years of service in Africa: "This whole thing will work out best for the church. It was very difficult to pull out and leave them, but now the Africans will have to take over the church themselves and accept responsibility, and perhaps they will develop it into even a more worthwhile thing than we could. Perhaps it will be stronger in the end than if we had stayed there."

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

I. A. K.

A MAN ENTERED A TAXICAB in our nation's capital, asking to be driven to the railroad station. As the driver closed the door, he noticed a large button on the man's coat, bearing the three initials, "I. A. K."

He became intensely curious as to what group, or organization, "I. A. K." might represent. While waiting for a red traffic light to change, he felt it the opportunity for discovery.

"Pardon me, sir," he asked, "but I'm interested in that button you're wearing. I've been a taxi driver here for over 20 years, seen all kinds of buttons and badges, but this is the first time I ever saw your kind. Would you mind telling me what it stands for?"

"It stands for, 'I am Confused'," replied the passenger.

The other cocked an eye. "Excuse me, mister, but don't you spell confused with a 'c' not with a 'k'?"

Whereupon the other sighed deeply, "Brother, you don't know how confused I am!" Well, there is plenty of confusion on all levels, in the hearts of men round about this old world of ours. Confusion more confounded with every turn of movement. One has only to pick up the daily newspaper to see glaring evidence of "wits-dead-end-corner," in so many ways.

And the confusion was never greater than in the religious realm, even in the midst of renewed interest in the subject. Every man has his own religion with his own god. But this should not come as a surprise. Satan, the enemy of souls, is the captain of all confusion, befuddling, bewildering, beclouding the hearts and souls of men, lest they get a "Clear view" of the Person of the Blessed Jesus Christ. Satan is the god of this world who has blinded the minds of them which believe not. II Corinthians 4:4.

How clearly does the Word of God "put the finger" on him, as it were! He stands stripped and betrayed as operating "with all power and signs and lying wonders" (II Thessalonians 2:9) because, "there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44).

He is alas! most successful in confusing FACT and FICTION in the spiritual realm. The former is defined as, "that which is known to be true," and the latter, "anything imagined, invented, or feigned". God's Word, the record of the Gospel, is FACT. The word of Satan is FICTION. How he seeks to make men believe that God's facts are fiction, encircling every line of the Word with his diabolical, "Yea, hath God said?" How he seeks to make men believe that what he has to offer, his temptations and seductions, are fact! that he will meet every need of the human heart, supplying that which it so earnestly seeks after!

Yes, the devil promises everything! for the many who have foolishly followed his fatal fiction! Perhaps YOU

are among that number, listening to his lies! Sooner or later you shall discover that the devil can only promise; he cannot provide. There is but poison in his proffered portions and the end thereof, "blackness of darkness forever." Satan knows for a fact that God's Word is true; that is why he strives so desperately to convince you otherwise. The Lord Jesus knows that the devil's fiction is the basest of lies; that is why He seeks by every means of divine mercy, to lead you out of darkness into His blessed light. HE ALONE can meet your every need, for His every promise is underscored with His own precious blood. I Peter 1:19. "You can trust the Man that died for you." Will you not trust Him now, turn from sin, and become transformed?

—E. R. Anderson

ATTENTION.

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COMING EVENT—BRETHREN STUDENTS COLLEGE DAYS will be held on the Ashland College Campus, November 4, 5, 6, 1960. Make your plans now to attend!

LOOKING LIQUOR IN THE FACE

Drunkenness in the United States is an awful curse affecting all of us indirectly in many different ways. It is interesting to note the history of Prince Edward Island, in Canada, with its population of 90,000 people. In over fifty years of prohibition of alcoholic beverages on Prince Edward Island, the following statistics are very interesting:

There has been only one divorce granted in fifty years.

There has been no executions in forty years.

There is no commercialized vice. There is no penitentiary.

There are only thirteen policemen in the entire province.

Per capita savings are higher than in any province in Canada.

There are more miles of railway, more post-offices, more telegraph lines, and more motor cars per capita than in any other province.

And the annual average number of motor car accidents on their highways is only two.

Compare this with your community, or state or nation.

"IF I WERE A HYMN BOOK"

I'd thank folks not to drop me "kerplunk" in the book rack while the preacher was pronouncing the benediction. I think it's not very nice to make a noise at such a time and I certainly object to being the goat. Perhaps they could wait if they tried real hard!

The Women's Corner
by Helen Jordan

THE WINDOW SILL OF HEAVEN

A poet pleads with us saying,
"Every morning lean thine arms awhile upon
The window sill of heaven, and gaze upon
Thy Lord, then, with the vision in thy heart,
Turn strong to meet the day."

Another poet reminds us that often we praise the evening clouds, and tints so gay and bold, but seldom think upon our God, who tinged these clouds with gold.

Wise and happy, is the person who pays attention to God throughout the day, and comes to eventide with such calmness of trust as Caroline Atherton Mason phrases in these lovely lines:

"At cool of day, with God I walk
My garden's grateful shade;
I hear His voice among the trees,
And I am not afraid.

The psalmist sings:
Thou dost show me the path of life:
In thy presence there is fulness of joy,
In thy right hand are pleasures
for evermore. Psalm 16:11."

Prayer: Our eternal Father, we have learned that when we put our trust in thee and walk by faith in thee, our hearts are filled with strength and courage. Our prayer is in Christ's name. Amen—from The Upper Room.

Miss Vesta Hoover,
Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

Many a man who would never think of dashing out of a morning without his breakfast, his vitamins and his briefcase, plunges headlong into a perilous day with an unprepared soul. "A little talk with Jesus" readies the body, the mind and the spirit for whatever comes.

After all, everything began with God. How foolish of us to start anything without Him! Whatever this new day may hold for you, make sure of one thing. "In the beginning God..."!—Vance Hayner in TRUTH FOR EACH DAY, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Wedding Announcement

BURKHOLDER. J. Frank Burkholder died Aug. 3, lacking one day of being 88 years of age. Survived by his wife and daughter. Funeral services in the Bethlehem church where he had attended as long as health permitted. Interment, Dayton Cemetery. Services in charge of Rev. H. G. Allen and the undersigned.

John F. Locke.

Twenty-five years ago on a summer afternoon, John Jacob Niles heard a band of traveling evangelists in Murphy, North Carolina. Annie Morgan, a member of the group, sang one of the most strikingly beautiful folk melodies that Niles had ever heard. He requested that she repeat the words. Millions now hear them each Christmas:

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die
For poor on'ry people like you and like I,
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

Despite his efforts to locate Annie, Niles was never again to find her. Aren't there many like Annie? They live quietly. They may be unknown to most people. But yet somehow they offer God and others influences that live on after they have gone.—David A. MacLennan in BE A WONDER TO YOURSELF, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

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Our Father, fill our hearts with appreciation for the gift of Thy Son. In the midst of these festivities may we make room for Him in our personal experience. And as we share this meal, we pray that Thy blessing may rest on all people everywhere. Amen.—John Lewis Sandlin in GRACES AND PRAYERS, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

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It is always the day of the Lord. When devastation sweeps abroad, it is His day. When everything seems wrong, it is His day. This conviction in the heart makes a man say, The day of the Lord must come eventually when all that is wrong shall be perfectly and forever set right.—G. Campbell Morgan in THE MINOR PROPHETS, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

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Sunday Morning

Edith M. Preston

O Christ, in Thy dear house today
We come to worship Thee.
In quietness and fellowship
We lift our earnest plea,
And for our lives impassioned need
We seek Thy sure relief,
Compassion, love, and mercy pray,
Each for his own soul's greatest grief.

O Thou, who walked familiar ways
O'er earth's fair countryside,
Accept our gratitude and praise,
And with us still abide.
O Lord, forget our selfishness
And grant us peace, we pray—
Remember yet the same earth throngs
The hills and valleys of today.

Dear Christ, we listen to Thy voice,
Its tones we almost hear,
And in our hearts the ills we dread
Grow less and disappear.
We leave Thy house uplifted, strong,
To live Thy holy will,
Assured that Thou will love, forgive,
And heal, and keep us faithful still.



THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN IN CHURCH

Ushers calling for help in carrying the offering.

Ministers insisting that the people attend only one service each Sunday in order to make room for others.

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A choir that does not find a single thing to whisper about during the service.

The minister saying, "I have rushed from one thing to another all week. I have spent less than three hours in revising this old sermon which is rather out of date, but I will endeavor to make it fit the occasion."

The Ladies' Aid Society hoping that the preacher's wife will bring to the next meeting a long list of things that ought to be done in the parsonage at once.

The "old-timers" graciously giving way to newcomers, confident that the

newcomers will be able to do much better work than they have done.

No one getting up or moving about or leaving the room during the service.

The middle of the pews filled first.

Each one speaking to the person next to him at the close of the service and inviting him to come again.

The names and addresses of all strangers handed to the minister at the close of the service.

—The Churchman.

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Extraordinary afflictions are not always the punishment of extraordinary sins, but sometimes the trials of extraordinary graces.

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LOST

Rev. James Mumme, Bolivia

Lost!

It is a terrible word.

It means that someone hasn't heard.

It means that someone's heart is cold.

It means that one's outside the fold.

It means that someone doesn't care.

It means that someone failed to share.

It means that someone still says,

"No!"

It means that someone failed to go.

It means that someone will not be

With Jesus through eternity.

It means the Saviour died in vain,

For someone chooses this world's gain.

Oh, Lord, help us at any cost

To do our best to save the lost!

(From Call to Prayer for Missions)



IF BEER IS SUCH A WHOLESOME DRINK

The many claims for beer, I think
Might need no explanation.
If surgeons guzzled it before
A major operation.

If beer is just as advertised
I earnestly would crave
To know why barbers don't indulge
Before they give a shave.

If beer's drink for learned men
Why doesn't some judge quench
His thirst by having mugs of beer
Convenient at his bench?

If beer's as healthful as I'm told,
How strange when he indulges
A man so frequently acquires
Those funny-looking bulges.

If beer is really good for one
Why do the beer-and-winners
Insist that they will not permit
The sale of it to minors?

If beer is all it's claimed to be,
Why don't athletes of fame
All get together 'round the keg
Before a Big League game?

If beer is such a "temperance drink"
Which causes "needless fears"
Why is it railroads fail to hire
The beery engineers?

If beer produces steady men
Why is it they affix
Such signs to Safety Bulletins
As—"Booze and Work Don't Mix"

If beer's not good for all these men
No soldier, it is plain
Can help his country win a war
With a "beerbuzz" in his brain.

—Florence M. Stellwagen

—From National Voice

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The Editor's Pulpit

Thinking It Through

IT IS OUR PRAYER that in the coming presidential election there will be no resorting to bigotry and hate. It is our prayer that the American people will rise above these baser feelings, and act as free American citizens, weighing the issues at hand, and then voting according to their best judgment.

There is no question but what we are being called upon in this election to consider an issue more important than loyalty to a particular political party or tradition.

For the first time since 1928, when Al Smith was running for President, a Roman Catholic is running for the highest office which the American people can give to one of its citizens.

In 1928, it was said that the candidate's Roman Catholic faith was a major factor in his defeat. Thirty-two years have passed—a generation—and in that time we have elected Roman Catholic mayors, senators and governors. We are told that there is not nearly so much feeling against a Roman Catholic in the White House as formerly. All other things being equal, it appears that a Roman Catholic has as good a chance of being elected to the Presidency of the United States as any other candidate.

Protestants must not—dare not—be unaware, nor unconcerned, about what would happen if a Roman Catholic sits in the presidential chair of our country. It must be remembered that a Roman Catholic's first loyalty is to his church. His church, of course, which has its final word of authority in the Vatican at Rome. The Pope, who sits on the throne of the Vatican controls, in effect, the soul, the life and action of every one of his religious subjects.

It should also be remembered that you cannot separate a man from his deep religious con-

victions. Consider this for a moment from the Protestant viewpoint. In Romans 13 we are told to be subject to the powers that be. Herein lies the basic tenets of good government and good citizenship. However, on one occasion when Peter and the other apostles had run afoul of the rulers in Jerusalem, because of their convictions concerning the Lord Jesus, Peter said, "We ought to obey God rather than man." Loyalty to government ceases when loyalty to God is challenged and endangered. For this, our protestant forefathers left homes, farms, loved ones and country to establish for themselves and their children in a new land, a country of religious freedom.

Turning this around, can a Roman Catholic—dare he—be any less loyal to his religious convictions and his church (through the dictates of his spiritual father, the Pope of Rome) when those principles come into conflict with the established government of our nation? This, we must think about carefully. It would likewise be well for us to study the life of the people of other countries which are dominated by Roman Catholicism.

Ours is a Protestant heritage. Born of the Reformation, settled by God-fearing, liberty-loving peoples, our government and its laws are designed for the freedom of those who want to live according to the freedom of the Christian faith.

We, the voters will decide the future of our country. May God give us wisdom, understanding and judgment to act wisely. Let us decide without hate or bigotry. Let us consider carefully the issues at hand, and then vote according to the dictates of our conscience on that day. On this principle, America has risen to its status as the greatest nation upon the earth. W.S.B.

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NIGERIAN HARVESTS

Robert Bischof

ON SUNDAY MORNING, July 10, at the CRI of Moda, the twenty-fourth church was organized in the mission area. This is also the fourth Higi church to be organized since May, 1958. The story of this church is fascinating, as it is an account of the witness of two lepers for the Lord.

Daniel, the CRI teacher at Moda, began the work at Moda about 1950. Before that time he was at the Gar-kida Leprosarium, where he received treatment for his leprosy. While at the Leprosarium, Daniel heard the story of Jesus. He became a Christian and married a Christian woman who was also at the Leprosarium. Daniel has been disfigured by this disease; his hands and feet have been crippled so that it is almost impossible for him to write and walk; yet his love for Christ and for the Higi people just beams out of his eyes, and his face radiates with zeal for the Lord. Even though he cannot walk long distances, this does not keep him from visiting villages; he simply gets on his donkey and sets off.

Slow beginning

The work at Moda was slow for a number of years. But if you should go back through the valley that extends eastward from the CRI, you would find that all of the people know Daniel, as he had been to their village preaching the Word. Because of this, in the villages of the valley, the Christian Word took hold, and now at Mbrehzihwa and Hudzukwe there are a number of strong Christians.

In the village of Lughwi many of the people are now Christians. They came to know about the Christian way through the witnessing of Ghusa (Tizhe). Ghusa also was a leper. He received treatment at the segregation village of Bizinda, nine miles west of Lassa. There every time he went for medicine he heard the Word of God. It touched his heart, and he wanted to become a Christian. However, before he had completed the covenant class he returned to his village. Here he was not content, but began to teach the people all that he knew about Christ, until in April, 1958, a call was sent to Mbororo that at Lughwi more than 40 people were prepared and waiting to receive the covenant. The first one who received the Covenant was Ghusa—the one who had led the people to Christ. Today there are 89 baptized Christians at Lughwi.

The Moda Church membership will be made up of the baptized Christians of five villages. All of them are within 3 miles of Mieika. At Hudzukwa, 27; Lughwi 89; Mbrehziwe, 11; Murva, 1; Moda, 174.

There are 302 baptized members in the church and 274 covenant Christians who are in classes preparing for baptism. On June 26 there were 60 baptisms from the village of Hudzukwa and Moda.

"You will be witnesses to Me, not only in Jerusalem not only throughout Judea, not only in Samaria, but to the very ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). This seems to be the theme of the Leprosarium as well as the Segregation Villages. Throughout the whole Mission, many former lepers are witnessing to the love of God and His saving mercy. Both Ghusa and Daniel were filled with this desire to witness; both became witnesses. Likewise they have instilled this zeal in the people of their villages. May we likewise have such zeal!

MISSIONARY TRAVEL and PLANS

Kenneth Solomon

...Our traveling began when I accompanied John Rowsey on a trip to the churches, followed by a week in a spiritual retreat of the national pastors and workers. We traveled in the Mercedes-Benz station wagon with the wife and two children of pastor Rivero of Villa Constitucion and with Pastor Ponce, his wife, and daughter—ten in all.

The program in the mountain camp site included a Bible study after breakfast—at nine o'clock; thus we always had about an hour for personal devotions before this time.

After this study we spent time improving the camp site and furniture in preparation for the coming summer camping season. Quite a lot of repair and cleaning up was accomplished by the—approximately 25—persons who helped. Of the 25 who helped, about half were mothers who had to cook and help take care of children; hence we left with a gratifying feeling that we had experienced a rewarding week of spiritual uplift and had, at the same time, been able, in a material way, to contribute to the work of the Lord through the improvement of the camp property and facilities.

While we were there, the pastors met each day (after dark) for some hours of study over our problems, dreams, plans, etc. From these meetings we were able to arrive at a very challenging spiritual program for the year that began the first of July.

Some of these plans include a three-day spiritual conference for delegates and others who can come from all our churches—to be held here in Rosario August 13-15; evangelistic meetings of at least two weeks each in every one of the churches during the summer months; Nearly a month of summer camps—one for adults with children one for youth over 13 years.

Here at Rosario we are ready to begin an every-home crusade, in order to reach every family in this large section of the city. We have prepared about 7,500 tracts, Bibles, New Testaments, Gospel portions, etc. Now we lack only your prayers to back us; then we will be confident that the Lord will bring forth results from this

owing of the seed of the Gospel message. This whole program is presented, not just to inform you, but also to request your prayers that all our churches here in Argentina may be greatly blessed as this program is carried out for the glory of God and for the salvation of the Lost.

Speaking of the salvation of the Lost reminds me to share with you the latest "good news" from Rosario. Our cup of joy is running over, and at a time in our missionary experience when we most needed a spiritual shot in the arm. At the close of an evening service—when I had had very little time for preparation, due to illness—our young people, two of whom were new contacts, confessed their faith in the Lord. These are the first visible fruits of our Rosario ministry and serve as an assurance that God is with us, even though very few others are, and that we ARE here by divine appointment. I cannot express in words what this did for me. God, of course, knew that it was just what I most needed, and in His great love and mercy gave us a quick harvest after but a few months of sowing the seed in these hearts. Praise His Holy Name! Thank you, too, for your faithful prayers helped to bring this about.

COMING EVENTS

NORTHERN INDIANA LAYMEN

The 93rd meeting of the Northern Indiana Laymen will be held in the Bryan, Ohio church, Monday, September 19th. Supper will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 E. S. T.

Please get your reservations in to Mr. E. Condit Newcomer, R. R. 3, Bryan, Ohio, not later than September 10th.

George Kerlin, Secretary.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

DO YOU PLANT OR WATER?

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase . . . We are laborers together with God." I Cor. 3:6, 9.

WE HAVE ALL HEARD the story of the old colored man who bought a weedy, rundown piece of ground, and by dint of hard labor and patience brought it to fertility and generous production. The old gentleman's pastor took dinner with his parishioner one Sunday and after dinner, pastor and parishioner took a walk over the plantation. Commenting on the appearance of the little farm, the pastor said, "You and de Lawd has done a mighty fine piece ob work here, brudder." "Yassuh, yassuh," replied his parishioner, "but you should have seen it when de Lawd had it to Hisself."

At first hearing we may feel that the colored brother was a bit irreverent, but there was some basic truth in his interpretation of the situation. What the old gentleman didn't understand perhaps was that God needed just him to make that small piece of "wilderness" to "blossom as the rose." God depends upon us to help Him in the many tasks that are to be done in the world. Jesus said, "My Father worketh, and I work." We should remember each day that we live that God is at work in the world now; and today is tomorrow come to fruition, and life is short and time is fleeting; and that God seeks co-operation from us in the building of better gardens, but also better people and a better world. And assistance in this task is your responsibility and mine.

"Our Master was a worker, with daily work to do, And he who would be like Him must be a worker too."

CHURCHES SCORING 70 POINTS OR MORE OUT OF A POSSIBLE 100 POINTS IN THE NATIONAL GOALS PROGRAM FOR 1959-60

WASHINGTON, D. C.	90
WINCO, PA.	84
BERLIN, PA.	81
DAYTON, OHIO	80
TUCSON, ARIZONA	80
NORTH LIBERTY, IND.	78
MITHVILLE, OHIO	77
JOHNSTOWN III, PA.	77

LOUISVILLE, OHIO	77
GARBER, ASHLAND, OHIO	76
OAK HILL, W. VA.	74½
NAPPANEE, IND.	74
MORRILL, KANSAS	74
NEW LEBANON, OHIO	74
PARK STREET, ASHLAND, OHIO	71
SOUTH BEND, IND.	70

Moderator's Address

1960 Pennsylvania

District Conference

Text: "...it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" Romans 13:11.



FRIENDS AND DELEGATES of the Seventieth Pennsylvania District Conference of the Brethren Church—greetings to each one of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a real privilege to have the honor as moderator of the Pennsylvania District Churches this year 1960.

Our conference theme is: "**O Lord, revive thy work**"—in us." Our conference text is: "**...O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years.**" Habakkuk 3:2.

Brethren, it is time to "**...break up the fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon us.**" Hosea 10:12. These are days when the very best God has is being challenged by a godless, perverse, and materialistic generation. With fear and futility filling the hearts of many, one cannot help but wonder what is to be the end of this wonderful American way of life which we now all enjoy. With torrents of demands pounding and eating away our time it is no wonder so many people are ending up in hospitals and prematurely in graves. Our living is going fast, and faster, until now it is going the fastest the world has ever known.

Brethren, the day is here when either there has to be a revival, a social revolution within our country, and church or the arm of the judgment of God will come crashing down upon us so hard we'll never survive. For the Lord is swift and final in all His actions.

God chooses various ways of perfecting the life of His servants for future fitness. It may come early for some while it comes later for others. But He, in His own good time and way, permits chastening of His beloved. This He does in our individual personal lives, but I believe likewise does He chasten us collectively. His purpose for pruning the trees and the vines is to produce



Message delivered at the Pennsylvania District Conference, Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, July 19, 1960.

fruit and what He wants from His children is for us to GLORIFY HIM in all of life and to be spiritually productive for Him. With the tremendous wave of idolatry and materialism which is sweeping every corner of the earth and which is gaining momentum each passing day, it is becoming a greater challenge to live for and serve Him.

In God's Holy Word, the fig tree signifies the national privileges of Israel, while the vine signifies their spiritual privileges and blessings.

In the story that centers around the fig tree (Luke 13:6-9), the owner (God) came hungering for fruit from the fig tree (Israel) in His vineyard (the kingdom of God on earth). He looked eagerly for food from the fig tree but found none. Never in all the history of mankind has God ever justified either the existence of man or a collective body of men unless there was, is, and always will be spiritual productivity. The owner of the vineyard requires results. Israel floundering around on the island of time, barren spiritually, exhausted the patience of God. He came to the vinedresser (Christ) asking Him to cut down the tree (Israel), for she was unfruitful. She was a burden to Him in a troublesome way. She was a hindrance by interference with His plan to redeem the whole world. "**Cut her off,**" He said.

But the dresser (Christ) asked the owner (God) to be patient for just awhile. He laboured longer to effect some results. Christ interceded for Israel. He pleaded for His own but that wasn't good enough. The tree (Israel) still would not produce even after the penalty of cutting down the tree and of cutting off Israel was delayed.

The owner, demanding results and still finding none even after a period of probation (and after Christ's crucifixion and resurrection), laid the axe of judgment to the roots of the tree, and Israel—condemned with a divine curse—was cut off.

God is not willing that any should perish, but, because of her persistent sin and her inconsistent example, Israel proved a disappointment to Him. He was grieved. The unfruitful are not only guilty but are intolerably wasteful; they receive without returning. As those who

AWAKE!

MY BROTHERS!

Rev. David L. Ramsel

overshadowed by the truth and influence of the true Christian way of life, many people today remain un-
essed. They occupy places that best should go to others
no would be spiritually productive for the Master. Some
ld posts and offices uselessly, where others would be
attering benefit and blessing on every hand.

The story of the fig tree should cause alarm to every
e of us. While Jesus Christ was picturing the national
e of Israel, is it not so that Israel is a type of His
urch of today? Israel, as a picture of the True Church
Christ, when obedience to God was (1) CALLED TO
EPARATION, (2) EXALTED TO A HIGH POSITION,
) UNDER THE SPECIAL PROTECTION OF GOD,
) VICTORIOUS IN ALL HER BATTLES, and (5)
ROMISED IMMUNITY FROM CALAMITIES. Is it not
, too, that what happened to Israel in her obedience
God caused Him to give His very best to them: (1) they
joyed freedom and experienced protection from all their
emies; (2) they had unspeakable joy because their
eavenly Father was pleased with them; (3) they loved
m and they were spiritually productive for Him.

On the other hand, is it not so that what happened
Israel came as the result of her disobedience when
ey took their eyes away from Him and fastened their
ghts on themselves and their enemies, that God poured
t upon them the fury of His wrath. As an apostate peo-
e, in her disobedience to God, Israel (1) LOST THE
Y OF DIVINE FAVOR, (2) WAS COMPARED TO
N UNFRUITFUL VINE, (3) CHARACTERIZED AS
N ADULTERESS, (4) WAS CENSURED AND
REATENED TO BE REJECTED AS WORTHLESS,
) BECAME A BY-WORD TO NEIGHBORING NA-
ONS, (6) WAS DEFEATED IN BATTLE, (7) WAS
UMBLER, (8) UTTERLY CUT OFF, and (9) WAS
ARRIED INTO BONDAGE. God cannot and He will
t look upon sin.

So it is with the national and spiritual life we know
lay! What happened to Israel in her obedience and in
disobedience of long ago will be repeated in one
y or another in the church of today!

There is another story found in the 15th chapter of
gospel according to John. This is the fruit chapter

of the Bible and in it is the picture of the true relation-
ship of the Christian to his Lord. Jesus Christ is the
TRUE VINE—He is the ideal vine—indeed He is the
true Israel of God. Our Heavenly Father is the hus-
bandman, or the farmer who attends the branches. In
verses 2 and 6, our Father (the husbandman) takes away
the fruitless though proud branch, and cleanses gently
by pruning the other branches that beareth fruit. There
are two kinds of branches: (1) the unfruitful, and (2)
the fruitful. It is possible to come into an organic rela-
tion with the true vine, to be in it and part of it, but
to bring forth no fruit. In verse 5, this relation to Christ
is one that is insufficient to secure life, or fruit. For
instance, there may be an abundance of baptized, com-
municating, professing, partially believing Christians, who,
even though in Him, yet cannot continue in Him.

Then, there is the branch that bears fruit. He pruneth
it that it may bring forth more fruit. God aims at more
fruit—He aims to produce the very best. What are these
fruits? The fruits of the Spirit are given us in Gala-
tians 5:22, 23. They are: **“LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONG-
SUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH,
MEEKNESS (which is akin to humility), and TEMPER-
ANCE: against such there is no law.”** There are nine
altogether.

In verse 3, it is the Holy Word of God that prunes,
that purges, that cleanses—and that through the Holy
Spirit. Many seem to be part of Christ and yet their end
is fruitlessness, rottenness, removal, and fire. The prun-
ing, cleansing process must pass over every soul so that
it will fulfill its destiny.

In verse 4, Christ gives a command, **“abide in me”**, and
He follows this command with a promise, **“and I in you.”**
Here is the life-principle—the abiding presence of Christ
and disciple. **“Because I live, you shall live.”** It stands
to reason that **“the branch cannot bear fruit of itself”**
unless there is a constant abiding—enduring, lasting, de-
pendence upon Christ for life. It is just plain down-right
foolishness to kid ourselves to think that we are able
to get along without Christ. Yet to attend some of our
board and committee meetings dealing with our Lord’s
work is a disgrace because He has not been permitted

to govern decisions. Consequently much fruitlessness follows.

Brethren—are we guilty? Are we guilty of the folly of attempting to produce a church not dependent upon the True Vine? We are a branch on the Vine but **“the branch cannot bear fruit of itself.”** We can do nothing without a vital flow of energy from the Vine—AND GOD FORBID THAT WE EVER TRY!

In verse 7, Christ promises if we abide in Him and His life abide in us, it makes no difference what our request in His will—He will produce for us. A true and genuine disciple of Christ, one that has perfect union with Him, is a spiritually productive Christian.

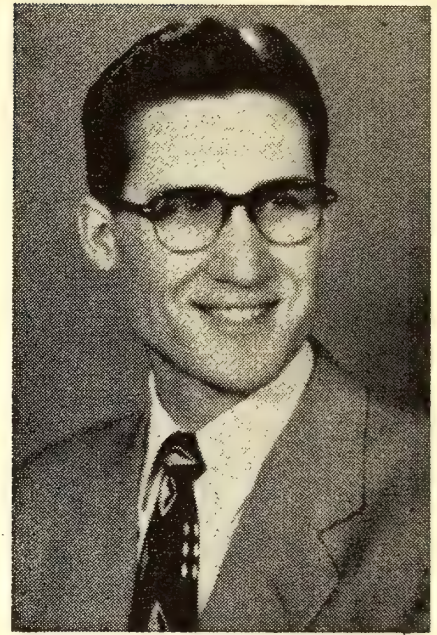
In verse 8, our Father in Heaven is glorified when we produce much fruit for Him. When we do this, says Christ, so shall we be His disciples. **The governing ambition of all the disciples was to glorify God.** A normal, healthy marriage to the Lamb of God will produce the fruits that He requires of His disciples. Only God can accurately judge any man's productiveness, but it goes without saying that men and the churches they belong to are known by their fruits.

Brothers in the faith—I urge you to examine the fruits of our tree, or our branch, the Brethren denomination! What has He seen in these years gone by and what does He view of us today? Why do we have so terribly many unproductive Christians in our churches? Why do so many persistently live inconsistent lives? Why are so many posts held by seeming godless, spiritually powerless Brethren?

Is it because, as Dr. Vernon Grounds of Denver, Colorado has said, (first), the demoniac influence in the world today and the fact that we have underrated the adversary? Is it, (second), because we fail to develop deep roots? Is it, (third), because of the roadblocks to spirituality—that we are being choked by the effective trio of (a) care, of (b) riches, and of (c) pleasures (Luke 8:14)? Could this be happening to the Brethren? Why! what does God mean allowing these things to happen to the Brethren Church? Haven't we always been faithful to Him in the past?

Brothers—in the name of Jesus Christ, I say to you—IT IS HIGH TIME we adjust our sights. Too long have we talked of our family tree, the Brethren Church. While we express faithfulness in service to Him, while we look at past accomplishments, and grievances too, let us be careful. Israel viewed herself with much pride and soon forgot God and for what God had made her great. I do not minimize the place of our denomination in the world of today. How well we all know the need for spiritual salt in our society. Very often I speak with people who are of Brethren lineage or have been acquainted somehow with the church down through the years. The background of the Brethren very often has been a preserving quality in our American way of life. Ever since its inception, the Brethren, as far back as history records, have borne an outstanding and faithful ministry for our Lord. And who would even dare to say that God hasn't blessed her. But I submit to you—something has happened!

We must align ourselves afresh with God our Father, Christ Jesus our Saviour and Master, and the Holy Spirit our Guide and Teacher. It is HIGH TIME we focused our attention not on past accomplishments nor on past



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grievances, but that we open our eyes in God's direction—realizing our inadequacy and insufficiency, and recognizing His total sufficiency. We cannot coast along on our laurels. Satan is very quick to take advantage when we are least aware of him. When Israel lost sight of God, she forgot her purpose and suffered His terrible judgment.

God has made great investments in the Brethren Church down through the years and nothing would displease Him more, I am sure, than to have to apply the sickle of judgment. We reap what we sow and perhaps even now He is ready to apply the axe to the roots. We win for ourselves the destiny others teach us but oh! how thankful we can be that Jesus Christ, the dresser, interceded for His own, and that He can shape our destiny for us.

1. What is happening in our churches? I do not pretend to know all or any of the answers. But this I do know that Jesus Christ is the answer to all our needs. We are all so aware of the shortage of manpower in the pulpits across this land of ours. We're aware too of the dire need of missionary laborers to go into the uttermost parts of the world to win for Christ the nearly 64% of the population that hasn't even heard His name yet. Some say there is no need for concern—that this is happening in other denominations too. But I cannot accept this attitude. Surely God does not toss His work out into an angry world to be carried on without any provision. Surely He does not forsake His own ministry—unless there be some reason.

2. Why is it so many of our young married people moving to industrial centers for employment, cannot find a Brethren Church to attend? Are we losing them because being, primarily, a rural church we have not prepared for the great influx into urban and suburban areas? Dare we say—the Brethren have not kept pace with the needs of our time!? Are we out-moded? Do we have the 'old-fashion gospel message' but fail to make application of it to the modern needs of man? Look at this conference

ence room—how many young couples do you see in comparison to others?

3. And what of our **camping program**? Great work has been and is still being done by Walter and Wadena Wertz in pioneering this wonderful work of our Lord. Many can look back with much joy to the moments they have spent with God in Camp Juniata. Down through the years the work of the Pennsylvania District Sunday School Board through our tremendous camp program has produced many ministers, ministers' wives, missionaries, nurses, and a host of Christian workers in many other walks of life. Just this past summer in Camp Juniata we experienced what I believe to have been the best in all my years of attendance since 1952. The Spirit of God was so close to us all. The Spirit permeated our camp life so that we could feel His vibrating presence. Sadness accompanied our departure which is a good indication of a good camp. But I draw your attention to this fact that many in the junior week of camp were turned away because there was no room for them. Is this indicative of what will happen in the ensuing years? We are reaping a bumper crop of children. Must we close our doors to them? When God will send the potential workers for His Kingdom to us, will we be prepared? Or must we say, "Sorry! We are limited!" And I ask you—limited in what? Are we limited in room, or are we limited in **faith, in love, in sacrifice, in service**? We are all conscious, (I think) of God's promises. He promises nothing to be impossible with Him.

4. With the world what it is today I need not elaborate and afflict you with repetition of the **state of affairs**. These are the most trying of times, and if we are to witness to the needs of the world by means of exemplification, (the holy example) if we have any spiritual worth at all to be fit vessels for God to warn this generation of the wrath to come—then, we must begin with judgment at home. Right now the world is awaiting the announcement, the 3rd and final in a series of three of the Lady of Fatima, which Pope John the 23rd of the Roman Catholic Church is to give sometime this year. With people willing to grasp anything that gives them hope even if it is a straw floating on top of water, my opinion is that there will be an even greater wandering to Roman Catholicism. With this is the fact that Communism promises world domination by 1973—only 13 years to go. And many of the true faith will be deceived and follow after these.

5. Where is the **sacrifice** that we boast in our brothers in by-gone years? Where is the **faith**? Where is the **love**? Where is the **service**? I many times fear that we, too, will be included in the judgment if God who sits on the throne of righteousness and justice looks down and sees in the Brethren Church a fruitless branch.

In talking with a man of quite some experience and knowledge and indeed a humble servant of God, I asked the question, "What do you think is wrong with the Brethren Church? Why are we stagnant in growth? What is our need?" He hesitated for awhile, and asked if I really wanted to know. I said, "Yes, I am as sincere as I know how to be." He thought another while, and then he said—"Your church doesn't grow because there is too much mud in the machinery." This stunned me for a few moments. I didn't know what to say and still yet today I must wonder what all this means. Taking it with a

grain of salt I forgot about it. But still I must wonder if the machinery needs oiling and if there are parts that need replacement.

Why are we slipping into lethargy? Are we guilty of taking the tears out of the cross of Christ? Are we guilty of the "cult of the comfortable?"

Christ must have a **pure church** to witness to the world. I appeal to you shepherds and leaders and lay members to cleanse yourselves, nay, let God prune, and purge, and cleanse you. If we are to be spiritually productive for the Master then we must be willing to pay the price. Again I quote from Dr. Vernon Grounds on this subject. If we are to bear fruit and be true and genuine disciples then (1) we must make the proper adjustment to the Holy Spirit; (2) there must be death to self; (3) we must be habitual in the study of the scripture; (4) we must practice abiding in Him; and (5) we must pray for God's gracious pruning. How many of us are willing for God to prune our lives?

"The final documentary evidence of the church is that a work is going on, that a wall is being built, that a life is being transformed. (I believe that if Satan gets Christian people involved in controversy at the expense of capturing souls for Christ he has secured a master stroke. Men spend their lives in so-called 'defense of truth,' and defense of position, and neglect the main task of building. They fight over hairsplitting matters of doctrine while souls are perishing.)" page 105, chapter 7 **Building and Battling**. Book title: VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN SERVICE by Alan Redpath. Date: 9-19-59.

6. I believe if Satan can blind us to the **place the Holy Spirit** should have in our lives he has blinded us to the only available power for the Christian today! I believe that many have a serious ailment we could call spiritual arteriosclerosis. In medical terms, arteriosclerosis means "a thickening and hardening of the walls of the arteries." Two-thirds of the funerals at which I have officiated have been the result of this disease. Death is sure and swift. Now Brethren, let us make a spiritual application of this. Too many of God's people have allowed the main artery of life to be crowded and choked with cares, and riches, and pleasures of this life. Many are dying agonizing spiritual deaths because they haven't kept the main course free. The Holy Spirit cannot take over our lives because we have become, literally, cesspools of indifference, clogged with unconfessed sins. Let us pray the Holy Spirit to cleanse our temples for the sake of His ministry.

7. Our **district conferences** have been an inspiration to many over the years. It is where we renew old acquaintances and make new friendships, where fellowship is enjoyed and where we view the progression or digression of the aggregate of our labors in the Lord in our denomination over the past year. Because of the pressure of life brought to bear upon each one of us, it is of absolute necessity we receive inspiration and challenge. This enables us to fight the foe face to face. This creates a balance which every Christian has to have. I am convinced many Brethren come to the district conferences looking for mountain-top experiences with their Lord, and rightly so. But I fear all too often our brothers in the faith are defeated in spirit by (what is a necessity but

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CONFERENCE ACTS ON

THE DELEGATES OF General Conference, in August, resolving themselves into the regular session of the Shareholders of the Brethren Publishing Company, took unprecedented action by voting in favor of uniting all Brethren publications into one, unified magazine.

This was not done in haste, nor without forethought, but only after considerable time and effort were spent in exploring the advantages, disadvantages, merits and problems in such a venture.

Several years have passed since the Shareholders first gave consideration to such a move. Naturally, before such a venture could even be presented to the Shareholders, there needed to be thinking in the minds of individuals on the matter. Such was done prior to the 1958 Conference, for at that time a motion was passed in the Shareholders' meeting that the Publication Board study the proposition of combining the publications through the medium of the **Brethren Evangelist** (Brethren Annual, 1958, p. 16). Acting on this, the Publication Board voted to publish a "sample issue" during the year, showing something of what could be done in a combined magazine, and to study costs and procedures. This special issue, in which the various auxiliary publications cooperated, was published under date of June 13, 1959.

Discussion in the 1959 meeting of the Shareholders on the matter of the unified publication evidenced the need for further study. The Shareholders voted to name an Advisory Committee on Publications to study the matter for a year and to report back to the 1960 meeting of the Shareholders. This committee varied somewhat in personnel during the year, but consisted in the main of Rev. Phil Lersch (Brethren Youth), Mrs. Elton Whitted (W. M. S.), Dr. J. Garber Drushal, (Laymen), and St. Clair Benshoff, Editor of Publications, an ex-officio member of the committee.

Many hours of work, discussion, investigation and research were spent by this committee during this past year. Their four-page report was presented to the Shareholders at the regular Wednesday morning meeting, and was considered for passage or rejection at a recessed meeting of the Shareholders on Friday morning.

Values of a Unified Publication were presented:

1. **Better Quality of Magazine.** By pooling financial resources the quality of this publication could be improved with a higher grade of paper, increase of the number of pages, two-color work throughout, and additional funds for new work and cuts.

2. **More For Our Money.** It was pointed out in the report that for a little more than what is now being spent in publishing all of the present magazines, the unified magazine could be published, giving to all subscribers the values and improvements incorporated therein.

3. **A Unified Brethren Church Magazine.** It has been shown that there is a definite need for having an official church organ for the dissemination of information, doctrinal studies, and devotional articles. But there is an urgent need that this be continued in a unified effort if we, the Brethren Church, expect to work together with a unified thrust for the glory of God. A unified publication will not only indicate a pulling together but will better implement advancing programs of working toward common goals.

4. **Increase Editorial Planning.** In addition to the present Editor of the **Brethren Evangelist**, and a possible Associate Editor, a Board of Editorial Consultants appointed from each of the cooperating magazines could meet periodically for planning for the future publications and share ideas for better carrying out the themes decided upon.

5. **Increase Total Subscriptions.** A better, unified church magazine would be more appealing to more church members. Even those members with divided interests would be encouraged to learn of the TOTAL CHURCH PROGRAM. This would increase subscriptions and come closer to the goal of having the magazine in every Brethren home which is not now being accomplished.

It was pointed out in the report that no suggestion made for change or improvement was in any way intended to be critical of present policies or procedures, but rather as goals toward which Shareholders and employees alike must strive if we expect our Brethren Publications to keep abreast of current trends of religious literature.

BRETHREN PUBLICATIONS

HERE IS WHAT THE SHAREHOLDERS DID voting Friday morning:

1. **Voted for the Unified Publication Plan.** When fully completed, the new Magazine will include **The Brethren Evangelist**, **The Brethren Laymen**, **The Brethren Youth** and **The Woman's Outlook**. It will be a 24-page weekly, on a better grade paper than that now being used, with two-color printing being used throughout.

2. **Voted to set the subscription price at \$4.00 per year.** Families which are presently subscribing to all publications are paying \$5.00 to \$5.50 per year. In order to prepare for the publication of the combined magazine, the following details are also cared for by the Shareholders: The \$4.00 subscription rate becomes effective September 1st. All **Evangelist** subscriptions (new and renewal) received after this date are at the rate of \$4.00 per year. The auxiliary magazines will receive only partial renewals (none after January 1, 1961) with all subscriptions to auxiliary magazines automatically expiring on January 1, 1961. (Special announcement concerning the handling of the technical details of the **Woman's Outlook** subscriptions which operate under a quite different system than the others, will be made shortly.)

3. **Voted to continue the annual Publication Day offering.** The \$4.00 subscription rate was set with the understanding that an annual Publication Day offering of a minimum of \$6,000 be lifted in order to bridge the gap between subscription revenue and actual cost of producing the magazine. All agree that the end result in increased value of the magazine to the Brethren will more than compensate for the extra cost which will prove to be an outstanding publication for Brethren people.

4. **Voted to consider a new name for the new publication.** As it stands now, the name, "The Brethren Evangelist", will be the name of the unified publication. If you feel a new name would add to the value of the new unified publication, we invite you to submit suggestions of names for it. Or if you would like to see the present name continued, we invite you to let us know. Write to: St. Clair Benshoff, Editor of Publica-

tions, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio. The Editors and representatives of the various publications will be meeting in Ashland on September 19th; your communications should reach us by that time.

5. **Authorized the Publication Board to purchase and install a two-color press** of sufficient size and capacity to carry the load of our publications.

SUMMARY:

Barring any unforeseen difficulties, the first issue of the new unified publication will appear under date of January 7, 1961.

A subscription drive will be conducted during October and November seeking to come as near 100% coverage of Brethren families as possible. Special recognition will be given to those churches which are, and will be, sending the magazine into all of their homes (100% churches).

Evangelist subscribers who paid their subscriptions prior to September 1, 1960, will continue to receive the paper until the expiration date.

We will be glad to answer any and all questions arising in your mind concerning this new venture in Brethren Publications. Address your inquiries to the Editor.

For purposes of clarification, the group of Editors and representatives from the auxiliary magazines which is working with the Publication Board and the Editor of Publications, is known as the Board of Consulting Editors. The personnel of this advisory board will be announced later.

We urge you to look at this new venture in the light of a growing denomination, inspired with a vision of what this new, unified publication can do in promoting the total program of the church. We believe time will prove that this is one of the great advancements the church has taken in the present era. **This is the year of the Brethren's special interest in its publications.** We urge your prayers, interest and support. (WSB).

Going to Church



Many habitual church-goers yet need to learn how to go, in what way, and what for. We speak not of the superstitious and idolatrous, who go in a sort of devout but blind spirit of credulity to worship they know not what-images, or relics, or the virgin, or the saints. Our concern is with those who are really intelligent, who understand the design of public worship, and affect or feel some interest in its correct observance, and who are capable of some amount of improvement.

Of those there is a class that do not go to worship, or to be taught, but simply to be pleased. They consult taste first of all. If they want fun, amusing anecdotes, grotesque rhetoric, pungent jokes, it is well enough; they run greedily after them, and get filled with windy words that signify nothing. Or if they have a curiosity that seeks novelties, then they run to and fro, now here, and now there, turning churches into spiritual restaurants, where they can vary the bill of fare according to the caprice of appetite. Of course, they neither grow nor thrive on such miscellaneous feeding, but become leaner and leaner all the while. Yet they are, let us say, constant church-goers, ever hungering for the pleasure of hearing something they do not want in any suitable way for their spiritual profiting.

There is another class who go to church burdened with all the dust and dirt and rust of the week. They carry preoccupied minds. Their affections are left in the store, or in the kitchen, or in the market-place. Wandering thoughts are with them exceedingly active. And so, though present in body, their spirits are absent, going through very dry places, and finding neither refreshment nor rest. For such, prayers and sermons have no special value, save in so far as they promote drowsiness.

There is still another class who go to church to see or to be seen. Accordingly they are irregu-

lar, without punctuality, and without any apparent sense of responsibility. Their religion does not keep them from disturbing the devotion of others. They bustle in their seats; whisper if they can, and contrive to draw the attention either to themselves or to their ornaments. To say that all these are ill-bred, or not educated enough to perceive their own errors, is inadmissible. They sin from want of thought. They really know a more excellent way, but do not use their knowledge with any self-applied reflection.

We go to church, or ought to go, mainly for three objects:

1. **To worship God.** We owe homage to the Father of our spirits, and we need to receive good from **Him**. All hearty worship consists in adoration, praise, confession, thanksgiving, and petition. In these several parts of worship the soul enters into direct personal communion with the Highest; and without such communion there is no acceptable or beneficial worship.

2. **To be taught.** Good preaching is good teaching. Those are the best sermons which succeed in opening up and commending the meaning of the holy Scriptures. A discourse from which nothing may be learned is but as sounding brass, noisy, without abiding power.

3. **To receive the impression and be enlarged by the character of the truth presented, as the Holy Spirit accompanies the faithful administration of the word;** and often do attentive hearers come under the control of influences of which they can give no satisfactory account as to their origin. But they are lifted by them into a better life. Thus the house of God becomes the gate of heaven.

Could more general attention be given to the great objects to be gained in regular church-going, and to regular services, sermons would grow in power, and vital Christianity would more and more assert itself.—Christian Intelligence.

"AWAKE! MY BROTHERS!"

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what oft seems a drudgery) the business at hand in the morning and in the afternoon. Many do not remain, if indeed they even come at all, but miss important matters.

Brethren—"It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (King James, Romans 13:11). "The night is nearly over; the day has almost dawned. Let us therefore fling away the things that men do in the dark; let us arm ourselves for the fight of the day! Let us live cleanly, as in the daylight, not in the 'delights' of getting drunk or playing with sex, nor yet in quarreling or jealousies. Let us be Christ's men from head to foot, and give no chances to the flesh to have its fling" (Romans 13:12-14, Phillips Translation).

In conclusion, and in conjunction with what has just been said your Moderator makes the following recommendations:

(1) That each church make specific plans in support of the fund being organized to help send young men through training in preparation for the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Brethren Church.

(2) That each church exercise more sacrifice in giving to the district, national, and foreign missionary endeavors.

(3) That the present camp-site committee (Special Brethren Training Center Committee) be given additional help in locating a suitable camp site.

(4) That an additional week of Camp Juniata be included by the Sunday School Board in the camping program for next summer—making it available for juniors, intermediates, and senior-young people.

The wild birds teach us something important about how to live. Every moment they are surrounded by danger: from the perky robin who considers the whole of this little garden his territory; from the great ginger cat next door who keeps prowling round; from biting winter gales which are sure to come; from my frequent absences from home when their table is not spread. Dangers hover on every side of them, yet their gaiety persists. God upholds the sparrow.—Muriel Lester in PRAYING: HOW, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

ATTENTION:

BRETHREN ANNUAL IN PREPARATION

For proper listing in the 1960-61 Brethren Annual we are encouraging all ministers who have changed or who are contemplating changing their residence to let us know immediately their new address.

District Secretaries and secretaries of national auxiliaries are urged to forward their essential data to the Editor at once. Don't delay. Do it now!

(5) That each one of us exercise constant prayer for revival in our own personal lives.

(6) That we pray for God's pruning in our own personal lives to make us His abundantly-spiritually-productive disciples.

(7) That there be a new emphasis on the importance and place of the Holy Spirit in possessing our vessels.

(8) That a study committee be appointed to go over the annual conference program for the purpose of EFFECTING A MORE INSPIRATIONAL TYPE OF PROGRAM and return the report of its recommendations for action next July.

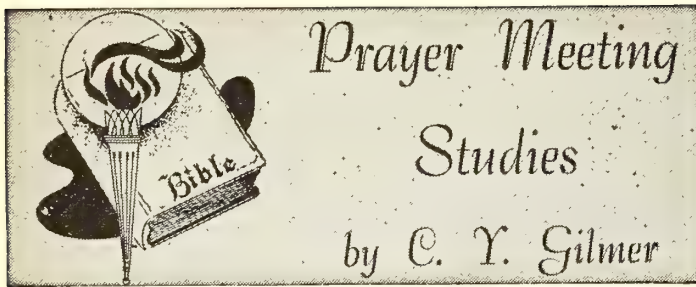
(9) That permanent permission be given the Executive Committee each succeeding year to schedule ahead a year, and if necessary even two years, special conference speakers.

(10) That the conference program tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, July 20th, 1960, be suspended in respect to our dearly beloved brother in Christ, Rev. N. Victor Leatherman, who has labored so faithfully and diligently for our Lord through the Brethren Church, in order that you the delegates and friends of this conference may attend special services being conducted in Berlin, Pa., at 2:00 p.m.

Brethren—each one of you has been an inspiration to my life for having vested me with your confidence and the privilege and honor as Moderator of the Pennsylvania District Conference of the Brethren Church this year 1959-1960 here in Meyersdale, Pa. It is my unceasing prayer that spiritual progress be continued in each of our personal lives and throughout our district, until we meet our Saviour face to face.

Masontown, Pa.





THE UNRECOGNIZED MASTER

The Master of men once came to earth,
And lived as a man among men,
But His fellows were blind
To His beauty and grace,
Somehow they failed
To find God in His face;
They would not believe,
And they did not receive;
They did not know Him then.

The Master of men is on earth today,
And searching and seeking how
To raise sin-blinded men
From the dust and the clod,
And establish again
Their communion with God;
But they will not believe,
And they do not receive;
They do not know Him now.

Forest S. Eisenbise

IF THE GOSPEL WAS INTENDED to stop wars, solve social questions, eliminate the trouble between labor and capital, then it has been an almost total failure (Lu. 24:45-48). But if the gospel was intended to call out a people for the Lord, then it certainly has been a great success (Acts 2:39). Judas was among those that believed not (Jn. 6:64). He sank into the Hell that is reserved for all those who die in unbelief (Acts 1:25). The rich young ruler had presented unto him the greatest opportunity ever offered to man but turned it down to die in his sins (Mk. 10:21,22).

"We should have read his name there—the rich young ruler—
If he had stayed that day;
Nameless—though Jesus loved him—ever nameless
Because he went away!"

Christ made no decisive impact on the heart of Pilate (Jn. 19:11-16). Christ wants none to perish (II Pet. 3:9). Why do so many who have heard the gospel go on in their sins to a Devil's Hell (Matt. 13:58)?

Think of the unbelief among God's people (Jn. 20:25).

"Our doubting world today demands,
Like Thomas, that it see
The risen Savior's nail-pierced hands,
For it dimly understands
How Christ could risen be."

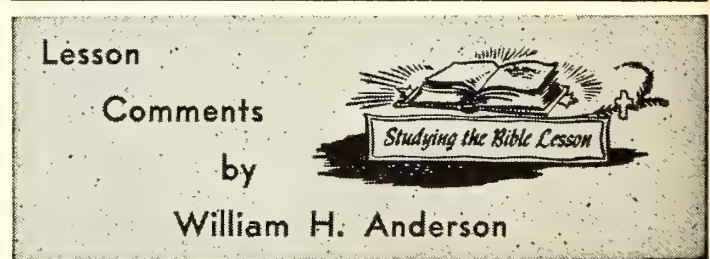
Many are willing to be disciples up to a certain point (Jn. 6:26,27). But when it comes to the feeding of the soul they draw back in wonder and doubt (Jn. 6:60).

Those who had visions of social and political revolution with glory and plenty for them were amazed to hear Christ speak of obedience, sacrifice, the cross, and self-denial (v. 66). Here is a question to probe the heart of each one of us today (v. 67). How far will we go with Him today (Matt. 8:19)?

The Mighty Christ did not many works where there was unbelief (Matt. 11:20-24). Unbelief tied the Master's hands (Matt. 13:53-58). Unbelief destroys obedience (Lu. 6:46). Unbelief wrecks Christian service (Rom. 14:23). Surrender is the only remedy for lack of faith (Gal. 2:20). There is no reason for unbelief (II Tim. 2:13).

"Is this the time to halt, O Church of Christ,
To sound retreat?
To arm with weapons crude and blunt
The men and women who have borne the brunt
Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?"

Is this the time to halt, when all around
Horizon's lift, new destinies confront,
Stern duties wait our nation, never wont
To play the laggard, when God's will was found?"



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Lesson for September 11, 1960

MAN'S HOPE FOR PEACE

Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9

"May we learn the everlasting lesson that peace comes not by changing maps, but by changing men" (James H. Griffiths).

NO TRUER WORDS were ever spoken! "From whence come wars and fightings among you?", asks James. "Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?" (4:1).

Peace, therefore, will not come until men's lives and hearts are changed. How can this be? Only through Jesus Christ who makes new creations out of sinful, unregenerate men!

THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

"A twig shall shoot forth from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots shall bear fruit" (11:1—Berkeley).

"The picture here presented is this, that out of the decayed family of David the Messiah-King will arise, and that the stock of Judah's royal dynasty will sprout and flourish" (W. S. Hottel).

So Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judaea as the royal heir to the throne of David. One day He will re-

turn to occupy that throne and rule as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

THE QUALITIES OF THE MESSIAH

When He was to come, according to Isaiah's prophecy, the Messiah would possess the following qualities as the Spirit of the Lord rested upon Him:

1. "The spirit of wisdom and understanding" (11:2).
"Wisdom and understanding" are the preeminent intellectual qualifications of a judge or ruler (Deut. 1:13; I Kings 3:12). Wisdom means to know how to apply knowledge aright. Understanding means to be able to discern between good and evil" (Hottel).
2. "The spirit of counsel and might" (11:2).
"Counsel and might" means to be able to adapt means to an end or to form right resolutions and to have the needful energy to carry them through. It means to be able to give sound advice and to energetically work for that which is right" (Hottel).
3. "The spirit of knowledge and of the reverence of the Lord" (11:2).
"Knowledge," as used here, means "practical acquaintance with the will of God;" and "fear" or "reverence" is "that disposition which keeps us ever anxious to do God's will" (Gray & Adams).
4. The spirit of "justice" (11:3-5).

In contrast to the gross injustices of men, He shall reign with equity and righteousness. The poor, the down-trodden, the oppressed shall be the special objects of the King's care. But the "wicked He shall slay with the breath of His lips" (11:4—Berkeley).

THE REIGN OF THE MESSIAH

In describing the Messiah's Millennial reign, Isaiah gives a vivid picture of the glories of that day. "The wolf shall live with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down beside the kid; the calf, the young lion, and the beef cattle together, and a little child shall lead them" (11:6—Berkeley).

"The reign of Christ during the Millennium will not only affect man, but also the brute creation... The conditions here described are actually to be found on the earth at that time. The ferocious nature of wild beasts seems to have come upon them only since the fall of man, and when the effects of the fall are fully removed then this nature shall also disappear from them (Rom. 8:19-21). This earth which has so long been cursed by sin shall at last enjoy the condition that God had originally planned for it" (Bible Expositor).

Thus the Messiah's reign will be characterized by **RIGHTEOUSNESS, PROSPERITY, and PEACE**. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (11:9).

"I may not stay to see the day

When the great Saviour shall bear sway,
And earth shall glitter in the ray
That cometh from above;

But come it fast, or come it slow,

'Twill come at last, I surely know,
And heaven and earth shall feel the glow,
And men shall call it Love."

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Jim Rowsey

DISCIPLINE

A PARENT, WHEN ASKED why his child was no longer attending Sunday school, replied, "We do not want him to learn the kind of misbehavior to which he is exposed there." A teacher gave as the reason for her resignation: "I like to teach but I am tired of the constant battle to get good order. I have to spend so much time on discipline, there is no chance to do constructive teaching." A boy gave as his reason for dropping out of Sunday school: "We never do anything worthwhile, just cut up." Cases like these could be multiplied.

Good order exists in a Sunday school when pupils and teachers are directing their energies to the accomplishment of the purposes of the school with a minimum of confusion, distraction, and irrelevant activity. Someone has said a Sunday school is being properly conducted when the right thing is done at the right time, in the right way, by the right person.

Why do pupils misbehave? Poor discipline is a symptom rather than a problem. Something is wrong with at least one of three factors:

1. **Physical arrangement.** Check to see if maybe the room is too hot, too cold or too crowded. Maybe there is too wide an age range in the class. Or perhaps there are too many interruptions during the session.

2. **The pupil.** Sometimes they misbehave because they have never been taught what is the right behavior. Sometimes the lesson material is too uninteresting, either being too advanced or too juvenile for them. Sometimes it can be traced to the home—the pupil acts in Sunday school like he is allowed to act at home. Maybe he feels insecure and wants attention.

3. **The teacher.** Yes, it might be YOU! Probably more than anything else, poor teaching is the cause of problems of discipline. When teachers are unwilling to undergo the discipline necessary to prepare for a teaching session which can be exciting to the pupils and keep them at work every minute, they can hardly expect the pupils to give their wholehearted attention.

If lessons are so planned that the teacher can be free to teach pupils and not be tied to her quarterly, taking care of their individual needs and utilizing their natural tendency to be active, most discipline problems are met before they arise. If something interesting is going on every minute, there is little opportunity for disorder.

Study your situation and decide what are the causes of poor discipline. If poor discipline has developed, decide what would be a reasonable expectation of good order and strive for it.

Remember, good discipline is **EARNED** by the teacher, **VOLUNTEERED** by the pupil, and **ESSENTIAL** to effective teaching.

World Religious News in Review

GIDEONS: PLACE 2,773,462 SCRIPTURES IN YEAR

LOS ANGELES (EP)—Since July, 1959, Gideons International placed 2,773,462 Bibles and New Testaments in this country, Canada and 52 other nations.

Reports at the group's 61st annual meeting here show that many of the Scriptures replaced those worn out or taken from hotels, motels, hospitals and other establishments.

"We can't condone stealing," said Gideons president Howard S. Armerding of Lynnfield, Mass., "but we're secretly rather pleased when someone takes one home because he's sincerely interested in reading more."

Mr. Armerding, who was re-elected to his second term, reported that Gideon membership now totals about 12,000 in the United States and 4,000 in other nations. Since the organization was launched in 1908, he said, more than 44,000,000 Bibles and New Testaments had been placed, including some 1,000,000 in Mexico and 100,000 in Australia. The nonprofit Bible-distributing agency was founded by Christian business men.

Attorney Jacob Stam of Patterson, N. J., was re-elected vice-president of the organization. Other officers named for the 1960-61 term include George Oehmcke, a Milwaukee contractor, treasurer; and Clarence H. Gilkey, Jr., a Butler, Pa., salesman, chaplain.

MARYLAND COURT UPHOLDS BELIEF IN GOD AS REQUIRE- MENT FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

BALTIMORE, Md. (EP)—The State Court of Appeals has ruled here that belief in God is a valid requirement for public office in Maryland.

Maryland Constitution provides for a "declaration of belief in the existence of God" as a qualification for public office. In a ruling against Roy R. Torcaso, a 48-year-old avowed atheist, the court held that "it seems clear under our Constitution that disbelief in a Supreme Being, and the denial of any moral accountability for

conduct, not only renders a person incompetent to hold public office, but to give testimony, or serve as a juror."

The court thus sustained a Montgomery County Circuit Court decision which upheld the denial of a notary's commission to Mr. Torcaso when he refused to take an oath affirming his belief in God.

CATHOLIC PUBLICATIONS IN U. S. HIT CIRCULATION HIGH

NEW YORK (EP)—During 1959, Catholic newspaper and magazine circulation in the United States reached a record high of 25,932,461—a gain of 1,658,489 over the previous year's total.

The increase was reported in the 1960 Catholic Press Directory, published here by the Catholic Press Association.

Main contributor to the circulation climb, the Directory showed, were 444 Catholic magazines with a net gain of 1,550,747 readers in 1959 for a total of 21,318,858. The 131 Catholic newspapers in the U. S. registered 4,613,603—a gain of 107,742 over the previous year.

The increase in circulation "dramatically demonstrates the vitality of the Catholic press," said Father Albert J. Nevins, Maryknoll priest and president of the Catholic Press Association. "America's Catholic publications have room for divergence of opinion," he said, "and this is a very healthy situation which is reflected in the 'circulation boom' during 1959."

EAST BERLIN THREATENS BILLY GRAHAM WITH ARREST

BERLIN, Germany (EP)—If American Evangelist Billy Graham enters the Communist sector of Berlin to hold a meeting he will be arrested, says Waldemar Schmidt, deputy mayor of East Berlin.

Graham is scheduled to speak in Essen and Hamburg this fall and will speak nightly from Sept. 26 to Oct.

2 in West Berlin. The threat of arrest erupted when the local committee sought permission to hold one service in East Berlin.

Mayor Schmidt said he refused Graham's entry because "hysterical mass psychosis is not desired in socialist countries" and because "the wandering preacher, as a tool of the West, inserts political utterances in his mass meetings."

The Billy Graham office in Berlin now has on file 700 volunteer counselors. These recruits will be trained this month. Some 600 personal workers are needed each night.

INDIAN CHURCH YIELDS CATACOMBS SECRET

NEW DELHI, India (EP)—Archaeologists have uncovered a large number of catacombs under a church at Agra, 120 miles from New Delhi. The passageways, reportedly the only subterranean structures of their kind in India, lie under a church built by the Indian ruler Akbar for his Christian wife Miriam more than 400 years ago.

Located near the Taj Mahal, the church was constructed by Italian and Indian craftsmen, as was the Taj itself. The controversial figure Mirza Zulkaran of Indian history is believed to have tunneled out the catacombs. He is said to be an illegitimate son of Akbar.

Historians speculate that Zulkaran built the catacombs to hide escaped Christian slaves during the reign of Shah Jehan, builder of the Taj Mahal.

RED CHINA CHURCHES CON- TINUE; PASTORS' LOT HARD, SAYS REFUGEE

HONG KONG (EP)—News of the Church in Red China has been leaked to sources in Hong Kong indicating that some of the country churches near a former China Inland Mission station are still holding regular services, although the pastors are unable to take part in the worship. A refugee recently brought word from Communist China stating that one pastor was called up for questioning again and again to force him to admit secret dealings with Americans. But the pastor refused to yield, was cross-examined for seven days in a row and finally, exhausted, he dropped dead.

Red Chinese are victims of a constant government propaganda barrage, observers say, resulting in a decay of

allegiance to old deities which is being replaced with worship of Mao Tze-tung as the "liberator." Some say Mao has surpassed in status the personal power Joseph Stalin once had and has reached the pinnacle of prestige in the Communist world once occupied by Lenin himself.

**CHURCH COUNCIL PLANS
UNIQUE TV SERIES**

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Plans call for a new kind of "women's problems" show to be launched on TV here soon.

Each morning a five-minute sketch of women of the Old and New Testament, their lives and problems and their relationship to modern women will be presented by the National Capital Area Council of Churches on Washington station WTTG.

Miss Lisa Sergio, internationally known commentator on current events, will serve as narrator for the show, presenting character sketches of women of the Bible, highlighted by photographs of the places where they lived as well as great artists' conceptions of how they looked. An Episcopal lay worker, Miss Sergio was Europe's first woman radio commentator in her native Italy. She is a member of the board of managers of the radio and film commission of the National Council of Churches.

**MORE ANTI-RED UPRISINGS
IN TIBET**

TAIPEI, Formosa (EP)—More than 100,000 Communist Chinese troops have entered Tibet to put down new anti-Red uprisings, the *China Post* declared recently.

The newspaper said the Communists have also mobilized about 160,000 Tibetans to fight against their own people in the Himalayan religious state. Reports came from Nationalist Chinese sources according to the *Post*.

URGE PRAYER FOR MR. K

CINCINNATI, O. (EP)—How long has it been since you prayed for Nikita Khrushchev? That may seem like a strange question indeed and may pose all sorts of psychological blocks for the average Christian, but **United Evangelical Action** (official organ of the National Association of Evangelicals) in its current issue argues "the man whose nation has spread Communism through a third of the world's

population could be used by God to teach Christianity instead of Communism and to exalt Christ instead of Marx."

The article pointed out that praying specifically for Khrushchev's destruction would "not necessarily honor God," and that the only worthy prayer for him is "for the redemption of a lost soul" and "for the light of the Gospel to illuminate his darkened mind and heart."

"We can forget that he is a dictator, an enemy of democracy, and an avowed atheist," the article reminded. "We can remember that he is a man for whom Christ died. If Khrushchev would become aware that his opponents in the cold war were constantly praying for him, he might follow in the path of Saul of Tarsus."

**TV "UNWHOLESOME" SAY
INDIANA METHODIST LEADERS**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (EP)—Is most television programming today a force for good in society? Pastors and leading lay men and women in Indiana's 1,300 Methodist churches have indicated in a survey that they think not.

Almost 38 per cent of the nearly 1,600 participants said they definitely agreed that most TV programs today were unwholesome influences, and another 26.5 per cent said they probably agreed with the statement.

The Purdue University Opinion Panel conducted the survey for the Indiana area Methodist Television, Radio and Film Commission.

Lay leaders and women's group presidents took stronger stands against modern TV programming than ministers. Thirty-nine per cent of the former rated most TV programs unhealthy influences, compared to 36 per cent of the clergy.

Most of those surveyed said radio's influence was more positive, with 68 per cent of the lay men and women and 57 per cent of the ministers giving radio a favorable response.

While a majority believed that putting church services on radio was a good way to reach the unchurched, some 14 per cent of the pastors disagreed.

Seventy per cent of the participants said that the average regular church member probably listened to one religious radio program each week, and 59 per cent said the same church mem-

ber probably watched one religious TV program every week.

Seventy-six per cent said new church sanctuaries should have provisions for motion pictures and audiovisual presentations, though the ladies favored this less than either the pastors or the laymen.

**SAYS AVERAGE RUSSIAN
BELIEVES AMERICA
WANTS WAR**

LONDON (EP)—A member of Britain's House of Lords says that during his recent visit to Russia he discovered that the Russian-in-the-street believes the American people are friendly but that the Pentagon wants to start a war.

The traveler is Lord Bessborough, one of an eight-member Parliamentary delegation which traveled about the Soviet Union for two weeks.

"The Russian one meets casually in the streets believes the American people are friendly, but accuses the Pentagon of making war threats," he says. "But on the whole, the outlook is bright and would improve with more cultural exchanges between the Soviets and the West," he added.

Lord Bessborough said the Russians readily forgave them for British "complicity" in the U-2 and RB47 plane incidents.

**DUBLIN GETS PROTESTANT
MAYOR**

DUBLIN (EP)—The predominantly Catholic city council of Dublin, for the second time in four years, elected a non-Catholic as lord mayor.

Maurice E. Dockrell, 52, a prominent Protestant assumes this post for the coming year. In 1956, Robert Briscoe, who is Jewish held this office.

**NO CHRISTIAN BURIAL FOR
DRUNKS AND THE CARELESS**

OSBALDWICK, England (EP)—A vicar of the Anglican Church has issued a stern warning to his under-shepherds: "A motorist who gets killed because he was drunk, careless or just showing off...will be refused Christian burial."

"Anyone who throws away his life in such a way is morally guilty of suicide and should not get a Christian ticket to heaven," the Rev. Anthony Barnard said.

He added: "It is as reprehensible a sin as taking a life."

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

PIC of the WEEK



Pennsylvania Youth at District Conference

FLASH!! National B. Y. officers for 1960-1961 are:
 President—Dick Winfield, Ashland, Ohio
 Vice President—Arden Gilmer, Roann, Indiana
 Secretary—Kay Albright, N. Georgetown, Ohio
 Treasurer—Kitty Sarver, Ashland, Ohio

Highlights of Conference

Wednesday afternoon—over 190 registered
 140 attend first evening
 Workshops helpful to Youth
 A Beautiful day for a picnic!
 A Banquet of roast turkey and dressing.

HIS ONE BIG MISTAKE—

He brushed his teeth twice a day with a nationally-advertised toothpaste—

He wore rubbers every time it rained—

He went to be examined by the doctors at least twice every year—

He slept with the windows open—

He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables—

He relinquished his tonsils and several worn out glands—

He golfed—but never more than 18 holes at a time—

He got at least eight hours sleep each night—

He never smoked, drank, or lost his temper—

He did his exercises daily—

He was all set to live to be a hundred—

The funeral will be held Wednesday. He is survived by eighteen specialists, four health institutions, six gymnasiums, and numerous manufacturers of health foods, and drugs, and antiseptics—

He forgot God, lived as if this world was all, and is now with those who say: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20.

OLD SCARECROW AND THE COWS

Just suppose there were one hundred fifty million cows in America. Let's suppose there is an industry doing a great business selling a certain kind of hay. This hay, called Old Scarecrow, while made entirely from locoweed, is alluringly described as a blend of old straw aged in the cornfield. As a result, cows by the millions turn from their sober diet of alfalfa and begin chewing Old Scarecrow.

Now let's suppose that this stuff makes the cows do silly things such as running into barbed wire fences, jumping off bridges or running into automobiles—so much so that five hundred thousand are killed or injured every year. Suppose milk production is cut down because the users of Old Scarecrow lose fifty million "cow-days" a year.

Suppose the life expectancy of the cows who chew it regularly is reduced by an average of 12%. Suppose that it makes four million of the cows so sick that much of the time they are useless, and suppose that for every one that is cured, the industry makes ten more Old Scarecrow addicts. Suppose that caring for the victims of Old Scarecrow requires 80% of the farmers' time.

And now, just suppose that in spite of all this, the merchants of this fatal fodder are allowed to advertise the stuff in every pasture, so that on almost every fence there appear large pictures of contented "Cows of Distinction" munching away on Old Scarecrow. And suppose that the manufacturers of Old Scarecrow are making a tremendous profit out of all of this trouble and tragedy they cause the farmer.

How would you expect the farmers to take to all this? Would you expect them to take it sitting down? Or would you expect them to stand up and say to the producers of Old Scarecrow "That ain't hay," and then put forth an effort to protect their cows by banning the advertising and promotion of Old Scarecrow from the range.

And now just suppose that you cared as much about your children and your fellowmen as you would expect the farmer to care about his cows! What do you suppose you would do about drinking?

—Tem-Press

ATTENTION,

**ALL BRETHREN JUNIORS AND SENIORS
IN HIGH SCHOOL!**

COMING EVENT—BRETHREN STUDENTS COLLEGE DAYS will be held on the Ashland College Campus, November 4, 5, 6, 1960. Make your plans now to attend!

**Read your
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every week.**

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

"IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE"

"If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two—
If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best,
And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there—
That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare.
But—when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome to your heav'nly Visitor?
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in,
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you turn off the radio and hope that He hadn't heard,
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?
Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?
And I wonder if the Saviour spent the day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you keep right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?
Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace,
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?
Would you sing the songs you sing and read the books you read,
And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?
Would you take Jesus with you every where you'd planned to go,
Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?
Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends,
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do,
If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you."

Author Unknown.

Mrs. Harold Lynch,
Warsaw, Indiana.

Wedding Announcement

CRISSMAN-HOOKS. Saturday afternoon, July 2nd, David Theodore Crissman and Judy Ann Hooks were united in Holy Matrimony at the Brush Valley Brethren Church. Both Judy and Dave are active members of the church and B. Y. C. Judy is our church pianist. The double ring ceremony was read by their pastor.

HOOKS-HORNBERGER. The Brush Valley First Brethren Church was the setting for a double ring wedding ceremony on Saturday, July 16th for Clarence Richard Hooks and Sonia May Hornberger. Both are active members of the church and B. Y. C. The wedding ceremony was read by their pastor.

Paul D. Tinkel, Pastor.

Laid to Rest

JOHNS. Rosy Adams Johns, 75, passed to her reward, April 2. Member of the Brush Valley church. Survived by her husband, three sons and six daughters. Services by her pastor. Interment in the church cemetery.

HOOKS. Austin Hooks, 71, passed away, Aug. 4th. Member of the Brush Valley church. Services by the undersigned. Interment, Johns Cemetery.

JOHNS. Alex Johns, 76, passed away suddenly, Aug. 5th. Member of the Brush Valley church. Survived by three sons and five daughters. Services by the undersigned. Interment, Worthington Lutheran Cemetery.

JOHNS. Wilfred E. "Jun" Johns, Jr., 24, died suddenly as a result of a hunting accident. Member of the Brush Valley church. Survived by his wife, his parents and three sisters. Services by the pastor. Interment, Lawn Haven Burial Estates.

Paul D. Tinkel, Pastor.

"What is the second feature?" asked one of the parents after the youngsters had left for the movie.

"Oh, just some unimportant, offbeat film. You know the type. The kids just sit and eat popcorn through those."

No, they do not just eat popcorn through those. They watch. And they listen. And they record. Like cameras, clearly and permanently. It does not matter whether it is good or bad, decent or obscene, important or offbeat. These lenses are as sensitive and precise as those which come in the German cameras their fathers pay so much money for.

An unimportant film? There is no such thing to a child. Everything is experience and truth, and he will record it as such—Laura Margaret Evans in HAND IN HAND, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

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Well, wife, I've found the model church
And worshipped there today.
It made me think of good old times
Before my hair was gray.
The meeting house was finer built
Than they were years ago;
But then I found when I went in,
It was not built for show.

My deafness seemed to melt away,
My spirit caught the fire;
I joined my feeble, trembling voice
With that melodious choir:

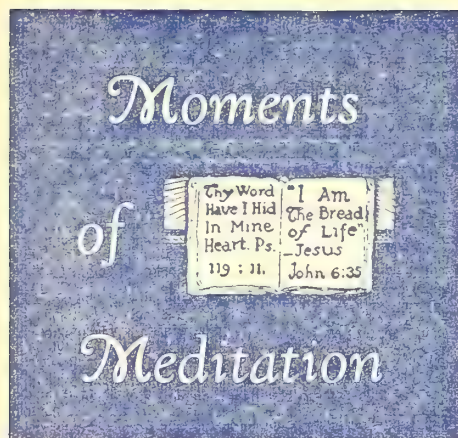
"All hail the power of Jesus' Name,
Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of All."

'Twas not a flowery sermon, wife,
But simple gospel truth;
It fitted humble men like me;
It suited hopeful youth.
To win immortal souls to Christ,
The earnest preacher tried;
He talked not of himself, or creed,
But Jesus crucified.

—Selected.

The Model Church





FOR KNEES

One of the most common problems facing the Christian Church is that of stiff knees. Prayerlessness according to the Bible is sin and we who claim the name of our Lord ought to become aware of it. Doubtlessly the best Christian exercise known is that of a combination of Bible Study and Prayer. Of the two it seems that reading the Bible holds a preference over prayer in most lives.

The Apostle Paul told us that we ought to pray without ceasing. Most people agree that what was meant was that everything was within the realm of prayer. There is no part of the life which is of no interest to our God. There is no activity in our experiences that God does not care about. There is never any problem facing us to which God does not hold the answer.

Our sin is found in not talking to the Lord about it. Have you taken your burden to the Lord today? The Upward Look is an important one moment after moment. Conversation with God is an exciting adventure. Begin it now...Stop it never!

—Rev. R. G. Gordon,
in The United Evangelical.

WHAT IS A PREACHER?

"What is a Preacher? Why he is a man called of GOD, but dependent upon the grace of the congregation. He is a specialist, educated, trained and experienced in his field. He is the manager of an institution, numbering scores of activities, with many members, whose major task is to manage it without the fatal hint of assuming any authority.

"He preaches and teaches. He heals, though without pills or knife. He is sometimes a lawyer, often a social worker, an entertainer, a philosopher, and a handyman around the church.

"He visits the sick, buries the dead, labors to console those who are in sorrow and admonishes those who sin—and marries those in love.

"He spends considerable time keeping people out of each other's hair, and more time trying to scramble out himself with the least possible loss.

"He must have health enough to enable him to work long hours, and stamina to withstand the pressure of a job that is never done. Strength enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them and all the while enjoy his work.

"Patience enough to hold on to objectives and to people until some good is accomplished.

"Charity enough to see some good in everyone though they may not agree and may even be disagreeable.

"Love enough to serve unselfishly and to be interested in the humble as well as the prominent.

"Wisdom enough to know what is important and tact enough to keep from becoming entangled in trivial things that don't matter too much.

"Faith enough to make real things of GOD, and practical enough to deal with the commonplace needs of people.

"Hope and courage enough to combat the anxious fears and corroding doubts that beset all of us.

"Oh, yes, between times he prepares a couple of sermons and preaches them on Sunday to those who do not have any other engagements over the week end.

"Then on Monday, he smiles when some jovial chap roars: 'What a job a couple hours of work a week.'"—Unknown.

"POISON PENS"

Larry Ward, editor of World Vision Magazine, has been quoted as saying:

"As the dark shadow of Communism spreads itself over the world, it takes the form of a gargantuan printing press...and all over the globe, literally, one sees evidence of the fact that enemies of the Church have dipped their pens in poison ink and are using them to extend their influence at a frightening rate.

"But there is a bright side. The Church is now fighting back all over

the world. So pray for the ministrant of the printed page! It has no passport or visa problems. It speaks without an accent. And as long as the words persist on paper, God can use them for His glory!"

—World Wide Evangelist.



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The Editor's Pulpit

"It's Back To School Again"

BY NOW, millions of American school-age children are back in the classrooms, where, for the next nine to ten months, they will be under the influence of instructors who are specially trained to do the job which is theirs to do. We, as parents, have not too much we can do or say as to what our children will be receiving during the hours they are in school. Texts, curriculum, and lesson plans are pretty much "pre-fixed" in what is known as a course of study.

Considering that our children go to school to "learn", we must remember that what they do "learn" will be not only a part of their education, but far more important, a major portion of their character, belief and the future of their lives. We, as Christian parents, dare be no less than greatly concerned about what our children learn in school. Because it may seem unimportant to the child, he or she may not discuss at home, the teaching received in school. Few children care to be interrogated by parents concerning things taught in school. So, it remains somewhat of a problem if we are to find out what we would like to know about the teaching our children receive in school.

We pay tribute to the fine, Christian teachers who are faithfully each day, witnessing in life and character to our boys and girls. Our only wish is that there might be more of them. We must face the fact that not all public school teachers possess this fine Christian character. Therein lies the problem for Christian parents. How can teachers who are devoid in themselves of Christian character, train and inspire our children to nobler heights of Christian virtue and expression?

The problem is increased when we remember that in a country which heralds the motto, "In God We Trust", we are not allowed to teach about Him in the public school system paid for by the citizens of our country.

A few domineering groups and individuals, by constant pressure and noise, have succeeded in wiping from our school schedules practically every mention of God. Some say they don't want their children to be influenced by religions other than their own. So, they have had their way,

and now our public schools are citadels of everything but the teaching of God. Don't you think it is about time that we Protestants insist that our children, in the hands of public school teachers many hours each day, be taught about God who has made all our blessings possible?

We have stood idly by for a generation or two and watched paganism push its slimy tentacles into every area of our public school life. It has blasphemed the Word of God, it has cursed the teaching of His moral statutes. Boldly, paganism has taught against the reality of God.

What is the result? Few people would believe us if we did spell it out in black and white. Corruption, immorality, open sin, filth, and delinquency are running madly among the youth of our land. It even affects Christian young people because of social pressures and the fear of being ostracized. Some of it gets into the juvenile court records; most of it doesn't. Some immorality among young people results in girls fourteen and older dropping out of school to bear their children; most of it goes undetected by either school authorities or parents.

And why does all this happen in a nation with the best secular educational facilities in the world? Simply because when you do not have a respect for God, you do not have respect for anything. If you are not taught that in the sight of God some things are morally wrong, then nothing is wrong, according to you.

We do not say that schools should do what the home is supposed to do—teach about God and our relationship and responsibility to Him—but if our schools were permitted to recognize God as supreme Authority, and could get to the teaching in life and example of Christian principles of conduct, this juvenile delinquency trend would suddenly reverse itself. Let's put it this way. Where God is honored and worshipped, virtuous living results.

Christian parents, teachers, school board members, etc., have a great responsibility to repair the moral fiber of present-day young people, and to promote a program of public education which

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". . . WHEREOF WE ARE GLAD"

Quite understandably, many of our people are eager to learn the amount of our Sunday morning conference offering. We are happy to announce that the offering reached a rather gratifying figure—a bit more than \$2,600.00. (There are a few pledges still outstanding which will make the ultimate total a little higher.)

To be sure, this is not an astronomical amount; however, it does reveal an increasing consciousness of our responsibility as God's stewards. Brethren people are more and more acknowledging God's ownership of their lives and of their possessions. (May this realization continue and increase!)

This fine offering will enable our Argentine program to go on with the radio ministry which increasing prices were threatening to curtail. We hope to continue reaping a harvest of souls by means of radio evangelism, and our gifts will make this possible.

If you were unable to give on conference Sunday, or if you want to add to your gift, you may still send your offering to the Missionary Board office, marked for this purpose.

Truly, "the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

MORE NEWS ITEMS FROM ROSARIO

(Taken from Ken Solomon's letter to his family)

...A 27-year old man who came to us seeking spiritual guidance is a person who has searched for the Truth and God by studying the philosophies of the great scholars of our time and of the past. At last he came to the conclusion that only in Christ could the Truth be found; so he began studying the Bible. Nevertheless he needed much help in order to enter into the Christian way, which is by faith and not by knowledge. He had to humble himself, reject all he had ever learned from the philosophies of men, and accept as a little child, by faith, what God had revealed in the sacred Scriptures.

This he has now accomplished, thanks be to God, after much struggle and search. Now he senses a responsibility to his wife and two small children that he had abandoned in Buenos Aires some time ago. He is going to return there with me to confront the situation, look for work, and begin afresh. We are thrilled that God has permitted us to have a small part in the conversion of another lost soul.

One 22-year-old youth with whom we were visiting, was the one who recently underwent the lung operation. His two sisters and two cousins were the ones who recently accepted Christ, and were baptized. He too will be making his public confession of faith soon, of that

we are confident. What great joy it is to see this fruit of our brief ministry here.

This afternoon I had a meeting with two of the elders of the local church to talk over the spiritual condition of the church and the plans for the church year that began July 1. We are quite thrilled with the change in the atmosphere around here. The recent conference was a great success, with a very good attendance and a deep spiritual undertone. The North American missionary who presented the four main messages on the second coming of Christ was excellent and speaks the Spanish language very well. He is about 38 years of age. Many new folks from the community have become interested and some old members are returning. The every-home crusade is producing results too, and I now have some very good youth help for which I am most grateful. We are now working toward our two-week tent meeting that we will be holding in this barrio beginning September 17. Please be in prayer for this meeting.

MORE NEWLY-ALERTED STEWARDS

The following names represent the most recent \$1 Club members:

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. HouckWashington, D. C.
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Lozier RifeWabash, Indiana (Center Chapel)
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(Bethlehem Church)

My Share

I Promise to assist in the building of new Brethren churches by giving \$10.00 or more for each new church project. It is my understanding that I will be called upon for this contribution not more than twice in any one year. I further understand that if I am unable to contribute when called, I will be relieved of my obligation.

Signed

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If your name does not appear here and has not been included in the previous lists, why not add it by filling the accompanying form and mailing it together with your \$10 (or more) to the Missionary Board office? You'll be glad you did—and we will too.

Items of General Interest

WASHINGTON, D. C. The Christian Business Men's Committee was in charge of the worship service on August 21st.

ADRIAN, PENNA. (BRUSH VALLEY). Brother Arthur H. Tinkel, father of Pastor Paul D. Tinkel, was guest speaker in the Brush Valley church on August 28th.

VINCO, PENNA. One new member was received by baptism on August 14th.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. A "Welcome Pound Shower" was held for the new Pastor, Brother Charles Bader, and family on August 24th. There were 111 present to bid the pastor and his family a warm welcome.

DAYTON, OHIO (HILLCREST). Two new members were received recently by baptism.

WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO. Dale Long, Associate Secretary of the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, was guest speaker in the Williamstown church on August 28th.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Brother Virgil Ingraham was the speaker at the final Union Evening Summer Ser-

vice on August 28th. The service was held in the First Mennonite Church.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (ARDMORE). Brother C. William Cole was radio devotional speaker the week of August 22nd over WSBT.

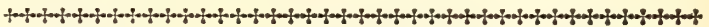
Rev. Albert J. Butler was the August 21st speaker in the Ardmore church.

COMING EVENTS

NEW PARIS, INDIANA. Dedication and Open House at the parsonage, and reception for Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Flora—Sept. 11, 2:30 P. M.—Guest speaker, Rev. Spencer Gentle. Joan Ronk, Correspondent.

DENVER, INDIANA. Revival Services—Sept. 11-18—Rev. A. T. Ronk, Evangelist; Homecoming and 50th Anniversary of the Church—Sept. 18th—Rev. Ronk, Speaker. Mrs. Fayette Shoemaker, Correspondent.

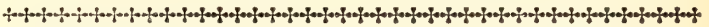
ADRIAN, PENNA. (BRUSH VALLEY). Fall Revival—Sept. 19-Oct. 2—Rev. Henry Bates, Evangelist; Rev. Paul D. Tinkel, Pastor.



THE EDITOR'S PULPIT

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN

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will guarantee for boys and girls to come, a proper measure of Christian teaching in our schools.

It's back to school again. Pray for each child that in the midst of secular education there might come the voice of God to direct them into paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

W. S. B.



"TOP TEN" BRETHREN CHURCHES in the
National Sunday School Board "Standard of Excellence"
1959 - 60

PARK STREET, ASHLAND, OHIO	104½	TUCSON, ARIZONA	95
WASHINGTON, D. C.	104	SARASOTA, FLORIDA	95
VINCO, PENNSYLVANIA	98½	MANSFIELD, OHIO	93
ARDMORE, SOUTH BEND, IND.	96	SMITHVILLE, OHIO	93
MAURERTOWN, VIRGINIA	96	FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA	92½

Venturing With Christ

**REV. PHIL LERSCH, member,
Theme Promotional Committee,
Central Planning & Coordinating Committee**

**"Growing in GRACE, and in the KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"—
II Peter 3:18**

THE BRETHREN CHURCH has selected "Venturing With Christ" as its total church theme for 1960-61. Following the admonition in II Peter 3:18, this theme is being developed under three sub-headings; namely,

Know His Word—through Bible Study
Know His Will—through a growing personal faith
Know His Work—through an understanding of our denominational program.

General Conference was the Kickoff of the whole year's program. Three major addresses were given, emphasizing the three sub-headings of the theme.

"Venturing" is an exciting word. "Venturing With Christ" is an even more exciting challenge. To "venture" is to engage in an undertaking involving chance, or even danger and risk. It is to brave new activities, to dare to advance or put forward; to even hazard oneself in the enterprise.

There is nothing in this theme that would suggest idleness, status-quo, the usual, inactivity, retreat, backward glance, or defeat. Rather, our theme suggests advance, reaching out, progress, increase, gain, rise, and new activity.

Simply doing over and over what has always been done is not a "venture"—a venture is a new experience. This year, 1960-61, Brethren are going out to accept new challenges—leaving all previous hindrances behind.

Some questions need to be asked and answered by every church, conference, board, congregation,

auxiliary organization, and every member of the Brethren Denomination!

- (1) Do we have the faith and the courage to leave these ruts in which we find ourselves?
- (2) Are we willing to engage in an energetic thrust toward new goals and ambitions?
- (3) How can we more accurately depend upon Christ for all our denominational ventures?
- (4) Are our very concerns, plans, and programs centered in Christ with whom we are venturing?
- (5) In what ways do we limit God's using us to accomplish His purposes?
- (6) What is outmoded in our church?
- (7) What correction is necessary?
- (8) Do we care?

Each individual person must analyze his response and recognize his responsibility to give meaning to this theme. Ask yourself, "Do I Venture With Christ?" "Will my church Venture With Christ this year?"—or will we defeat our claims of reliance upon God by continuing to Venture with self?

At General Conference this year Brethren people prepared to brave new activities, to dare to accept new advances, and to risk new undertakings—all with Jesus Christ and for His cause and glory...

...only then will we grow in...Knowledge of Christ's Word, His Will and His Work.

A. GLENN CARPENTER Elected President of the Brethren Publication Board

ELECTED TO THE PRESIDENCY of the Brethren Publication Board by members of the Board during their meetings at General Conference time last month, was Mr. A. Glenn Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter, who has been a member of the Board since 1958, was serving as Vice-President. He lives in Ashland, and formerly served as Business Manager of Ashland College.

We pay tribute to the retiring President of the Board, Mr. Joe E. Stookey, who served in this capacity for seventeen years. Mr. Stookey, whose home is in Ashland, was elected to membership on the Publication Board in 1941 and served one year as Treasurer, and one year as Vice-President, becoming its President in 1943. Under his leadership many fine improvements have been made. New equipment has been installed, including a large cylinder press in 1948, a new Intertype in 1952, and a new, high speed vertical press. The

Evangelist and Quarterlies have undergone face lifting and other changes, and the book store has been enlarged. The building itself, erected in 1942, was cleared of debt in 1954. Continued improvements are planned, as most Brethren are now aware of.

So, for the many hours of work, the anxiety borne in times of financial stress, and the decisions which had to be made in the welfare of our publication work, we say "Thank You, Mr. Stookey."

Rev. Phil Lersch, former Brethren Youth Director and now Pastor of the Park Street Brethren Church in Ashland, was elected to membership on the Publication Board in August, and now serves as its Vice-President. H. D. Hunter, Shipshewana Lake, Indiana, a member of the Board since 1957, now serves as Secretary-Treasurer.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

GOD HAS SENT HIS LOVE TO US

"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise." Matt. 21:16.

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD BOY, returning from his first visit to a Sunday School, brought with him the card given to the children to help them understand the lesson teaching. He was all excited trying to explain the teaching of the lesson. On the card were the words "God is love." His mother asked what the words were and what the teacher said about it. The little fellow puzzled for a moment and then replied, "I think, Mummie, teacher said it was 'God has sent His love to you.'"

We are told that in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. God is love, and that God might reveal to man the measure and power of His love, He sent the best-loved object in all heaven; He sent His only begotten Son to come and bring God's love to us.

"God has sent His love to you." That was exactly what God did when He sent His Son to proclaim the saving fact that God was a loving Father. Through Jesus,

"the express image of all that God is," God sent His love to every one on earth. In Jesus we behold the condescension of Divine love "fitting His stature to our need" that He might lift us up to heaven.

St. Augustine once wrote about God's love for the individual: "Thou carest for every one of us, as if thou carest for him only; and so for all of us as if there was but one."

Old-Bust-Me-Up. Some years ago an old tugboat with a very bad reputation was running between London and Portsmouth, in England. The tug was strong enough, but it developed a very bad habit: it could not run into any harbor without colliding with some vessel. It did so much damage that the sailors all along the coast came to call it "Old Bust-Me-Up." But one bright morning a miracle happened; Old Bust-Me-Up came into Portsmouth harbor and missed every boat in sight. The men on the docks just couldn't understand it.

One sailor called out, "What's come over you, Old Bust-Me-Up?" A sailor on the deck of the tug shouted back, "Got a new skipper aboard!"

That is exactly what being born again means—taking a new Pilot aboard to guide one's life.—Frank S. Mead in *TARBELL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE* 1961, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

having eyes,

see ye not? . . .

Mark 8:18

JOHN W. PORTE, Field Secretary

DURING THE RECENT General Conference, an Elder of the church was heard to say—"...a nice conference, but there is nothing to take home".

Capitalizing on the most ideal weather northern Ohio could possibly afford in August, the seventy-second General Conference of the Brethren Church convened on the campus of Ashland College at Ashland, Ohio. In attendance was the largest number of registered ministerial, lay and youth delegates in recent years.

Vice Moderator, Elder J. D. Hamel, opened the conference as the "key-noter" with a challenging message, "Our Unfinished Task."

Moderator Elder Joseph R. Shultz aroused and inspired the entire conference with his address, "The Place of The Brethren Church in the Kingdom of God."

These two young elders of our church spoke directly from their hearts, in a divinely-inspired manner, with their words aimed directly at every member of the church. Their words aimed at everyone in their hearing; everyone who claimed or claims the promises of our Lord.

The Bylers and the Krafts thrilled our hearts with their public and personal appearances and their reports to the conference. The National Mission Board gave an excellent report and worked long hours behind the scenes to plan ahead for an even greater out-reach at home and abroad.

The Brethren Youth, with a large representation, held one of their best conferences; one of their best contests; and accepted a challenging project to back up the work of the radio ministry in Argentina.

The Sunday School Board gave an encouraging report that indicated definite progress in the quality and quantity of our religious educational emphasis and accept even greater goals for continued progress. Some have complained that it couldn't be done—evidence was here that it could be done.

The Summer Camping Program reported great gains and even greater successes.

The Ashland College program reported a forward-looking and continuing advancement. A building program which includes not only bigger and better facilities but an enriched curriculum.

The Brethren Seminary reported progress and a goodly number of young men and women in training for full-time service.

The Publishing House reports the purchase of a new and improved press and improved facilities. The Conference placed its stamp upon the new unified publication to appear soon.

A new publication, "Our Faith", was made available and is the best (in our opinion) publication the Brethren have produced since Dr. C. F. Yoder's, "God's Means of Grace".

A new and revised "Manual of Procedure" was made available.

Each evening our spirits were lifted by inspiring addresses of those who spoke.

The harmony and unity which prevailed indicated an approval of our efforts by the Almighty. It remains now with each of us to follow the admonitions of the words of our Moderator and Vice-Moderator to carry on to even greater things.

No, I will have to agree, there was "nothing to take home", nothing that could be wrapped in red ribbon and carried under the arm. But there was a feeling of fellowship, of accomplishment. There is a feeling of purpose and urgency.

He who had "nothing to take home" should now know, even at this late hour, just what our unfinished task has been and is. He should now know the place of the Brethren Church in the Kingdom of God. He should know that the Brethren Church should purpose to ever be a part of the Kingdom of God. He should now know that he (and we) are the Brethren Church and if we are not a part of the Kingdom of God, then he (and we) have failed.

The success and spirit of the recent conference have indicated that we have not and cannot fail if we continue to look to Him.

"Nothing to take home" in our pockets—but so much in our hearts.

TEN WORSHIP COMMANDMENTS

Come to church on time! Better yet, arrive a few minutes early. Late-comers rob the Lord, themselves, and disrupt the service for others.

Seat yourself quietly! Breathe a prayer. Use extra time before the service in meditation and Bible reading.

Always remember, you are in God's house! You are in a building which has been set aside as a place in which men and women and children are to worship God. Please act accordingly!

Keep in mind, Jesus is here! Matt. 18:20. So please give your Saviour a chance to talk to you, through His Word. Don't sadden your Saviour's heart by whispering, passing things to your neighbor during these golden moments.

Give yourself to God completely! Join heartily in the singing of every hymn, regardless of who the song leader is. You are singing unto the Lord! Follow in your Bible the reading and preaching from God's Word. Pray with eyes closed.

Don't play hide-and-go-seek in church! We hear that some of you visit and talk and cram yourself in the coatrooms when you should be worshipping in the sanctuary with your brothers and

sisters in the Lord. This ought not to be! Visit later.

Don't turn the church into a playground! Church is not the place for children to romp around. Parents, teach your children not to race, jump, and chase madly around in the sanctuary. This is not a race track or a gym room. Teach your children to be polite and respectful in God's house.

Don't backslide into back benches! Let's fill up the front pews first! Please follow the church usher. He, too, is a servant of the church!

Don't chase visitors away! Be so quiet, so reverent, so respectful, so prayerful, so attentive in the service that a stranger being with us for the first time will indeed sense that here men really love and worship Jesus. Holy Spirit quietness will bring visitors back.

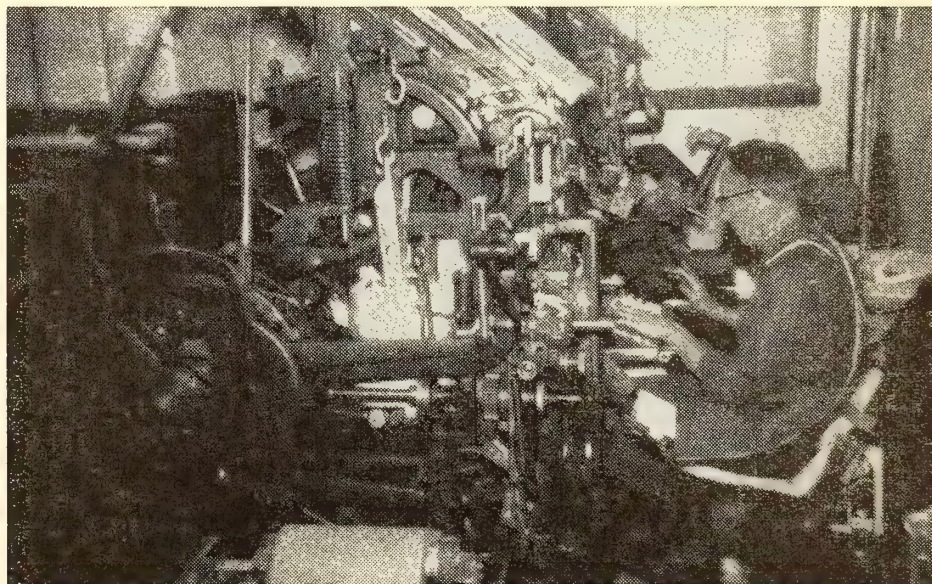
Don't depend upon others to make a good church! You come first. Be sure you practice reverence in God's house. If you are a parent, teach your children. Then let all of us work together with each other (ushers, parents, teachers, pastor, Sunday-school pupils) to make our church a place where men glorify the Lord Jesus.

Mennonite Church Bulletin.

C. L. "Charlie"

PLANK

RETIRES



A VERY FAMILIAR SIGHT around the Brethren Publishing Company for 35 years was Mr. C. L. "Charlie" Plank, as he sat at the keyboard of his Intertype, setting type for our publications. Just before General Conference in August, Charlie set his last lines of type.

Charlie first came to work for the Brethren Publishing Company in 1917. He was gone for 7½ years, from 1934 to 1942. Since then he has

worked continuously until the time of his retirement a month ago. For many years, practically everything you read in print in Brethren publications first went through the eyes, mind and hands of Charlie Plank.

Employees of the Company held a farewell for Charlie at the close of work on his last day. A gift of appreciation from fellow workers and the Company was presented to him. We wish for him many years of enjoyable retirement.

FATHER AND

THERE ARE NO PERFECT FATHERS. All of them must feel at times that their job is bigger than they ever thought it could be. But father's role is important. It is important for the welfare of the family while the children are still at home. It is important, too, in view of the concepts of father that the children will carry with them when they marry and establish homes of their own.

As boys and girls grow up in a home, unconsciously they form ideas as to what a father is like (a mother, too, of course). How does a man treat his wife and children? What responsibility does he take in family living? What regard does he have for God, the Bible, the church, the law, the neighbors, the dog, the cat?

Day in and day out, fathers are interpreting to their growing boys and girls the answers to these questions. And the children will carry these mental images to their own marriages. Sons who marry will tend to repeat the pattern set by father. Daughters will look for father's qualities in their husbands.

Father's role is important, the modern-day comics, cartoons, stories, radio, television programs notwithstanding. Think of the many instances today where father is pictured as a bewildered, embarrassed, helpless victim of circumstances, with little more judgment or command of a situation than a child or at best, a confused adolescent.

Contrast this distorted picture of father's role with the true picture taught in the Bible. The Word teaches that the father is to be a man of true strength and leadership. He is the head of his wife, loving her with pure, self-sacrificing, forgiving love. By example and teaching he is the leader in spiritual things at home. He has the chief responsibility for the training and discipline of the children.

Present-day portrayals and practices are a far cry from this Bible standard. Even in our church circles a great deal is said about the **fact** of man's headship and too little about the **responsibilities** of such headship. This approach contributes, also, to the prevailing concept of the weak role of father in family living.

In a world of tight schedules, how can a father be what he should be to his family? Aside from his task as breadwinner, it takes time for him to be a good lover to his wife, a companion and loving disciplinarian to his children, a spiritual leader in the home as God has ordained. But figured according to the scale of true values, these are all-important parts of his role as a father and well worth some extra study and effort.

What Father Can Do

1. **He can keep up a good relationship with his wife.** This is important not only for the happiness of themselves as husband and wife. The children's welfare is at stake too. They need to feel secure in the assurance that father and mother truly love each other. It is in this atmosphere that children develop the ability to love and understand others.

2. **He can enjoy his children.** A father said after his children were grown, that if he could relive the past he would enjoy his children more. Nothing is more important to the growing boy or girl than to feel wanted, loved, understood, and appreciated. For a father to greet his child with a bright "Good morning!" at breakfast time or a cheerful "Hello!" when he returns from work may seem like small things. But they can mean much to children.

3. **He can share time with his children.** Here it is not so much the quantity of time as the quality. The father who must be absent for work keeps this in mind. When he is at home he belongs

HIS FAMILY

Grant and Ruth Stoltzfus

Courtesy of National Sunday School Association.

to the family. This is not always easy after a heavy day's work. But he had better lay down the newspaper to listen to the children, laugh and play with them, and pick up the paper after they are in bed.

A father will watch, too, lest his only time with the family is when he is tired and inclined to be impatient. If he habitually stretches out on the living room couch and cannot be annoyed with the children, if he ignores his family except to demand quietness—this father is missing opportunities for happy companionship. He may need his rest, but he also needs his family and his family needs him.

A father will show an interest in his child's schoolwork at times other than just report card time. If there is difficulty with schoolwork, or if his child is chosen last for a ball game, he will enter into the problem sympathetically. A wise father will understand that ill-tempered scolding can actually stop a child's learning processes and increase the emotional problem that may be the cause of poor schoolwork in the first place.

Father will want to supplement the school program by taking the children with him to town, to the museum, the zoo, or, as suitable, to the place where he works. And he should not forget that his own early home has quite a fascination to his children. He ought to walk with them through the meadows where he once drove in the cows. He ought to show them the place in the cornfield where he shot his first pheasant. Stories of what father did when he was a boy (other than misdemeanors) can furnish many pleasant and profitable moments for the children. Somehow these stories build better family solidarity.

It is thought that from the time a child is about four until he is six he has a special affection for the parent of the opposite sex. This means that the little daughter is likely to be unusually fond

of her father during that time of her life. A father who takes an interest in his little girl, who spends time reading and talking to her and listening to her small talk, is doing much more than he may realize toward her immediate security and future happiness. We are told that a congenial and happy relationship is important at this time because it actually affects the child's chances of a good relationship with a member of the opposite sex later on in courtship and marriage.

What about father's life with his boys? It seems that the father's golden opportunity with his son is while he is between the age of eight and fourteen. During those six years a boy looks to his father in a way that he never will again. This is the time for periods of relaxed companionship—an easy flow of words or happy silence just as father and son desire. This is the time for frank talks on sex or any question that may concern a boy. These are the years especially important for building worthy ideals through the bonds of enjoyable father-son companionship.

Usually a boy in this age bracket would rather be with his father than listen to the radio, or watch television, or spend a quarter at the store. He wants and needs father more than the things father's earning power will buy.

A twelve-year-old boy persuaded his father to go ice skating with him. "Daddy fell down only twice," he proudly reported to Mother when they returned. Daddy himself said, "At first I was as stiff as ten boards nailed together, but I soon limbered up and had a good time." The son's smiling lips and glowing eyes spoke their thanks for one of the greatest things in his life—his father's companionship.

4. **He can let his children be themselves.** A wise father will not force his children into a mold. Together with his wife he will study the intelligence, abilities, interests of each child and allow

for individual differences. John may be an avid reader, but Ralph excels most in working with tools. Although efforts will be made to help the boys to be well-rounded personalities, each will be encouraged in the thing he enjoys most and can do the best.

At report card time father will not compare one child unfavorably with another but will help each one to compete with his own record, trying to do better next month than he did this month.

A positive approach will do most to help a child want to do better. A father was examining his children's report cards. Some of the grades left much to be desired but while each child stood waiting for comments on his record, father read aloud the list of subjects and the grade for each. He made no comment on the poor grades but when he came to an "A" he gave the child a hearty handshake and said, "Congratulations!" This kind of handling will do more good than any amount of scolding or comparing with other children.

5. **He can be levelheaded in the discipline of his children.** Good discipline begins with parents who are self-disciplined. Someone has said that it is amazing, in this day of supposed enlightenment, how many fathers still think that discipline is a matter of muscle. If a father takes measures against his children to relieve his inner frustrations, more is wrong with him than with the child he is correcting. If he rules chiefly by force or the threat of force, he need not be surprised if his children later defy all authority. If he does not help them to develop inner control at home they will not exercise proper control away from home.

While avoiding the extreme of overstrictness, father will avoid the other extreme of being too lenient. Children want and need kind, yet firm

control for the sake of their own security. Although it sounds like a flat contradiction, children do not want to do everything that they want to do.

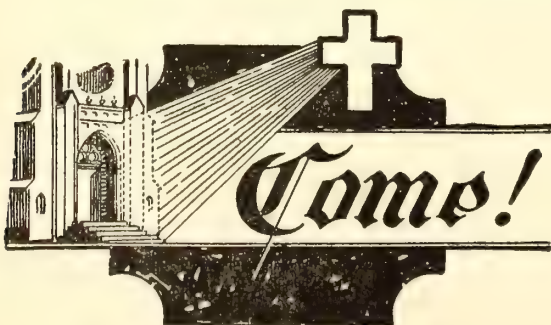
A little eight-year-old girl proved this to her parents when she came home from school with this complaint, "We had a substitute teacher today. She let us do just anything we wanted to do, and we didn't like her." Children want good, firm, fair discipline and they thrive on it. Children who do not have it are unhappy and they become handicapped in their personalities.

It is not good for children to go swimming, skating, visiting, and shopping every time they ask to go. It is not good for them to have as much money to spend as they would like to have. There are certain regulations and restrictions that they need.

Even the baseball game teaches us a lesson in this. Suppose the batter could have any number of strikes, the pitcher could throw the ball in any direction, the fielders and base runners would roam about as they pleased. Such a ball game would be no fun at all, and life is no fun for parents or children when there are no regulations.

Though he makes mistakes and misjudges at times, father can achieve his goals if he truly loves his children. True love and concern for the children is what matters most of all. It will keep him from being overstrict or overindulgent. It will prevent both coddling and cruelty.

The Bible speaks of this love that motivates a father's discipline: "Whom the Lord Loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth." Out of deep love and concern, fathers discipline wisely for the best welfare of the child. And he will remember that in his authority as a father, he is subject to the authority of a heavenly Father.



Attend Church
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5. **He will take the lead in making religion a reality in home life.** As head of the home this is his duty and privilege. He is head of the home not as a tyrant or dictator for his personal comfort and advantage but as leader in everything worth while—a leader whose example and teaching can be safely followed.

The tendency to expect the mother to carry the load of spiritual training in the home is one of the saddest things about present-day home life. Mother is his important assistant and all members of the family can take an active part in family worship, but father is the spiritual leader. This is not so much a matter of status as a God-ordained responsibility to be fulfilled.

The father leads in family worship, in church-going, in showing example. "The way to have a good son is to be a good father."

Young children have a way of looking up to father with almost unbelievable admiration. One day a little girl found her pet kitten, limp and almost lifeless, beside the road where it had been hit by a car. But she was not greatly upset. "Daddy can fix it," she said.

Think of the wisdom of God in ordaining that father, to whom the children look with such admiration, should be the one, chiefly, who should teach them the Word of God and lead them to the Saviour. Since father's words carry extra weight with the children, it is a pity when he does not seize the opportunity to speak about God and His Word and lead the family in meaningful worship experiences. There is no greater blessing to children and "children's children" than Christian teaching of parents at home backed up by happy, contagious, consistent Christian living.

What Mother Can Do

Father is more likely to fulfill his role successfully if he has the love, encouragement, and help of an understanding wife. Besides being aware that nagging does no good and may do harm to her relationship to her husband, she understands that her children need to see their father in as good a light as possible. They need to look up to him and think well of him. This means that disagreements between parents must be aired away from the presence of the children.

Mother senses the need for father to spend time with the family and does not demand so many gadgets and furnishings that he is forced to overwork to pay for them.

One family faced this problem squarely. Yes, it would be nice to have more money and nicer

things in the home. But it would mean that father would be with the family very little. After looking at all sides of the question, they decided that the family would be deprived most by giving up father. So they gave up the extra income instead. They did not want more finances if it meant less father.

It Is the Extra Effort That Counts

Good father-family relationships are made not born. They do not just happen. They come as a result of special effort. This is true whether father is at home most of the time or away from home most of the time. It is not so much a question of how much he is at home as what goes on when he is at home.

Many fathers have jobs that keep them away from home much of the time. Can a traveling salesman be what he ought to be to his family? The answer may be yes or no. It depends on whether father and the family keenly sense the threat to family companionship. It depends on whether they are willing to put forth extra effort to make father's fellowship with the family the very best during the hours he is at home.

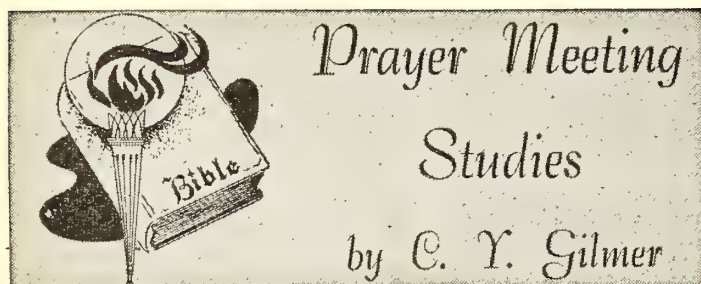
One family reports that this extra effort has paid off well for them. The father hesitated to take a job as a traveling agent because it would mean being away from his family from Monday morning until Friday evening. But this is where the extra effort comes in. While he is away this father writes home every day, telling about his work, where he has been, and the little happenings of interest. Sometimes he sends gifts for the family.

Several times a week the family writes to him. In the exchange of letters, he and the family plan what they will do together on Saturday. He closes his books on Friday evening and does not belong to the company again until Monday morning. This gives him two full days with the family. Now they have more wonderful times than before, they report.

Each family will have to decide what its own extra efforts must be in order for father to have a close and happy relationship with his family.

So long as the world stands, children will need the strength, spiritual leadership, discipline, love, and companionship of a godly father. Whatever it takes to meet this need will be well worth the effort.

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THE GOOD FIGHT

I must fight, Lord, I must fight;
Too much that's wrong, too little right;
Too many channels for the wrong,
While truth must hew its way along.
Lost souls toiling in the night,
Held by those who hate the light:
I must fight.

Lord God, if I refuse to fight,
And bow to wrong because of might,
Till darkness takes the place of light,
And I am left with blurring sight,
Unable to discern the way
That once was clear and plain as day:
Lord God, if this should come on me,
A whitened sepulcher I'll be,
Unchanged to those who view the clay,
But inside filled with rank decay;
And though I flourish with the proud,
As dead as if I wore a shroud.

—Fred Schreffler

THE ENTIRE BIBLE SPEAKS of the good life as a warfare (I Tim. 1:18). The inspired Paul commanded Timothy to "fight the good fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:12). The soldiers of Christ are known for their endurance (II Tim. 2:3). Their life is one of constant witnessing, warning, and warring (II Tim. 4:2). Paul was a good warrior (II Tim. 4:7). Because God's people are lacking in this militant spirit God has a labor shortage (Lu. 10:2). The urgency of the world's situation is grave (Jn. 4:35).

"God Himself waits and must wait till thou come;
Men are God's prophets though ages lie dumb.
Halts the Christ Kingdom with conquests so near?
Thou art the cause, thou soul in the rear.
Move to the fore!"

God can use volunteers only (Rom. 12:1). God puts a premium on willingness (Isa. 1:19). Those who please God follow Him without reservation (Num. 14:24). Only unto such is the power of God available (II Chron. 16:9). We live in a day of perversion of the Bible doctrine of love as an excuse for disobedience (Rom. 12:9). Any teaching of "love" (I Jn. 4:8) that disregards the right and is tolerant toward sin needs to be balanced by Heb. 12:29. The love that has no fight in it is the love of Demas (II Tim. 4:10). How can such have confidence toward God with such condemnation in their hearts (I Jn. 3:19-22)? It has usually been a minority that has stood for unqualified obedience (Num. 14:6-9). It was the rebels that God disinherited (Num. 14:23, 24). The faithful had to fight for their inheritance (Josh. 17:16-18).

Stand on thy feet, ye valiants of the Lord!

These times require thy life, thy constancy;
Steadfast and sure, equipped with God's own word,
March forth to battle,—loyal, brave and free!

Stand in the strength of Him Who loved the world:

Match with His might the schemes that mock His way;
Ride out the night with honour's flags unfurled;
Win to thy standards all who love the day.

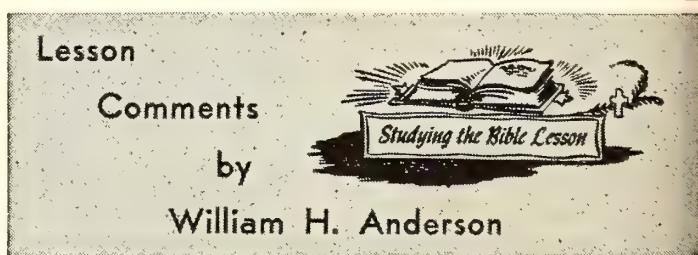
Stand up to wrongs that shame a nation's pride;

Gird for life's battle; strike, by virtue steeled;
Look to the hills where stout of heart abide;
Fear not the flats where cowards lie concealed.

Stand up and serve God's cause, with grace endued;

Sting in thy fury hate's unholy word;
Wake up to life and see man's hopes renewed;
In triumph rides the spirit of the Lord.

—John Gray Rhind



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Lesson for September 18, 1960

FALSE LEADERSHIP BRINGS RUIN

Lesson: Micah 3:1-6, 9-12

IN THIS ELECTION YEAR the American people are reminded once again that their political leaders engage more in talking than doing. As someone so aptly put it:

"Two things in life I've had and ample;
Good advice and bad example."

The tragedy is that our country can be no stronger than our leaders. Much to her sorrow, the Nation of Israel found that "False Leadership Brings Ruin."

Our lesson shows how Micah pronounced the judgment of God upon the corrupt leaders of Israel and Judah. But, first of all, let us learn something about the prophet Micah.

"Micah's name means 'Who is like Jehovah?'" Practically nothing is known of the prophet beside the town of his residence and the time and place of his ministry. He came from a small town called Moresheth-gath, about 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem... The prophet was a Judean by birth; he prophesied in Jerusalem; and he was a younger contemporary of Isaiah" (Charles L. Feinberg).

CONDUCT

The conduct of Israel's political and spiritual leaders left much to be desired. There were five serious charges leveled against them in chapter 3.

1. **They refused to practice justice:** "Is is not for you to know justice?" (3:1—R. S. V.).

"The heads of Jacob here are the princes of the tribes and the heads of families in the tribes, upon whom the knowledge and the execution of Jehovah's law were requisite. Micah reminds them, 'Is it not for you to know right?' The form of his question indicates that without any doubt Jehovah expected the leaders of His people to have legal and religious knowledge that would manifest itself in administration, in action" (B. A. Copass & E. L. Carlson).

2. **They had distorted moral values:** "You who hate the good and love the evil" (3:2—R. S. V.). This is true of all who refuse to heed God. Man's nature has been twisted and warped by sin. Only God enables man to see aright.

3. **They made the people their prey:** "Who eat the flesh of My people, and flay their skin from off them, and break their bones in pieces..." (3:3—R. S. V.).

"He describes those who ought to be 'shepherds of the people,' to feed, guard, direct them, but who were their butchers; who did not shear them, but flayed them; who fed on them, not fed them" (E. B. Pusey).

4. **They were greedy and avaricious:** "Its heads give judgment for a bribe, its priests teach for hire, its prophets divine for money" (3:11—R. S. V.). There are always those whose only interest is selfish gain. Rudyard Kipling speaks of a coming day when

"No one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame."

But that day has not yet come!

5. **They possessed a false sense of security:** "Yet they lean upon the Lord and say, 'Is not the Lord in the midst of us? No evil shall come upon us.'" (3:11—R. S. V.).

"If their consciences trouble them at all, they comfort themselves with the promise: they are of Jehovah's people; He will keep them. They in their religious expediency forget that the promise was based on the stipulation, 'If ye keep My laws and walk in My way'" (Copass & Carlson).

Are there not such people today? They lie, and cheat, and steal, and engage in everything that is unholy and unjust. Yet, somehow, they think God is pleased with them!

CONSEQUENCE

The leaders of Israel did not stop to think of the consequence of their conduct.

First of all, God said their prayers would go unanswered. "Then they will cry to the Lord, but He will not answer them; He will hide His face from them at that time, because they have made their deeds evil" (3:4—R. S. V.).

God will not answer the prayer of the unrighteous! The Psalmist realized this, for he said: "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (66:18).

"There will come a time when the most proud and scornful sinners will cry to the Lord, and sue for that

mercy which they once neither valued nor copied out. But it will then be in vain; God will even hide His face from them at that time, that time when they need His favour, and see themselves undone without it" (Matthew Henry).

Secondly, God said the false leaders of Israel would be subject to spiritual darkness and desolation. "Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without divination. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them" (3:6—R. S. V.).

Nothing worse can possibly come to those who once enjoyed spiritual light than to have that light withdrawn! That is why Jesus warned: "Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you...If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Jn. 12:35—Mt. 6:23).

As a result of corrupt leadership in Israel, the entire nation suffered. Spiritual darkness set in, and apostasy resulted. Let us, therefore, ever look to God for guidance in selecting our political and spiritual leaders.

Sunday School Suggestions
The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church
by Dick Winfield

"BE NOT forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." We, in our Sunday Schools may not "entertain angels unawares", but in that stranger who visits our Sunday School for the first time we may have a future S. S. worker—perhaps a teacher, S. S. officer, or Superintendent. In the young boy who comes for the first time we may have a future minister or missionary. And it is very likely that this "stranger" represents an unsaved soul for whom we are responsible. Yet how many of these strangers do our churches lose because they are not made to feel welcome? In our generation, when impersonality is the rule, and warm friendship is the exception, people seek to find a place where they belong and where they can find fellowship and a sense of welcome. The Sunday School should provide this kind of atmosphere; it should make a special effort to extend a warm welcome to the visitors who enter its doors.

But how may this be done? Clate A. Risley, in an article in Link Magazine, attempts to answer the question of how to handle "first timers" in our Sunday Schools. He writes as follows: "Every department ought to have a secretary at a table near the entrance to the department and certainly be on the alert for first timers. In addition to this it is advisable and preferable to have some one of the teaching staff or an additional person assigned to help in greeting and watching for these newcomers, taking them over to the desk of the secretary, introducing them and then taking them to the teacher of their class and introducing them.

"The main point is not to leave to chance that some teacher might be alert and say, 'Oh, there is a new-

comer. I must go say something.' A person should have the job as an assignment. My own experience is that the adult department is the most difficult to get cooperation, both from the secretaries and from the visitors. Adults are not accustomed to enrolling in school or being questioned. Sometimes they are a bit touchy. It still is very important and I think the easiest way to do it is to have a regular registration desk. When I was a pastor we had a high desk where one could stand to write which was located in the front entrance. Across the front it had carved letters 'Welcome—Register Here'. Someone was always behind the desk with information, a smile, and a pen. The ushers or greeters took the newcomers there where they signed up and where the information was written down.

"One other suggestion. If you can give visitors a card to fill out rather than ask them questions, it may be easier."

Perhaps this particular method would not work best in your Sunday School. Nevertheless, it offers practical suggestions that may be adapted to your particular situation. The important point is that you find some method and put it into practice now! "When the Son of man shall come in His glory... He shall say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire... for I was a stranger, and ye took me not in... Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." Perish the thought that the Church should suffer the same condemnation.

World Religious News in Review

PASTOR SPEAKS ON CATHOLIC PRESIDENT

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (EP)—The Rev. Ernest L. Laycock, pastor of the North Syracuse Baptist Church, North Syracuse, recently appeared on a Syracuse radio program, "Opinion," on Station WFBL, to discuss the subject of "Would the Separation of Church and State Be Violated by a Roman Catholic President?" Following an initial presentation, telephone calls flooded the station's switchboard. Mr. Laycock answered phone queries over the air, from 11 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Peter Scott, host of "Opinion" invited a representative of the Roman Catholic Church to appear on the Friday night program, of the same week, to counter the sentiments of Pastor Laycock. Father Shannon, director of radio and television relations for the Roman Catholic Church in Syracuse, refused to send a representative, but he issued a statement outlining the functions of the Church as "to teach, to rule, to sanctify." On this night, and again on the following Monday night, telephone calls poured into the station, and many opinions were aired on both sides of the issue. Mr. Laycock had secured permission to offer the pamphlet by Dr. George Ford, "A Roman Catholic President: How Free From Church Control?" to all who wrote in. Many copies have been circulated in the general Syracuse area.

HOOVER NAMED BIBLE WEEK CHAIRMAN

NEW YORK (EP)—Honorary National Chairman for the 20th Annual National Bible Week, October 17-23, will be former president Herbert Hoover.

The observance, sponsored by the Laymen's National Committee, Inc., with headquarters here, has for its theme: "The Bible—Strength of our Nation."

Stressing the Bible's timelessness, Mr. Hoover recalled a message he had sent as president to the National Federation of Men's Bible Classes, in a convention in Baltimore in 1929.

"There is no other book so various as the Bible, nor one so full of concentrated wisdom," his message said. "Whether it be of law, business, morals or that vision which leads the imagination in the creation of constructive enterprises for the happiness of mankind, he who seeks for guidance in any of these things may look inside its covers and find illumination."

The study of the Bible, the former president says, is "a post-graduate course in the richest library of human experience."

"As a nation we are indebted to the Book of Books for our national ideals and representative institutions," he said. "Their preservation rests in adhering to its principles."

JAPANESE PRAY ON HIROSHIMA A-BOMB ANNIVERSARY

HIROSHIMA, Japan (EP)—As temple bells pealed out over the city of Hiroshima, Japanese citizens bent their heads in prayer, marking the 15th anniversary of an event which changed history—the dropping of the first atomic bomb on August 6, 1945.

Crown Prince Akihito, speaking before some 30,000 people gathered in World Peace Park, said he hoped the holocaust which took 78,150 lives would never be repeated. "I am overwhelmed with sorrow," he said, "when I think of the great number of people who lost their lives in the atomic bomb explosion and of the survivors and bereaved families. I pray that such a tragedy never will be repeated and that there will be world peace."

PRECEDENT: CATHOLICS AT PROTESTANT FUNERAL

LONDON (EP)—An event took place here which was believed to be the first in history—the Roman Catholic Church in England was represented officially at a Protestant funeral.

Three Catholic laymen representing William Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, attended the funeral of Sir Marcus Cheke, a Protestant who died in Rome while serving as British Minister to the Vatican. The service was held at the Anglican Church at Bickeigh, near Plymouth, England.

Pope John XXIII visited Sir Marcus in Rome shortly before the Britisher died at the age of 54. In appreciation of this gesture, Queen Elizabeth II of England sent the Catholic pope a special message.

K OF C TERMS CHURCH STATEMENT "UNACCEPTABLE"

GREENSBORO, N. C. (EP)—"A complete and unequivocal retraction and apology" has been demanded from a local Baptist church by the Knights of Columbus following the publication of what the Catholic organization describes as a "bogus oath" distributed by the Baptist Church to the K of C.

A statement delivered to the local organization of the Knights of Columbus was rejected as "unacceptable." Said William Gallagher, local K of C president, "We expect a complete and unequivocal retraction and apology printed and distributed in the same manner as the bogus oath published and distributed by the 16th Street Baptist Church."

Meanwhile, the **Biblical Recorder**, official publication of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, warned Baptists against using the oath in criticism of the Catholic Church or any of its organizations.

The oath, found to be spurious by a Congressional committee in 1913, had been published the previous year during a Congressional campaign in Pennsylvania in which a Catholic member of Congress was unseated.

The "bogus oath" depicts Knights of Columbus members as swearing allegiance to the Catholic Church, pledging to overthrow any government not conforming to the Church's doctrines, and opposing all Protestants.

A Baptist minister in Stanley, N. C., apologized to the Knights of Columbus on July 20, for reference to the oath in a sermon. He said he had learned later that it was false.

PILGRIM HOLINESS GROUP SAYS ROMAN CATHOLIC OFFICIALS BOUND BY "DOGMAS AND DEMANDS"

KERNERSVILLE, N. C. (EP)—At its 50th annual conference here, North Carolina District of the Pilgrim Holiness Church went on record "as being conscientiously opposed to the election of a Roman Catholic for President of the United States."

It resolved further: "for the sake of our future Christian liberties we shall prayerfully urge our people to think seriously and to pray earnestly, over the coming election of the President of the United States."

"The religious issue has again injected itself into the national political picture," the group said, adding "our

nation, under God, has led the world in religious freedom under Protestant leadership."

"Protestants," it continued, "are suffering a systematic curbing of the free exercise of religion in countries where the Roman Catholic Church has unrivalled predominance.

"There is abundant evidence that a Roman Catholic public official is bound by the dogmas and demands of his Church which are strongly opposed to the separation of Church and State."

URGES PRAYER FOR NEXT PRESIDENT

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (EP)—A national "Prayer for the Next President" movement has been proposed by a Presbyterian minister here.

Suggested by the Rev. Robert W. Young, and published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the "Prayer Call" urged "plentiful private prayer" from now until election day, Nov. 8, for the man who will be the next President of the United States.

Mr. Young, pastor of North Presbyterian Church, asked that the prayers be directed to God to help keep "the Presidential campaign on a high moral and political level."

"As work and prayer go together," he said, "God's man for this hour in

history will be elected to lead us. Prayer is democracy's decisive unused weapon to bring victory in our domestic and foreign problems."

He suggested that Sunday, November 6, be a Day of Prayer in all places of worship so that "the man of God's choosing may occupy the White House and be endowed with heavenly wisdom."

RELIGION A MAJOR U. S. ELECTION ISSUE, GRAHAM DECLARES

MONTREUX, Switzerland (EP)—Speaking here in preliminary meetings to his crusades in Switzerland, Evangelist Billy Graham remarked that religion in the United States Presidential campaign "will definitely be a major issue, whether we like it or not."

Graham said he felt the religious issue will "go much deeper" this year than in 1928 when New York Governor Alfred E. Smith, a Roman Catholic, was defeated for the Presidency. Evangelist Graham said he believed, however, that the issue would not be as vocal is it was in 1928.

The statement by Graham was not intended to mean that he was entering politics, he said. Rather, he will not discuss the issue "except to say that I am opposed to all forms of religious bigotry and intolerance."

CONGO MISSIONARY:

"I PLAN TO GO BACK"

The family silverware and two photo albums were all that a young Minneapolis missionary mother took with her when she evacuated strife-torn Congo 18 days ago because, she said, "I plan to go back."

Mrs. Gordon Johnson, 30, arrived in Minneapolis with three sleepy children, Stephen 4, Scott, 3 and Karen, 14 months. A missionary of the Evangelical Free Church of America, she left her doctor husband at Tandala, Congo, on Sunday, July 10, where he serves a 90-bed hospital.

"I heard from my husband by letter last Wednesday," Mrs. Johnson said. "Things were still quiet in our corner of the Congo, the northwest corner, and no serious incidents of any kind had been experienced at that time. He had just come from a meeting of missionaries and Congo church leaders concerning the future of the work there."

"All eleven of our men are now back on the field," Mrs. Johnson said. "They plan to stay there for an unlimited time to see how conditions develop. My husband, along with Dr. John Campbell, Omaha, Neb., never did evacuate as they felt they had to remain and care for their patients. As you well realize, there are no Congolese doctors at all, and although much work has been done in training male nurses, they are able to do little more than assist in operations at this time."

And she added: "My home is there, so I feel I must go back. I hope it will be within a year. We felt, and our mission board agreed, that it would be best to return to America rather than relocate temporarily in Europe, for the sake of the children and their security. My husband and I have dedicated our lives to reaching the Congolese with the Gospel, and we trust that the present condition is only a temporary one and will ease off." (EP)

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

"VENTURING WITH CHRIST"

(This message was delivered at the Brethren Youth National Conference by the President, Gary Bargerhuff, on Tuesday, August 16. The last half of the article will be presented in next week's EVANGELIST.)

"VENTURING WITH CHRIST can be effectively dealt with on two levels: the group or organizational effort, or; the individual effort.

Webster defines the word "venturing" as follows: "to expose, to hazard or risk, an undertaking involving chance", or, as I would like to use it, "to dare to advance or put forward."

Many of you Brethren Youth dared to advance or put forward a new life this past summer by either accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, or by dedicating your life to Him as a full-time life recruit. Wherever or whenever these decisions were made there are three things we can be, and must be very sure of. These are: that by faith the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ has cleansed us from all past sin, that because of this we are dead to the power of sin, and that the diligent use of the Power of His Word will keep us from sin. We must know beyond the shadow of a doubt what the Bible means when it says that "we are more than conquerors through Christ."

First of all we must know that we have Redemption through Christ's blood. The Bible states very plainly in Ephesians 1:7 that we have redemption through His blood and also the forgiveness of sins. It is not necessary to go into the story of how sin started in this world. Adam willfully disobeyed God's express command not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and because of this disobedience, sin has passed on to every soul that is born on this earth (Romans 5:12). All have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23).

Many do not realize the awfulness and subtlety of sin, and the amount of grief it has caused God. Sin separated God from His creation. In Gen. 3:8 we read that God walked in the garden in the cool of the day. He loved to walk on the earth because He had created it and had declared it to be good. The earth was perfect in every way until Adam sinned. Eternal beauty, the likes of which we have never seen, was here until Adam willfully disobeyed God. After sin entered the world everything changed. I do not know all that took place but the Bible states in Rom. 8:22 that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain until now. The whole earth was affected by sin and is waiting until Christ shall come and purge it, and recreate it into a new earth without sin, pain or death.

God did not create man to sin and live in disobedience but because of Adam's sin we are all sinners and in

order for us to get back into communion with God something had to be done. Praise God something was done. God took the initiative and gave His only begotten Son that the world might be reconciled to Himself. Christ obeyed God, obeyed even to the point of death on the cross and redeemed us through the shedding of His precious blood.

Secondly, if we are to advance with Christ we must know that sin no longer has power over us. In other words—we are dead to the **POWER** of sin.

Many who have just accepted Christ find themselves being defeated in a real serious temptation that they would like to have eliminated from their lives. Others find that some of their sinful habits did not just go away when they were saved. Consequently Satan gets a shot at them with his favorite weapon—discouragement. They begin to reason about the cross of Christ. Doubt about whether or not they are really saved begins to dominate their minds and their usefulness to God is cut short.

Sure we sin. The Bible states that if we say we have not sinned we are a liar, and make God a liar. However there is no need for us to be continuously defeated in particular sin. The price has been paid—the victory has been won. Christ defeated the power of sin when He rose from the grave. All that remains for us to do is claim the victory—it is as simple as that. Read and prayerfully study Romans, chapters 6, 7 and 8. In these chapters you will find comfort, strength and encouragement for your heart.

These chapters are addressed to Christians, those who are born again. Listen to what is contained there:

Chapter 6, verse 2 says that we are dead to sin, so why live anymore as its servant? Along with this is verse 7, which says, "he that is dead is free from sin."

(To be concluded in the next issue.)

THANK YOU!

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the youth and adults who helped make the 1960 National Brethren Youth Conference what it was. It was a great thrill to me to see so many youth come and Venture With Christ. I am already looking forward to next year's conference for even greater spiritual values and experience. Again, I say thank you.

—Marlin McCann

ATTENTION.

**ALL BRETHREN JUNIORS AND SENIORS
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The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

FRIENDSHIP

WHAT MAINTAINS A FRIENDSHIP? Frequent contacts, thoughtfulness, respect, an understanding and sympathetic attitude and sincerity all help to maintain a friendship. Your friends want to hear your voice, to see you, to enjoy your personality, to have your companionship, and in dark hours, to have your sympathy and assistance. Jesus never wanted His disciples to be mere slaves, blindly obeying orders but slaves that were friends, acquainted with all His heart's desires and all His work and mission.

The story is told of Jesus after His life here on earth and His return to the heavenly home, met the angel Gabriel who asked, "Does everyone in all the world know now that God is the heavenly Father who loves them and that you are His Son who died for them?" "No", Jesus answered, "Only a few people in one little country know." "How", then asked Gabriel, "is the whole world to learn about you?" Jesus answered, "I have asked my friends to tell the good news to the world". **THESE FRIENDS INCLUDE YOU AND ME.** "But suppose they fail", asked Gabriel, "What other plan have you?" "I have no other plan, I am depending on them", said Jesus. Friendship is like that—tested by results.

The friendship of Jesus could stand the test. See what He did with the twelve. Remember what they were before they knew Him, think what His influence did for them. Without the Master they would have been nothing; they would have lived and died, and only a few would have known about them, but their love and friendship with Jesus has given them a place among the best known of men.

Our friendship too, must submit to this test. To have a true friend, one must be one.

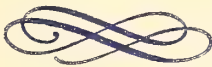
"Never lose an old friend, no matter what the cause
We would never do it, if we didn't look for flaws.
The one thing worthwhile having,
Is the friend who stands the test,
And who has one such friend as this,
Knows friendship at its best."

Friends, in this world of hurry, work and sudden end, if a thought comes quick of doing a kindness for a friend, **DO IT** that very minute—don't put it off, don't wait, for what is the use of doing a kindness if you do it a day too late?

"The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop,
At late or early hour;
Now is the only time you own,
Give, love, toil with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow,
For the clock may then be still."
Mrs. C. E. Klingaman,
Waterloo, Iowa.



What's Doing in the Churches



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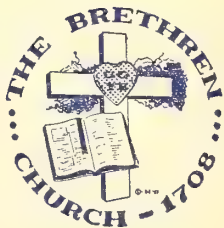
Rev. W. M. Dodds arrived in Oak Hill, West Virginia, on August 3rd, to be our pastor. The ladies of the W. M. S. had dinner waiting at the parsonage and food in their ice box. Brother Dodds conducted prayer meeting that evening. Sunday, August 7th, Brother Dodds preached his first sermon as pastor for us. After the evening service, a reception was held in the church dining room. Rev. and Mrs. Dodds were given a shower of food from the church group.

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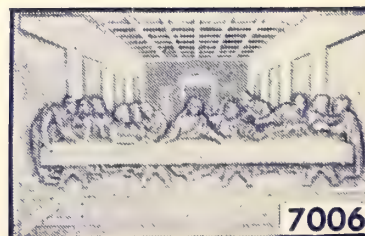
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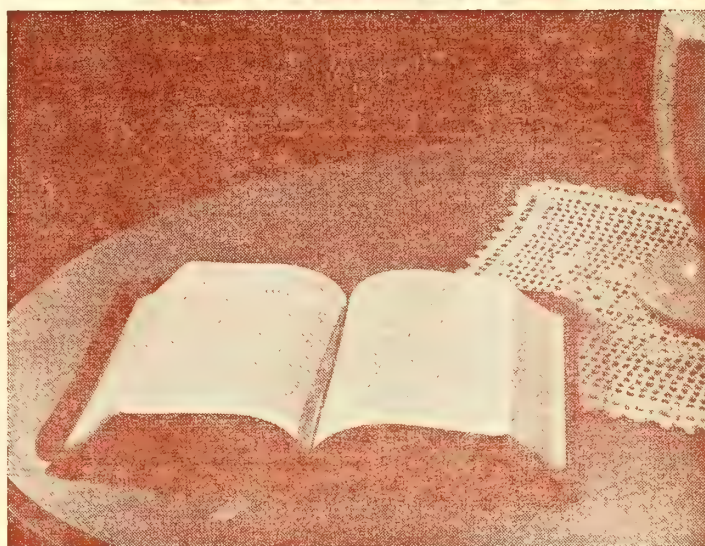


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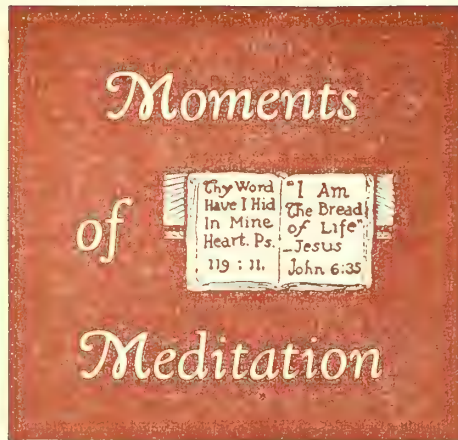
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HEAVEN

We speak of the realms of the Blest,
That country so bright and so fair;
And oft are its glories confessed:—
But what must it be, to be there?

We speak of its pathways of gold,
Its walls decked with jewels so rare;
Its wonders and pleasures untold:—
But what must it be, to be there?

We speak of its freedom from sin—
From sorrow, temptation and care;
From trials without and within:—
But what must it be, to be there?

We speak of its service and love,
And robes which the glorified wear;
The church of the First-born above:—
But what must it be, to be there?

Do thou, Lord, 'midst pleasure or woe,
For Heaven our spirits prepare;
And shortly, we also shall know,
And feel what it is, TO BE THERE!



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—Dry Legion

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A dollar I gave to God.
A sum to entertain
My friends with endless chatter,
And when the world goes crazy
I ask, "Lord, what's the matter?"

Yet there is one big question—
And for its answer now I search
With things so bad in this old wo
What's holding back my Church

THE BIBLE . . .

Twenty years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my guide, I entered
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I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down through the
Testament art galleries where pictures of Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jose
Isaac, Jacob and Daniel hung on the wall.

I passed into the music room of the Psalms, where the Spirit sw
the keyboard of nature until it seemed that every reed and pipe in Go
great organ responded to the tuneful harp of David, the sweet sin
of Israel.

I entered the chamber of Ecclesiastes where the voice of the Preac
was heard; and into the conservatory of Sharon, and the Lily of
Valley's sweet scented spices filled and perfumed my life.

I entered into the business office of the Proverbs, and then into
observatory room of the Prophets where I saw telescopes of various siz
pointing to the far-off events, but all concentrated upon "the Bright
Morning Star."

I entered the audience room of the King of kings from the sta-
point of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Passing into the Acts of
Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing His work in the format
of the infant Church, I then went in the correspondence room where
Paul, Peter, James and John, penning their epistles.

I stepped into the throne room of the Revelation where tower
glittering peaks, and got a vision of the King sitting upon the throne
all His glory; and I cried—

"All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."

—W. A. (Billy) Sunday

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The Editor's Pulpit

"... Not Hearers Only"

VENTURING WITH CHRIST presents a great challenge, not only on the denominational level, but on the district and local levels as well. In fact, if it is not followed on the local and district levels, very little will be accomplished at all.

The Theme sounds very nice, and even the casual observer can see great possibilities in it. If most Brethren were asked about it, they would readily respond with the statement that it is a good theme, and one which should bring about a great surge of progress in the churches this year. At any rate, this Theme is going to be publicized very much in the months ahead. Many Brethren are going to applaud the challenge of it from time to time.

However, it is going to take more than applause and approval to make our Theme to mean more than just words on a banner! Individually each Brethren must realize their personal responsibility to doing the will of God, and not just listening to the words of promotion and challenge as they come from time to time.

We are sure that every Brethren has a desire to see their own church grow, and to see the denomination advance in the name of Christ. None, we are sure, would say they are not in the least interested.

Some years ago a pastor, and a group of faithful members conducted a well-organized and well-prepared visitation program which included calls on all members who had not been coming to the church services. One of the outstanding results of that survey was that these non-attending members did "realize their responsibility." Yet in "realizing their responsibility", they were doing nothing about it!

One cannot help but feel that any member who actually realized his or her responsibility to their church, would certainly be faithful to the services unless hindered by a good reason. This may help us to understand why so little of our church program, denominationally and locally, actually moves at the rate at which it is capable of moving. We are too much "hearers",

and not enough "doers." For instance, recent surveys of our church literature indicate that this very message will go into a little less than half of our Brethren homes. Likewise with all the promotional and teaching materials appearing on the pages of our church paper, less than half the Brethren actually come in contact with it.

It stands to reason that if we are going to become a "doer" denomination, we are going to have to get the message of our program into all of our homes. The merits of the 100% **Evan-gelist** coverage program is easily seen. It represents an investment, to be sure, on the part of a local church, but one which pays dividends throughout the years.

Becoming a "doer" denomination also includes increased giving to the total program of the churches. It is granted that many faithful Brethren are giving far more than "the 10%". Right now, though, we refer to another survey which indicates that 90% of the giving to a church is done by 10% of the members. Our interest here is seeking to enlist the cooperation of the other church members in doing their part in support of the financial program of the churches.

Church service attendance figures also come in for examination as we seek to become doers of the Word and not hearers only. Take your own church, for example. How many members do you have? How many of them are in services on Sunday? To find this answer, you will need to omit children and visitors who are not actually baptized members of your congregation. You will discover that a large percentage of your church members never attend the services. Yet, as mentioned above, most of these, if approached on the matter, would admit that they have a responsibility to their church.

So, in Venturing With Christ this year, the groundwork which needs to be done at once is to proceed to cover your membership with the **Brethren Evangelist**, getting the message of the church into every home. There must be the teaching of stewardship, not only for those who are

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MISSION BOARD MEETING — Highlights

At their conference-week meeting, the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church transacted many items of business which will be of interest to **Evangelist** readers; some of these items follow:

Different individuals—pastors, laymen, representatives of boards, etc.—will be invited to attend Missionary Board meetings from time to time by the Missionary Board office. This is intended to acquaint more people with the work of missions and to promote missionary interest. New members on the Board have indicated such appreciation for their new comprehension of the work that more people should share in this understanding.

The following members, presented by the Board, were approved by vote of Conference as representatives on the Missionary Board:

- For a period of 3 years—
- J. M. Bowman
Ivan Ronk
Virgil Ingraham
Donald Rowser
Dennis Randall
Mrs. Delbert Flora (representing the W.M.S.)
- For 1 year (filling unexpired term of J. D. Hamel)—
- C. E. Hevel

The various committees of the Board (to take care of detail work in their particular area) were reconstituted as follows:

Home Missions

Harlan Hollewell, Chairman; Milton Robinson, Mrs. A. G. Carpenter, John Golby, and Dennis Randall

Kentucky

Everett Miller, Chairman; J. M. Bowman, Virgil Ingraham

Nigeria

William Anderson, Chairman; Mrs. Flora, John Locke, Donald Rowser

Argentina

George Solomon, Chairman; Ivan Ronk, Lester Peck, C. E. Hevel

Revolving Fund

Harlan Hollewell, Chairman; Virgil Ingraham, Everett Miller

Donald Rowser was named to serve as representative of the Missionary Board on the Brethren Youth Board.

Clayton Berkshire was reappointed to represent the Missionary Board on the Central Planning and Coordinating Committee.

Entry of the Missionary Board into the hospitalization plan offered by the denomination was approved if the persons qualified to join are interested. This also with the understanding that the plan is optional with the employee and that a portion of their present salary would be designated for this purpose.

Election of Missionary Board officers resulted with E. M. Riddle, president; Virgil Ingraham, first vice president; Harlan Hollewell, second vice president; Everett Miller, third vice president; Mrs. D. B. Flora, treasurer.

Policy regarding missionaries attending Board meetings was revised to provide that missionaries appear before the Board at specified times, being notified in advance. They are to be allowed to attend during general discussion of their fields of service; and they are to be allowed adequate time to present the work of their field (This is designed to provide better dissemination of missionary information and to continue harmonious relations between missionaries and the Missionary Board).

The purchase or rental of a car for missionaries' use was authorized by the Board (and a car has accordingly been purchased). This is to be used by missionaries on furlough or for administrative work when not being used by missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kraft, who have been specializing in the study of linguistics, both at home and on the field, will be supported this year by the Board at Hartford Seminary, where they will continue this specialized study.

My Share

I Promise to assist in the building of new Brethren churches by giving \$10.00 or more for each new church project. It is my understanding that I will be called upon for this contribution not more than twice in any one year. I further understand that if I am unable to contribute when called, I will be relieved of my obligation.

Signed

Address

Church

Recognizing the great need for trained leadership among the Argentine pastors and workers, the Board is looking forward to beginning such a school by 1963. This proposed training school should provide much more effective national leaders.

Dale Long, who has been making an intensive study of Kentucky mission work—visiting other mission works, interviewing workers, etc.—gave the Board a concise report of his findings over the past year. The Board asked that he continue this study and to report occasionally as his findings bear upon our program.

Reports from the Kentucky Committee and others connected with the work indicate that progress is being made. Work on the gymnasium-classroom building is being continued. A fully-accredited staff has been secured for the year. Mr. Tom Marcum has been providing invaluable help in directing the building work at Lost Creek. The Marcums made possible the purchase of a 1-acre tract of land adjoining the property upon which the classroom building is located; they even donated part of the price for the land.

The Stockton Brethren Church is at present being served by Reverend Milton Robinson as part-time pastor while he is also teaching school. As soon as Stockton receives full-time pastoral services, the Board will continue its support of the work. The church is planning to relocate at Stockton. When this is done, the Missionary Board will contribute \$5,000 toward the newly-located church.

Building plans for the new church at Mishawaka, Indiana, were presented by Reverend Herbert Gilmer. The Board studied the plans carefully and approved them completely.

COMING EVENTS

ADRIAN, PENNA. (BRUSH VALLEY). Fall Revival—Sept. 19-Oct. 2—Rev. Henry Bates, Evangelist; Rev. Paul D. Tinkel, Pastor.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Rally Day and Homecoming—Oct. 9; Revival Meetings—Oct. 9-23—Rev. J. G. Dodds, Pastor-Evangelist.

LINWOOD, MARYLAND. Homecoming—Oct. 9—Rev. John B. Mills, Pastor.

MANSFIELD, OHIO. Revival Meetings—Oct. 10-23—Rev. H. William Fells, Evangelist; Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas, Pastor.

WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO. Homecoming—Oct. 9—Rev. William H. Anderson, Speaker at morning and afternoon services; Rev. W. St. Clair Benschoff, Pastor.

NOTICE: MINISTERS AND SEMINARY STUDENTS

Mrs. N. V. Leatherman has a nice lot of the late Elder N. V. Leatherman's books to sell. Names and prices of the books may be secured by writing to her at 124 Strickler Ave., Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

THE EDITOR'S PULPIT

“ . . . NOT HEARERS ONLY ”

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supporting the program, but for those who are not actively giving to the church. Visitation by the pastor AND BY LAY MEMBERS, must be done in order to draw non-attenders back into the fellowship of the services.

THEN, and then only, will the Brethren Church be ready to expand into the great challenge of Venturing With Christ into a world which needs the message of the living Word of which we are the stewards. W. S. B.

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Brother Fred C. Vanator was guest speaker in the Sarasota church on August 21st and 28th.

VANDERGRIFT, PENNA. (PLEASANT VIEW). Brother William S. Crick has been the Evangelist for a revival and evangelistic meeting in the Pleasant View church the first part of September.

UDELL, IOWA. Brother W. R. Deeter notes that he was the scheduled speaker for the Udell church, a former pastorate, on September 11th.

TEMPE, ARIZONA. Pastor H. Francis Berkshire notes that he was guest speaker at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church of Phoenix, at their early service on August 28th.

Laid to Rest

WISEMAN. Mrs. Luna Wiseman, 85, for many years a faithful member of the North Liberty Brethren Church, passed to her eternal reward, Aug. 27th. Survived by two daughters and three sons.

Wm. E. Thomas, Pastor.

YOUR PUBLISHING COMPANY is greatly in need of soft cloths suitable for wiping ink off of press rollers and type forms. The Brethren have done very well in supplying these in the past, so you who have worn out clothing or other cloth materials of an absorbent nature would be rendering your Company a very helpful service by either sending or bringing such to the plant in Ashland. Thank you very much for your help. W. S. B.

1960 Vice-Moderator's Address

OUR UNFINISHED TASK

Rev. J. D. Hamer

THERE IS NOTHING more important, humanly speaking, to the life of the Church than our complete dedication to the exalted joy of bearing witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Christ is universal. To present Him unbiased and unashamed to the community, the nation and the world as the Savior and Lord of the individual and the social order, is our bounden duty. **AS CHRISTIANS, WE CANNOT DO LESS!**

There is no place within the Brethren Church for complacency! Bishop Stephen Neill, in his stirring book, "The Unfinished Task", writes: "The task of the Church is unfinished...and always will be." Bishop Manikam,

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of India, has said the same thing in these words: "Some of us are concerned lest the Church in America get the idea that there is no more need for money and personnel out there. **The task has only begun.**"

Beloved, if we are to enter into the theme of this Conference, "Venturing With Christ", with seriousness and zeal, we must be aware of the TASK which confronts us. As Christians, we must come to understand that God has put the message of redemption into the hands of the Church. However, today we see among the churches of our world, to a considerable extent, that the Christian community has lost its sense of urgency for evangelism.

The fact remains that the greatest drag on Christianity today, and the most serious menace to the Church mission, is not the secularism without; it is the reduction of Christianity within! It used to be that people joined the Church after they were converted. Now, a high percentage join a church with the deep hope that they will

(Delivered in Memorial Chapel, Ashland, Ohio, at the opening session of the Seventy-second General Conference of the Brethren Church, August 15, 1960.)

be converted, albeit with the least possible embarrassment. As a result, there is as wide an evangelistic field within the ranges of most local churches as there is in the community without.

As we consider the task of evangelism against the fast-moving pace of our space age, against the grave possibility of human annihilation of man's ingenuity, and against the background of world upheaval, the command of the Master, "Ye shall be my witnesses", takes on the imperative mood. Beloved, this must not be neglected nor equivocated. Something of the strength and daring and fearless devotion of the members of the early Church must possess Christian hearts today.

The Brethren Church can serve its TASK only as it ceases to be a spectator in the struggle called life. It must speak to the deep needs of men for radical healing, deeper than any conscious desire for comfort or success, and seek to call forth their acceptance of God's love through Jesus Christ. It must somehow overcome the lethargy and indifference which marks so much of the Church's life today. It must move into action as it seeks to (1) interpret the Gospel, (2) exemplify the Gospel, (3) organize to communicate the Gospel, and, (4) challenge its entire constituency to witness to this Gospel. Even as "Prayer is the breath of the soul", even so "evangelism" is, and must ever be, the outward expression of its life."

Thus, the Church's ministry in evangelism must be as far-reaching as the interest and concern of Christ Himself.

Beloved, as we face the crucial issues of our day, we find that the Gospel is eternally relevant. It is not something that was intended for one generation or one century. In order to make it relevant to our present day, the Church must honestly come to grips with the crucial issues that are inherent in our cultural structure as well as hidden beneath the surface of our apparently "moral" society. We must know what these issues are as the Church looks at them.

I believe that there must be no separation of the social application of the Gospel from its more personal aspects. The Gospel is ONE, and the Church must preach and teach an integrated Gospel, which includes a firm and loving witness to its inclusion of all men, regardless of such superficial differences as racial, national, cultural, economic and social circumstances. As our Conference Text reminds us, "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ", it is important not only to save individual souls, but to provide a social order in which saved souls may live the victorious Christian life.

Again we are reminded that the resurgence of scientific materialism is almost inevitable in the light of the present emphasis on scientific education and on our supposed dependence upon the new implements of science for our ultimate security.

What are the implications of modern science concerning the urgent need to evangelize the whole world and bring it under the lordship of Christ as an alternative to global destruction? How may we communicate the Gospel of ultimate spiritual security in the Christian faith which cancels fear and insecurity, and brings real and lasting peace of soul? Beloved, these are but a few

of the issues with which we must come to grips in this twentieth century.

Recently a group of distinguished nuclear physicists, who were spiritually-minded men, made this statement: "Make no mistake about it. This is a period in which the Church, if it has anything to say, should say it, with crystal clarity and with a note of certainty." Beloved, this is the picture of the Brethren Church as it ought to be; the Church that must not water down her message; the Church that must understand the awful responsibility that is on her shoulders. Brethren, we must proclaim our message in such a way that the world will know that we mean what we say.

Not so long ago a national weekly magazine carried the story of a judicial case under the heading, "How would you have decided?" In a small community there was a church and a tavern which did not co-exist very well. The people in the church spoke against the tavern and the minister prayed on one occasion that the tavern would burn to the ground. AND THE TAVERN DID! Now the tavern keeper saw a connection between these two things, and he sued the church. He said, "It is a matter of record that people expressed the desire to have the tavern burned, and that they prayed that it would be burned; I am suing for damages." The court heard the case, and the defense of the church was very interesting. In effect it ran like this, "After all, we really didn't mean it." The court declared in favor of the church and against the tavern keeper. THE CHURCH WON THE CASE, BUT SHE LOST HER WITNESS, for the judge, in making the decision, commented: "After a thorough examination of all the facts, one can only reach the conclusion that the tavern keeper believes in prayer and the church doesn't."

Now, Brethren, we Christians had better be careful of our witness. The Brethren Church is on trial. We have been given our marching orders to advance. SHALL WE TURN? Shall we hear other voices? Jesus gave us the challenge of OUR UNFINISHED TASK when He said in John 4:35, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." The setting for this text finds Jesus looking away to the crowd leaving the city to follow the Samaritan woman to the well to see this Stranger who could tell her all things that she ever did. It is very possible that Jesus raised His finger and pointed to this crowd and said, "Lift up your eyes and look." Here was a rich harvest field within the sight of their eyes which needed attention.

Could it be true that God's people have been too long guilty of the far-away look that leaves us blind to the crushing crowd close at hand? Beloved, Missions abroad is based upon Missions at home! We dare not leave great gaps in our missionary lines of endeavor. It is first, JERUSALEM, where we are; then JUDEA; then SAMARIA; and then the UTTERMOST PARTS of the earth!

Today we find America at the crossroads. America is the heart and blood and life of the world, spiritually and evangelistically. One cannot study the sacred history of the Christian era without facing the astounding fact that America has been providentially brought to the world for such a time as this. The center of missionary enterprise and spiritual endeavor gradually moved

westward from Jerusalem to Antioch in Syria, to Ephesus, to Rome, to Germany and England, finally to America.

For the last seventy-five years the outflow of missionary life and support which has originated in America has been unequalled in the history of the Church. Follow the pathway of history once again. In the great cause of missions and evangelism, Jerusalem can be written off the list. Antioch is gone, Ephesus is lost. Rome is bound, Germany and Central Europe are broken, England is spiritually decadent. America remains as the bulwark of this modern age to carry on in the great cause of evangelizing the world.

Dr. Norman Grubb, of England, recently said, "Out of 35,000 missionaries in the world today, 25,000 are from the United States of America, the greatest missionary nation in the world." Manpower, money, vision and spiritual dynamics are ours in America to continue to accomplish this God-ordained task. Brethren, I ask this question which I am sure will be presented again and again from this podium, Will we see the Brethren Church fail God and fail our destiny in this epochal hour?

WE COME, NOW, TO AMERICA'S CRISIS: AT HOME. While all that has been said is true, and will not be contested concerning America, yet we find that this country is facing the greatest crisis of all in her relation to God, to Salvation, and to spiritual things.

At the outset, there is **AMERICA'S CRISIS SPIRITUALLY.** It is not new that America is losing her grip and is fast slipping from her spiritual moorings. In spite of increased membership in the churches, only approximately eight percent of the population is in the Sunday School at any one time, and only two percent at church at the evening services. The majority of churches make no excuse for not having a mid-week prayer service any longer.

Thirty million children do not attend Sunday School or church, and are untouched by Gospel influence. According to Dr. Elliott Fisher, Methodist home missions authority, "There are more than sixty million people in the United States living in areas not served by any church." **THIS IS FORTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.**

There are 60,000 dead and closed churches in America, and it is estimated that rural churches are dying at the rate of 1,000 each year. Listen, beloved! There are 10,000 towns and villages in the United States without an open church—without religious services of any kind; and 30,000 more towns have no resident pastor.

To intensify this spiritual problem, we must face the entrenchment of **MODERNISM**, the wide-spread denial of the faith once for all delivered to the saints. In Quito, Ecuador, there are no more than eight struggling evangelical mission churches in that city of 200,000 population.

But what about America? How far must one go, even in our great cities, to find eight sound, spiritual, Gospel-preaching churches? We have churches by the thousands, but a famine of the **WORD OF GOD!** We have lovely buildings, but lifeless congregations. Who can measure the impact of a lifeless, poisonous religious liberalism upon the American church scene?

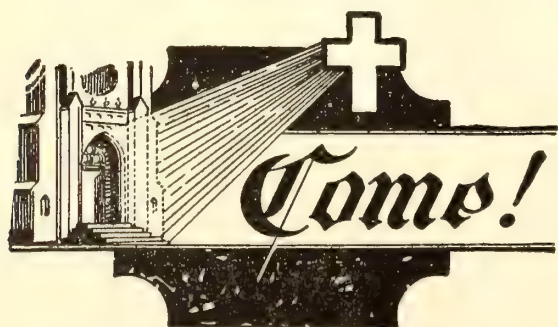
Consider this spiritual crisis from another direction. In the United States, the population is multiplying faster than ever before in our history. The official census of 1950 showed a population of over 150,000,000. Census experts predict that by the early seventies, the population of our country will have reached the 200,000,000 mark! The important question is... Will this greater than twenty-five percent increase in population over the past two decades turn out to be additional pagans in an increasingly godless America?

Is the Brethren Church, and other Bible-believing churches, ready to meet the challenge of such rapid increases, or will it all add up further to the decadence and destitution of America, spiritually? Beloved, the question can only be answered by the evangelical churches of America!

AMERICA'S CRISIS, EDUCATIONALLY, MUST ALSO BE FACED. In America, we are faced and confronted with the secularism of the entire public school system—an education of our children without benefit of the Bible, God, or Christ, the Savior.

Institutions which have our children the longest, and leave upon them the deepest impressions, are molding the thinking and shaping the lives of these children without any apparent concern for their spiritual welfare.

Take this crisis in education in terms of what people read. The public newsstand becomes an index into the public mind. It has been estimated that in the United States, the monthly circulation figures of cheap magazines are as follows: ten million love and adventure story magazines, eight million "true confession" type, three million detective story, ten million movie magazine and ninety million adventure comic books. **THIS IS ONE MONTH'S CONSUMPTION!** Let us not be fooled, however.



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the year

ever, IT IS EDUCATION. What can be the final outcome of it all but delinquency and deterioration?

America is also facing a CRISIS MORALLY. The breakdown in standards and morals is alarming. The steady and deepening trend toward disrespect for authority, and rebellion against discipline, is everywhere to be noted. Americans spent almost fourteen billion dollars last year on what the government calls "recreation and amusement." About two billion, five hundred million dollars went for radio and television sets. Our people paid more than a billion dollars to go to the movies, and more than two billion dollars for magazines which have warped the minds of our youth.

In America, we find that one-third of our people are drinkers, and there is one liquor store for every three hundred people. The annual national expenditure for alcohol is three times the amount spent for all religious purposes. In America, one out of every three to four marriages ends in divorce, with its subsequent evils. Much more could be said, but beloved, this is the crisis in America. IT IS NOT ONE OF MIGHT, BUT OF MORALS. IT IS NOT ONE OF RESOURCES, BUT ONE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. It is spiritual, educational and moral. It is in the realm of the mind and the heart, the soul and the spirit!

Now, I want to talk about AMERICA'S CURE. The cure can be found basically in the Bible!

I. IT INVOLVES THE PRINCIPLE OF GOING! Our local Brethren Churches must recapture the vision of going into their nearby communities, and harvesting in the closeby fields, which have been so long neglected. That neglected suburb, that unchurched sub-division, that forgotten town or village. There are the mission fields ripe unto the harvest—that call unto us in America.

Population increase and population shift, are creating great new mission fields at our doors. Every twenty-four hours, the population of the world increases by two cities of 60,000 population. By 1975, at the present rate of growth, there will be about three and one-quarter billion people on the earth. BRETHREN, WHO WILL MINISTER TO THESE??

In North America, one in five persons moves each year. Millions are uprooted from their homes each year by political and economic upheaval in every nation. Beloved, How can these be reached by the Church? The suburban area is calling for new churches. The farm population is making continual adjustments, and the rural churches are facing new crises. The city church is wrestling with complex problems with the shifting population leaving many detached from living relationships. The oppressed and by-passed people of the earth are threatening revolutions. All this spells "OUR UNFINISHED TASK" for the BRETHREN CHURCH!

Listen, Beloved, It isn't the church waiting for the world around it to come, BUT THIS NEW WORLD IS WAITING FOR THE CHURCH TO COME TO IT! "Go into all the world, beginning at Jerusalem and Judea," is the underlying principle to success in meeting the problems of our nation so fast becoming less Christian.

II. THE CURE ALSO INVOLVES THE PRACTICE OF DIVIDING. This has no reference to splits and schisms because people can't get along with one another. This is a planned attempt to transplant a bloc of mis-

sionary-minded Christians to begin a new church in a new community, a new sub-division, or another town or village. These Christians are the evangelists and pioneers who have caught the vision of the lost, who have consecrated their lives to the task, and who have counted nothing too dear.

THEY ARE READY FOR NEW ADVANCE. Church members who have been classified as the bottlenecks in such advance efforts, must get this vision. They must be willing to let God's people GO! The Church, then healed of its spiritual sterility, will give birth to infant churches. Beloved, the bloom of spiritual health will come upon the pastor and his people when they together have gone forth to meet the challenge of waiting and needy communities where souls are dying without Christ just as surely as in some foreign lands.

III. THE THIRD CURE ALSO INVOLVES THE PRICE OF GIVING! This is the bitter pill that often creates rebellion. The larger church, or a group of smaller churches, could well finance these new baby churches. NEW CHURCHES, which struggle for years could be put on their feet financially by mother churches who sense their HOME MISSION RESPONSIBILITY!

Beloved, In the background of this plea, "Our Unfinished Task", is a concern for a world that is perishing and the definite and dynamic place which the Brethren Church plays in its redemption. OUR UNFINISHED TASK means sacrificial service for ALL OF US!

My challenge to you as your Vice-Moderator, is that we all unite to advance the cause of Christ.

We all own Bibles—let's read them more;

We all know Jesus Christ our Savior—let's pray to Him more;

We all are church members—let's attend its services more faithfully;

We all have good news to tell—let's tell it more often;

We all are stewards—let's account faithfully for what God has entrusted to us;

We all have people we can reach—let's bring them to Christ;

We all have a kingdom to build—let's build it together;

If we do these things, then we can bring light to those who live in darkness. We can bring faith to those who have doubt. We can bring peace and joy into our own lives.

The responsibility is ours, but we can do these things, and more, if we really yield ourselves to the leading and power of God's Spirit. GOD GIVES US COURAGE AND COMMITMENT FOR THIS, "OUR UNFINISHED TASK!"

We have made the slogan "Charity begins at home" a part of our religion—although it was invented by a Roman pagan, and is directly contrary to the teaching of Jesus in the story of the Good Samaritan. Charity begins where the need is greatest and the crisis is most dangerous.—Frank C. Laubach in THIRTY YEARS WITH THE SILENT BILLION, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

PROGRAM OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Waterloo, Iowa

September 21-23, 1960

CONFERENCE THEME:
"VENTURING WITH CHRIST"

Wednesday Evening		CONFERENCE OFFICERS	
7:30	Song Service	Moderator	H. Raymond Aspinall
	Devotions Waterloo Delegate	Vice Moderator	Harlan Hollewell
	Welcome Address Waterloo	Treasurer	L. L. RuLor
	Response by Delegates	Statistician	Earl Wilkins
	Appointment of Committees		
	Special Music Milledgeville		
	Message Vice Moderator, Harlan Hollewell		
Thursday Morning		Friday Morning	
8:30	Simultaneous Sessions: W. M. S., Laymen, Ministers	8:30	Simultaneous Sessions: W. M. S., Laymen, Ministers
9:30	Business Session	9:30	Business Session
	Hymn		Hymn
	Devotions Lanark Delegate		Devotions Udell Delegate
	Report of Credential Committee		Reports of Committees and Boards
	Report of Nominating Committee		Unfinished and New Business
	Election of Officers	11:15	Song Service
11:15	Song Service		Prayer
	Prayer		Sermon: "Dare To Give" .. Rev. Clarence Stogsdill
	Sermon: "Dare To Love" Rev. A. T. Ronk		Milledgeville Pastor
12:15	Lunch Hour	12:15	Lunch Hour
Thursday Afternoon		Friday Afternoon	
1:30	W. M. S. Public Service	1:30	W. M. S. Memorial Service
	Guest Speaker Rev. Robert Byler		Installation of Officers
2:30	Denominational Interests	2:00	Hymn
	National Representatives		National Representatives
	District Representatives	3:00	Hymn
4:00	Committee and Board Meetings		Prayer
	Mission Board		Sermon: "Dare To Go" .. Rev. B. D. Hinegardner
	Others		Udell Pastor
5:30	Evening Lunch	4:00	Committee and Board Meetings
Thursday Evening			Joint meeting of Ministers and Sunday School Board
7:30	Song Service		Others
	Devotions Cerro Gordo Delegate	5:30	Evening Lunch
	Special Music Waterloo		
	Moderator's Address: "Dare To Do"	Friday Evening	
	Rev. Raymond Aspinall, Lanark Pastor	7:30	Song Service
			Devotions Milledgeville Delegate

Special MusicCerro Gordo
 MessageRev. Marlin McCann,
 National Youth Director



W. M. S. CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

1960

THEME: "VENTURING WITH CHRIST"

THEME SONG: "I WANT GOD'S WAY TO BE MY
 WAY"

Thursday Morning

8:30 Theme Song
 DevotionsCerro Gordo
 Special MusicWaterloo
 Business
 Hymn

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 Theme Song
 DevotionsLanark
 Special MusicCerro Gordo
 Guest SpeakerRev. Rob Byler,
 Missionary on Furlough from Argentina
 Hymn

Friday Morning

8:30 Theme Song
 DevotionsUdell
 Special MusicMilledgeville
 Business
 Hymn

Friday Afternoon

1:30 Memorial Service—Waterloo in charge
 Installation of Officers

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

IS YOUR FAITH AS WIDE AS THE SEA?

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are
 the everlasting arms" Deut. 33:27.

THERE IS A SONG that has always had an appeal
 to me, which runs like this: "There's a wideness
 in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea. There's
 a kindness in His justice, Which is more than liberty."
 I first heard that song when a high school student, sung
 at a Christian Endeavor service, and it has stayed with
 me through the years. There is a picture which pre-
 sents itself in connection with the song. It is that of
 the ocean—wide and deep. And on that ocean rides a
 ship. In comparison with the ocean, the ship is an in-
 finitesimal object. And yet the ship rests its full weight
 upon the water of the ocean. The ship does not struggle
 to hold itself up; its full weight rests upon the ocean.
 THE OCEAN SUSTAINS IT.

God is like that—a vast ocean of strength and sus-
 taining power, and we can trust ourselves to Him. "Un-
 derneath are the everlasting arms." But someone asks,
 "How do we know the arms are there?" There is but
 one way to find out: to cast ourselves upon the divine
 mercy as the ship rests itself upon the ocean. Thus shall
 we prove and know that the everlasting arms are under-
 neath us, and we shall find the peace and assurance
 that come from "letting go and letting God".



Venture with Christ in Full Stewardship



Sallman Makes The Deadline!

PAINTS AND BRUSHES in an attic studio blended, one Chicago night, into a painting, "The Head of Christ," which has already taken its place with the immortals. Warner E. Sallman's likeness of the Master is displayed today in thousands of churches, missions, chapels, and homes.

Ironically enough, Sallman retired under pressure that night his religious masterpiece was created. Only a day remained until the deadline for the monthly cover for the old **Covenant Companion**, a youth periodical, and the Chicago artist had tried desperately but unsuccessfully to produce a compelling sketch. His uneasy night of retirement was interrupted by a dream in which he saw the face of Christ in winsome manliness.

At two in the morning Sallman tiptoed to his skyline study and brushed aside the easel and canvas, brushes and pigments, while he hurriedly made a charcoal sketch of the face. As he worked, he recalled a conversation some years previously with E. O. Sellers of Gospel music fame, while Sallman was a young Bible institute student.

"I hear you're somewhat of an artist?" inquired Sellers.

"I like to draw," came Sallman's modest reply.

"Stay with it!" replied Sellers. "The Christian world needs a good artist. But when you paint Jesus Christ, don't do what the others have done with Him."

"What do you mean by that?" queried Sallman.

"Make Him a real man! Make Him rugged, not effeminate. Make Him strong and masculine, not weak, so people will see in His face that He slept under the stars, drove the money-changers out of the temple, and faced Calvary in triumph."

Sallman fashioned into that picture all his knowledge of mankind as his artistic skill could depict it, his soul stirred by the great description

of God's self-humiliation and coming in the likeness of man recorded in Philippians 2:5-11. As he sought to recapture the mental picture of the Saviour, he gave the face and eyes a slight upward tilt, that it may be remembered that "the Master set His face like a flint to go to Jerusalem."

The next afternoon, February, 1924, the charcoal sketch went to the religious magazine's office just prior to the deadline. Sallman expected to hear nothing further from the drawing, feeling that he had only done his best with another task. And indeed, though the requests for additional copies of the issue soon exhausted the reserve, there was no indication that Sallman's "new and different Christ" had joined the art immortals. In fact, a year later one of Sallman's friends pressed him for a copy, so the artist ordered a thousand prints, but it took him ten years to distribute them.

In 1935, however, by a curious turn of events Sallman's "Head of Christ" came into prominence. Dr. John Timothy Stone, the president of Chicago's McCormick Theological Seminary, scattered a class of students through art shops and galleries to find a painting that best depicted Christ as they imagined Him to appear. After three months they came back with a selection that included the best of the old masters, but the painting which some of the students had found in a Baptist bookstore by a "Mr. Sallman," won the final vote.

The circumstances not only stimulated interest in the picture, but in the painter. Yet even to day, despite the national popularity of his drawings, Sallman is not well known. Indeed, he is a modest and humble man, for whom life holds few higher moments than when he is alone in his studio with God and pigments.

Almost six feet tall, weighing nearly 200 pounds, Sallman's pale blue eyes and genial temperament disclose that in his personal religious experience he has touched some of the tenderness and love of the Saviour to whom he has dedicated his hands and feet.

When Sallman's picture first caught the public fancy, he made no effort to copyright it, which had both advantages and disadvantages. While everyone had access to it, the picture was snapped up for all sorts of promotion and advertising. The picture was a success.

Sallman never has been anxious for "credit" for his works. "The glory must go to Jesus; it is, after all, a painting of the Master," he says.

Today Sallman is happy in fulltime Christian service, and he looks back to his days at the Chicago Art Institute, then his apprenticeship, when with eighty-five other artists he created men's fashions in a Windy City studio and hoped that some day he could make a contribution in religious art. As successive opportunities came to give his talent in secular work, he determined at the very least "to tithe his talent." It was a sound principle; while Sallman was giving his spare time as art editor of a religious journal, his masterpiece was born. Now his services are so much in demand by religious publications and enterprises that he refuses secular work. From oil paintings to giant church murals, from cover designs to promotional broadsides, he is always at it, often so pressed to make deadlines that Mrs. Sallman will be found filling in background colors

on large paintings, when she is not kept busy keeping the studio in order.

Many church organizations have requested Sallman to reproduce in chalk his famous "Head of Christ," which since 1940 is available in six-color offset reproduction of an oil painting. He is so proficient that he can make the drawing in forty-five minutes, while relating his testimony.

"I've done this many times now, but I'm still tremulous," he says. "I can paint much better than I can talk."

But Sallman, in his quiet, modest way, leaves a tremendous impression for the Master wherever he goes. And it is supremely appropriate that the message of his brushes should predominate slightly over the spoken word as, from church to church, he points men to the Saviour.

During recent years Sallman has completed several of a series of paintings adapting the same facial features of Christ to different settings. These include "Gethsemane," "Christ Knocking at the Door," and the "Good Shepherd." As he pushes the brushes across the canvas, Sallman's heart is attuned to his Saviour, and as he paints he prays that men "may see Him as He is, that they may be like Him."

—The Free Methodist

INDIANA DISTRICT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

(Note: This information may be old to some, new to others, and a reminder to Treasurers of their church's obligation. G. B. H.)

The Seventy-Third Conference of the Indiana District Brethren Churches met at the Brethren Retreat, Shipshewana Lake, Indiana, June 13 to 16, 1960. There was a total of 220 lay and 26 ministerial delegates.

Rev. Marlin McCann of Ashland, Ohio was the music director and co-leader of the Youth during the conference. Rev. Phil Lersch assisted with the Youth work.

The Conference Theme: "Advance in Evangelism" and the Conference Text: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."—John 4:35b, was stressed throughout the conference.

Rev. William Anderson, pastor of the 3rd Church of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, gave three very interesting and inspiring Bible Lectures.

Vice Moderator Rev. Herbert Gilmer, using John 4:35 as a text, listed four fields for our endeavor; local, district, national and foreign.

Moderator Rev. Virgil Ingraham, using Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:19 as a text, presented the urgent need of our people as being present at all services of the church and to study the Bible systematically in order to grow from babes in Christ to mature Christians.

Representatives from Denominational interests were Dr. Glenn Clayton for Ashland College and Seminary; Rev. W. S. Benshoff for the Publishing Company; and John Porte for the Central Planning and Co-ordinating Committee.

The National Laymen President John Golby was the speaker for the Laymen's Session.

Two new congregations have been established in the District. The Kokomo congregation is in possession of a church building at this writing. The Mishawaka congregation will be building their own edifice in the near future.

Apportionments allotted by this Conference follows:

Sunday School Board—10¢ per enrolled Sunday School attender.

District Mission Board—60¢ per church member.

Conference Trustees—50¢ per church member.

Mrs. Robert Byler and Mrs. Charles Kraft were the missionary speakers and brought us interesting reports from their separate fields of labor.

Officers elected were:

Moderator—J. M. Bowman

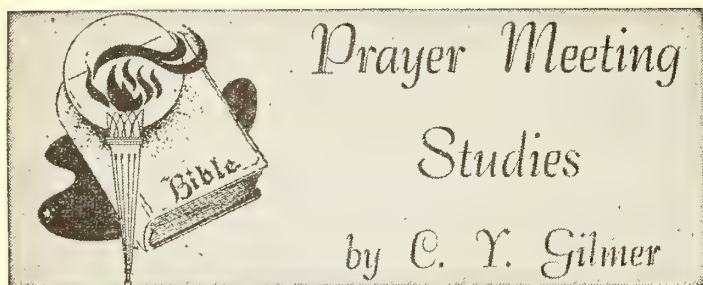
Vice Moderator—C. Y. Gilmer

Secretary-Treasurer—G. B. Hanna

Ass't Sec'y.-Treas.—W. E. Thomas

Statistician—Mrs. Donald Kollar

G. B. Hanna.



A RECIPE FOR LIVING

Some things a man must surely know,
 If he is going to live and grow.
 He needs to know that life is more
 Than what a man lays by in store,
 That more than all he may obtain
 Contentment offers greater gain.
 He needs to feel the thrill of earth
 The strength of rest, the joy of mirth.
 To know the pleasure kindness brings
 And all the worth of little things.
 He needs to have an open mind
 A friendly heart for all mankind;
 A trust in self without conceit.
 He needs to have a zeal to share
 A mind to dream, a soul to dare,
 A purpose firm, a will to plod
 A faith in man, a trust in God.

—Selected

BE A HAPPY PERSON (Phil. 4:4). Worry is to be overcome with a spirit of prayer (Phil. 4:6). The fussiness of Martha is to be overcome with the devoutness of Mary (Lu. 10:38-42).

"When to worry: When we see the lilies spinning in distress, Taking thought to manufacture loveliness; When we see the birds all building barns for store, 'Twill then be time for us to worry—not before" (Matt. 6:25-30, 33). The Bible recipe calls for the habit of positive thinking (Phil. 4:8). We can learn to be contented (Phil. 4:11). We are to exercise the strength of God (Phil. 4:13). We are to believe and trust God for our needs (Phil. 4:19). All these objectives are for our attainment as Bible-believing Christians:

"Lord, may I seek the noblest, best and highest,
 In every wish, plan, purpose and desire.
 Give me Thy grace to overcome each weakness,
 Open to me Thy Word whose truths inspire.
 So shall I confidently tread life's way,
 Glad in the sunshine of Thy love each day."

Discouragement has been the foe of great men (Jas. 17a). Elijah's crusade was dampened by Jezebel (1 Kgs. 19:1-3). According to promise he could have intensified his campaign (Jas. 4:7). According to 1 Corinthians 10:13 there is no call for retreat to the juniper tree (1 Kgs. 19:4, 5). If discouraged, read Psalm 73 and memorize verse 28. John 17:16 is a sure cure for discouragement!

For successful Christian living be sincere (1 Thess. 2:3); have convictions and live by them (2:4); avoid the unreal, the superficial (2:5); do not be covetous of the Joneses (2:5b); seek the glory and praise of God rather than that of men (2:6); never be burdensome

to others, a "problem person" (2:6b); be a gentleman or a gentle lady (2:7).

Temptation is "common to man." Christ filled with the Holy Ghost was tempted (Lu. 4:1, 2). He was in bodily weakness when severely tempted. Satan first tempts his prospects to doubt (4:3; Gen. 3:1, 4); then to compromise (Lu. 4:6, 7); then to fanaticism (Lu. 4:9). Christ met temptation with Scripture rightly applied (Lu. 4:4, 8, 12). The Bible teaches that temptation is best met with Scripture (Eph. 6:13). There is no irresistible temptation (Lu. 4:13; 1 Cor. 10:13). Resistance to temptation develops spiritual strength, and there is also a reward for trusting (Matt. 4:11). This we must face—there will always be a fight (Lu. 4:13)!

God goes before those who are in His will (Jn. 10:45). To the seeking, He closes and opens doors (Acts 16:6-10; Jn. 7:17; 14:26). We should know what the Bible says about our rights (Rom. 12:19-21; 1 Pet. 2:19-21; Matt. 5:38-48). We should avoid worldliness (Rom. 12:2; 1 Jn. 2:15-17). To be honest means not to make major issues out of incidentals (Rom. 14:5, 12). We guard our influence (Rom. 14:7, 13, 16; Matt. 18:6) by avoiding the questionable things and places (Rom. 14:23; 15:1; Gal. 6:1). Our judgment needs spiritual illumination (Eph. 5:17; Lu. 16:8). We not only seek to know His will (Jer. 19:23), but we also will to do His will (Eph. 6:6). Our case is in God's hands (Jas. 1:6). Let us live the Spirit-filled life (Acts 4:7, 8, 10, 12, 13), and really live!

Lesson

Comments

by

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Lesson for September 25, 1960

WHAT IS REAL RELIGION?

Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE of man today? Does He require the same from 20th century man as He did from Adam and Abraham? What is the religion that pleases the Sovereign Being of the universe?

These are questions often asked by the earnest seeker. **God's requirements have not changed! What He required of Adam, and Abraham, and David, and Paul, He requires of us today. God requires a FAITH that results in SALVATION, and a SALVATION that produces GOOD WORKS!**

"True religion is heralded by its works...It is both inappropriate and misleading to tell any one to do works that are impossible unless and until regeneration has taken place. To make good works our religion is to put the cart before the horse. Good works accompany true religion. They are an evidence of it. But they are also an evidence that the Father has put within the heart His own character. This is brought

about by receiving Jesus Christ, God's Son" (H. M. Freligh).

Micah is emphasizing good works and personal characteristics which should naturally accompany righteousness.

GOD'S CONTROVERSY WITH MAN

"Hear ye now what the Lord saith; Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. Hear ye, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and ye strong foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with His people, and He will plead with Israel" (6:1-2).

"This is dramatic language and simile. A great trial is being staged, with God pleading His case before a faithless people. God is the plaintiff; the prophet Micah is His attorney; Israel is the defendant—and the eternal hills and mountains are the judges. In the presence of the loftiest, most enduring realities of the physical world God pleads and asks His questions. The pleading is profound, and a deep truth comes out of it: the truth is that the will of God is more impressive and enduring than the mountains" (Frank S. Mead).

Israel had been unfaithful to God. She forsook Him for idols. She spurned His love. She had been guilty of the vilest sins. She had proven by her conduct that her religion was valueless for it failed to produce righteous living. Therefore, God had a controversy with His people!

GOD'S MERCY TOWARD MAN

"For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of servants; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord" (6:4-5).

God asks His people: "Why have ye forsaken My commandments? Do ye not remember all that I have done for thee?" What had God done for Israel? What does He do for us today?

1. He delivered Israel out of Egypt's bondage, even as He delivers men today from sin's bondage.

2. He supplied Israel with spiritual leaders like Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, who led and guided them. In this same manner God has given us His Blessed Spirit as Guide, Comforter, and ever-abiding Friend.

3. He turned the evil purposes of Balak into good by instructing Balaam to prophesy good instead of evil against Israel (read the account in Nu. 22-24).

4. From Shittim (the last camp in the wilderness) to Gilgal (the first camp in Canaan) He was ever with the Israelites. So today the promise is: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5).

God wanted Israel to THINK upon the things He had done for her. She was UNGRATEFUL because she was FORGETFUL!

GOD'S REQUIREMENTS OF MAN

A series of questions is asked in verses 6-8:

1. "Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God?"

2. "Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old?"

3. "Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil?"

4. "Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the first of my body for the sin of my soul?"

5. "What does the Lord require of thee..."

Of course God was not pleased with human sacrifice! This was strongly condemned in Lev. 18:21. But God DID require animal sacrifice, as clearly denoted in Lev. 1-8. The Old Testament worshipper offered his animal sacrifice in faith looking forward to the day when Christ the Perfect Sacrifice would be offered.

What then was Micah saying? The same thing Isaiah said in the first chapter of his book, and that which Samuel said in I Sam. 15:22. It is this: THE GIFT WITHOUT THE GIVER IS BARE. GOD WANTS THE SACRIFICE AND THE HEART OF THE ONE WHO SACRIFICES.

David knew that animal sacrifice would not take the place of right heart attitude. Thus he wrote: "For Thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: Thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise" (Ps. 51:16-17). David knew that God is pleased only when there is RIGHT ATTITUDE and RIGHT CONDUCT. God wants our SERVICE not our SACRIFICE; our LIFE not our GIFTS!

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

VOTE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

"WHAT DO YOU think about the upcoming Presidential election?" "For whom do you plan to vote?" "What is your opinion on the subject of a Catholic for President?" "Do you plan to vote?" These and many related questions will undoubtedly be asked time after time in the weeks between now and election day in November. Yet, in addition to all these questions I would ask you one more. Do you plan to vote for Sunday School in 1960?

Yes, this year Americans will be reminded many times of their duty to vote in the presidential election. More important than the outcome of the race, however, is the outcome of the current spiritual conflict. Secularism is attempting to do away with Christianity. Human expediency would unseat Christian morality. Materialism is out to destroy eternal Christian values.

One of the best ways for Christian people to voice their will in these matters is to vote for Sunday School. With this thought in mind the slogan "Vote for Sunday School in 1960" has been chosen as the theme for National Sunday School Week which is to be observed September 25 through October 2. This week is one in which the importance of Sunday School will be empha-

sized and during which Sunday Schools should strive to reach out into communities to enlist new members.

Pastors and Superintendents: the following are some suggestions of things that might be done during Sunday School Week to advance the work of your Sunday School.

1. Give recognition to the teachers and officers in your Sunday School.
2. Evaluate the work of your Sunday School, enumerating its successes and failures.
3. Take definite steps to correct past failures and to work for advancement.
4. In the midweek service, present and pray for the work of the Sunday School.
5. Renew efforts to contact every absentee and visitor, and secure new contacts.
6. Stress the importance of Sunday School, and give incentive for regular, punctual attendance.

7. Dedicate yourself to the task of another year in Sunday School work.

These are ways in which you can promote the work of the Sunday School during National Sunday School Week, and thereby cast a "Vote for Sunday School in 1960".

But many may be asking "How can I, as an ordinary Sunday School member, 'Vote for Sunday School'?" For you come the following suggestions:

1. Attend your Sunday School regularly.
2. Be there on time.
3. Bring your Bible.
4. Study your lesson.
5. Give an offering.
6. Stay for church.

Yes, each one of us has a responsibility to our Sunday School, not only during National Sunday School Week—Sept. 25-Oct. 2—but also throughout the year. So remember in 1960 and in the year to come VOTE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL.

World Religious News in Review

PENTECOSTALISTS OPPOSE CATHOLIC PRESIDENT

LAKE ODESSA, Mich. (EP)—The International Pentecostal Assemblies, meeting here, voted a resolution opposing the election of a Roman Catholic as President of the United States. The group claims 10,000 members.

Where the "Roman Catholic Church is in power," their resolution charged, "governments fail to give Protestants freedom of worship."

Elected president of the denomination for a two-year term was Dr. James Keller of Atlanta, Ga. The group's headquarters are in Atlanta.

OPPOSE STATE INCOME TAXES FROM PASTORS' SALARIES

COLFAX, N. C. (EP)—The North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, at its annual sessions here, adopted a resolution opposing the North Carolina state ruling which requires church treasurers to withhold state income taxes from pastors' salaries.

The resolution argued that the act infringes on the Constitutional guarantee of separation of Church and State.

CASTRO REPEATS VERBAL BLASTS AT CUBAN CATHOLICS

HAVANA (EP)—During a lengthy harangue at a labor rally here, Premier Fidel Castro renewed his attacks on the Roman Catholic church. He charged that Catholic "scribes and Pharisees... seek refuge in temples in order to fight the revolution."

"A good number of Fascist priests... are involved with the United States Embassy in provoking the Church-State conflict in Cuba," Castro charged. "He who condemns a revolution like this one," he said, "betrays Christ. He is not only a traitor to Christ but to his own people and to the fatherland."

Ignoring recent attacks of Communists on Catholic churches, Castro indicated with obscure speech that the government will retaliate if church critics continue to speak out against his regime.

In an obvious reference to the hierarchy's pastoral letter, Castro said: "I'd like to see a pastoral letter condemning imperialism... bombardments of our canefields and cities... exploitation by big companies... I'd like to see a pastoral letter condemning im-

perialism's criminal plan to invade our nation... I'd like to see a pastoral letter condemning Franco's crimes and Franco's murders."

Castro said that most of the Cuban priests are humble men, who serve the people, "while higher spheres speak for them."

SIX MONTHS CHURCH CONSTRUCTION TOTALED: \$463 MILLION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—During the first six months of 1960, church construction reached \$463 million, an increase of eight per cent over the same period last year.

Reports of the Census Bureau showed construction of new religious edifices during June totaled \$82 million, compared with \$77 million in May. An increase of \$3 million over last June, this represented a new record for the month.

CLERGYMAN OPENS HOME TO EIGHT ORPHANS

DULUTH, Minn. (EP)—A young pastor and his wife, who already have two adopted children, have offered to take on eight more youngsters.

The eight children recently lost their home and their parents when their father recently shot and fatally injured his wife, and killed himself after a domestic argument.

If the state welfare board extend final approval, the eight will join the Rev. and Mrs. Franklin W. Hause-

each 27, in their six-room frame home on the west side of Duluth. The children are staying temporarily with relatives in North Dakota.

The Hauser home, a block from Holiness Methodist Church where Mr. Hauser is pastor, and just three blocks from the former Blomstrom home, will have to stretch a bit.

"We'll have to build on a new bedroom and maybe another bath if the children can come," said Mrs. Hauser. "But that's all right. We can spread out a little. The children want to stay together and that's what's important."

The Blomstrom children, said Mr. Hauser, are "the nicest, cleanest, most well-mannered children you could imagine." He added, "We'd like to be able to have them around."

NOAH'S ARK PROBES REPORT 'INCONCLUSIVE' FINDINGS

COLUMBUS, O. (EP)—"Inconclusive" findings are reported by a team of photographers, archaeologists, and cartographers, who went to a mountainous area of Turkey searching for evidence of Noah's Ark.

Dr. Arthur J. Brandenberger of Ohio State University led the expedition to a ship-shaped formation 20 miles south of the 17,000 foot peak of Mt. Ararat, which lies near the western border of Soviet Armenia.

Further probing will be necessary to prove the existence of the ark, he said. If nature had made the special formation, he pointed out, "then it is an extremely amazing exception."

Speculation that the formation was in some way connected with the ark originated in Turkey, Dr. Brandenberger said. "The problem remains— if we should dig deep enough would we be able to find remains? We left the scene with the question unsolved whether it was artificial or natural. Sooner or later, other people will investigate, dig deep enough to find more clues."

"The first impression is that the formation was artificial," he added. "Whether natural or artificial, it still is not clear."

REPORTS MOST AMERICAN PROTESTANTS STILL IN CONGO

NEW YORK (EP)—Although many Protestant missions in the Congo have been evacuated, most of the 1,200 American Protestants are staying at their posts, according to the Rev. Theodore L. Tucker, executive secre-

tary of the Africa Committee of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Officials of major denominational missions in the Congo reportedly believe that white personnel who fled temporarily to Rhodesia and other nearby areas will soon be able to return to their posts.

Bishop Newell S. Booth, head of Methodist work in the country, said that there has been "a sustained growth of leadership among the Congolese Christians" and that although "the present events have upset the relations of the Congolese with the Europeans, they will make them aware of the need for cooperation."

RUSSIA GOES ALL-OUT TO WOO AFRICA

LONDON (EP)—As diplomats here see it, the Soviet Union has begun an all-out push to sweep newly-emerging African nations into the Communist camp. The continent is seen by Moscow as the most fertile ground in the world for anti-Western penetration tactics, say officials of the free world.

As evidence of Communist gains they point to the firm beachhead for Reds established in Guinea earlier this year...the violent threats to aid the Congolese government against pretended "invaders"...Moscow's high-powered propaganda radio broadcasts to Africans...and huge assistance programs to underdeveloped nations.

The pace toward Communist domination allegedly quickened recently when Soviet Premier Khrushchev interrupted a holiday in the Crimea to receive members of a Ghana government delegation in Yalta bearing a personal message from Ghanaese leader Kwame Nkrumah.

EQUATORIA CLAMPS DOWN ON MISSIONS

KHARTOUM, Sudan (EP)—Every Christian missionary must close his bookshop and any other business-connected enterprises that he operates, says the government of this southernmost province of the Sudan.

The move is one of a series of restrictive measures imposed on missionaries here in a country dedicated to the "complete Islamization of Sudan."

Three Sudanese priests were recently imprisoned and in some places missionaries are forced to remain at their

stations without visiting the sick or caring for their parishioners.

Local chiefs have been ordered to choose between Christianity or Islam. None will be allowed to remain pagan, the government says. Favor or retaliation will be their lot, according to their decision.

Christian parents say they have been compelled to obtain written permission from local authorities before they can have their children baptized.

BEER REFERENDUM SIGNERS TOLD TO LEAVE BAPTIST CHURCH

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (EP)—Dr. E. B. Shivers, pastor of Gainesville's largest church, Central Baptist Church, has made it plain that he expects members of his congregation who signed a petition for a referendum on beer sales to get out of the church.

Dr. Shivers said he has "demanded the resignation of any deacon who signed the petition and that members who signed it should take their letter of membership elsewhere or ask that their names be removed from the church roll."

A petition for a referendum on beer sales has been circulated since the Gainesville City commission voted 3 to 2 to outlaw beer sales.

The Baptist pastor said his action was taken "in accordance with the church covenant." Central Baptist has a membership of 1,600.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS BUSY IN MIDDLE EAST

Probing, preserving, classifying and charting by skilled archaeologists goes steadily on in the Middle East, with several new approaches recently to the quest for history's secrets: Edwin A. Link, inventor of the famous Link Trainer for pilots to use before they take to the air, is using a specially-invented "Sea Diver" to explore the waters off Caesarea, Israel. The venture is looked upon as one of the most important probes of the ancient port of Biblical times.

Farther south, an archaeological team from the Oriental Institute will move into Egypt next October to salvage ancient monuments endangered by the building of the Aswan High Dam. (EP)

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

"VENTURING WITH CHRIST"

(This message is the conclusion of the President's message given at the 1960 Brethren Youth Conference, delivered by Gary Bargerhuff).

"YOU SEE, sin is completely out of place in a Christian's life. It is a secret enemy agent which is already discovered. It's commander is defeated. Rom. 6:6 tells us that our old man is crucified with Christ and the body of sin is destroyed. Verse 11 of the same chapter says we can reckon ourselves "dead to sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Because of the victories in verses 6 and 11 we can confidently yield ourselves as servants of righteousness wholly dedicated to the glory of God and His Son Jesus Christ. Isn't it wonderful! Claim it by faith and it is yours.

There is only one thing left for us to do. That is to use diligently the power of God's word. The Bible says in Isaiah 43:10, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am He: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me."

We are God's witnesses; a peculiar people picked out of this world by God to add glory unto Himself.

We do not deserve this matchless grace. We cannot do anything to deserve it. To be a witness called by God is the highest calling a man can have. The message we are to bear is not some frilly, gilded, "here today gone tomorrow promise," but is an eternal Jehovah-backed, Christ-filled message of heart-peace and joy. The Bible says we are born, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever (I Peter 1:23).

This message is God's Word and is called in Ephesians 6:17 the sword of the Spirit. This sword will split even the closest of friends, it divides families and makes miserable wrecks out of those who know it is true but will not receive it. God is faithful and He has provided a message of grace to every hell-bound sinner on the face of this earth.

Jesus said that heaven and earth would pass away but His word would never pass away. Denominations mean nothing; they will crumble—world peace movements will utterly fail. But the word of God will abide forever. The time is at hand, the day is far spent. We must be redeeming the time and give our utmost energies to the spreading of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Brethren Youth covenant states that Brethren Youth is only a channel through which we may serve the Lord Jesus. How true! God is using many ways and many people to accomplish His will on this earth. He is calling men and women into the fields already white with souls ready to receive the gospel of Christ.



Gary Bargerhuff

Romans 10:15 states, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things."

The preaching of the word of God will bring revival. King Josiah read the word in II Kings 22 and it created a tremendous spiritual upheaval in Israel. It will do the same in our day. We must have a revival if our country is to survive. A revival that will upset every complacent Christian into high gear for God.

If enough people were praying for it, a revival could start right here at Conference. Everyone here is not saved and everyone here that is saved is not walking with the Lord. The Holy Spirit will move if enough people mean business with God. He will convict and save and tears of contrite repentance will really flow.

Spontaneous prayer cells would spring up—spirit-filled testimonies would be given—Bibles would be like a third hand, souls would be saved, believers would be getting back to God, and oh, what a tremendous thing we would see!

If we are really to venture with Christ as some of us say we want to, we must first come to the place where we mean dead serious business with God. We must unreservedly claim and proclaim the power of His precious blood which redeems or buys us back from sin, deliver us from the power of sin. We must use the sword of God, the written word to defeat Satan and his angels.

Is Christ yours today? Has His blood covered your sins? Have you given your life to Him? You will not have to answer any man these questions. Our quizmaster and judge will be the Lord Jesus Himself and anyone who is found that has not been cleansed by faith in Christ's blood and the power of His word will be cast into the pits of Hell!

Before anyone can ever hope to venture or advance with Christ we must know what John 15:5 says: "I am the vine ye are the branches, He that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing."

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

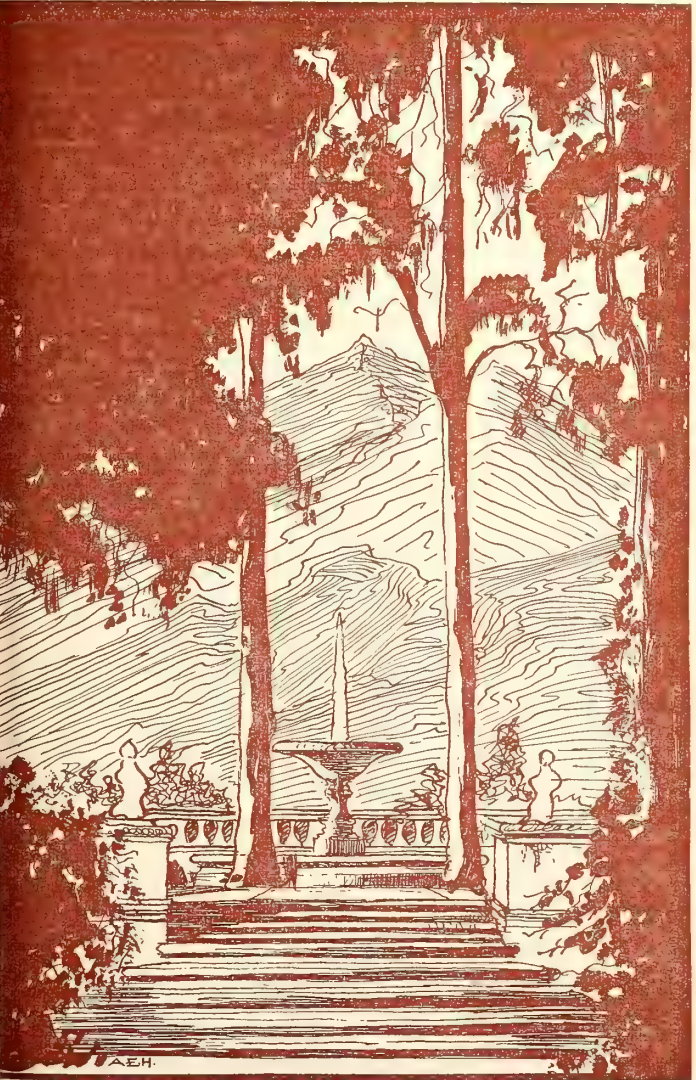
THE THREE GARDENS

The Garden of Eden; The Garden of Solomon;
The Garden of Gethsemane.

THE HUMAN RACE began in a garden. The greatest sacrifice for mankind was in a garden. Our Lord was buried in a garden, and some of the greatest drama was enacted in a garden.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN—Genesis 2:8.

1. Location—In Mesopotamia between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers.
2. Planned and planted by God. He dug in the dirt. He put plants there that were good for the body and good for the soul, pleasant to the sight and good for food.
3. Verification—Archeologists have found carvings, fossils, etc., that definitely prove the truth of the Bible about the Garden of Eden. God put man there and gave him



the gift of work. Apply this to our garden of life. We are a garden made by God. We need the Son of God in our life if we are not to be whitish-green Christians. We need the necessities and we need the beauty in living. We must have rivers of faithful witnessing flowing throughout life. We must not keep all the blessings that flow into our life and let them stagnate there, but let them flow out (kept sweet and fresh by God). We must expect to work. It is a good gift from God. Work keeps us out of doctors' offices, mental institutions, and other people's affairs. God expects us to make this old world in which we live a more beautiful and orderly place.

THE GARDEN OF SOLOMON.

Archeologists have also unearthed part of this—very elaborate with pools, fountains and sunken gardens. The Jewish nation had a navy at that time. King Solomon had the Queen of Sheba visit him, and she admired his garden. The location of this garden was at Jerusalem. Solomon's Song 4:16, "Awake, O north wind...". The north wind is the same as the troubles that come into our garden of life. These trials come that the spices of Christian living may flow out. Look how we get the aroma from the hickory log when we burn it; nutmeg when we grate it on a scratchy grater; wood is sawed, made into furniture which is carved and rubbed to bring out the grain; flower petals are crushed for their perfume. All this tells us to glorify God in whatever happens to us—that the grinding, crushing, hurting experiences of life can shape and polish beautiful character. The Rose of Jericho came from Jerusalem. It is sometimes called the Resurrection plant. It is often spoken of as the narcissus. Solomon's Song 2:1, "I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valley."

THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.

On the western slope of the Mount of Olives in an olive orchard, Jesus went after instituting the Lord's Supper in the upper room. He prayed for three hours on His knees, and sweat became as great drops of blood as He prayed, "Not My will, but Thine be done". Here He was betrayed and deserted. Near the place where they crucified Him was a tomb in a garden. Every place where you and I have to bear a cross, God places a cross of understanding nearby.

An archeologist found the garden tomb in 1883. Outside the city of Jerusalem, near Calvary—a cave-like room 14 feet long, 10 feet wide and 7½ feet high. Two graves in it, only one finished. Some people make a tomb of their religion. They put a dead god inside the tomb of their heart, the stone of sophistication and self-satisfaction in front of it. Such people need an earthquake spiritually.

Mrs. Harry T. Staub,
Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

Money is power, and you ought to be reasonably ambitious to have it. You ought because you can do more good with it than you could without it. Money printed your Bible, money builds your churches, money sends your missionaries, and money pays your preachers, and you would not have many of them, either, if you did not pay them. The man who gets the largest salary can do the most good with the power that is furnished to him. —Russell Conwell in ACRES OF DIAMONDS, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Things You Should Know:

"OUR FAITH":

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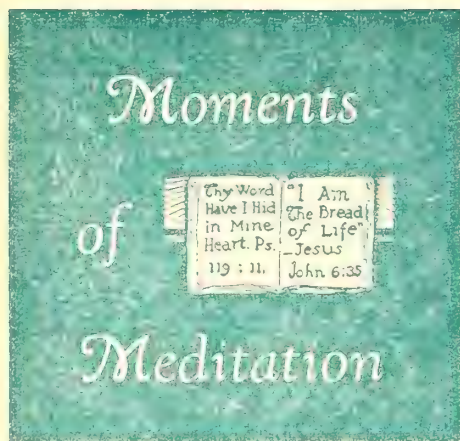
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IF CHRIST SHOULD COME NEXT SUNDAY

If Christ should come next Sunday,
And it may be that He will;
Would the things that I'll be doing
Set the Master's heart athrill.

If Christ should come next Sunday,
Would He find me loyal, true,
In my place with my influence
Doing what He'd have me do?

If Christ should come next Sunday,
Let's suppose He came at ten,
Would He hear me answer 'Present'
In the class I should attend?

If Christ should come next Sunday,
If He came at just eleven,
Would He find me in His service,
Singing praises unto Heaven?
—Copied

A THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Instead of watching folk go by,
Turn on YOURSELF the critic's eye;
Just watch the things YOU daily do—
Put in your time just watching YOU.
To do the job, and do it right,
It takes us almost day and night.
No doubt, my friends, the thing to do
Is, we watch ME, and you watch
YOU!

—Selected.

LEARNING HOW TO LIVE AT OUR BEST

1. Find a worthwhile purpose in life.
2. Develop staying power to see life through to a good finish.
3. Earnestly endeavor to rid ourselves of our faults.
4. Frankly admit our own weaknesses as well as our strength.
5. Remember when we become irritated with people that there is much in ourselves that is difficult for others to endure.
6. Try to see life's problems from the other person's viewpoint as well as from our own.
7. Understand that the highest wisdom is not "Know thyself" but "Know thyself and God."
8. Never forget that love is a healing and stabilizing force in every human relationship.
9. Keep inviolate a period of each day in which to gain fresh insights into ourselves and into life and to develop the spiritual resources with which to face courageously whatever comes.—John Sutherland Bonnell.

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Good depends not on things but on the use we make of things. Everything potent, from human love to atomic energy, is dangerous; it produces ill about as readily as good; it becomes good only through the control, the discipline, the wisdom with which we use it. Much of this control is social, a thing which laws and institutions and uniforms enforce, but much of it must be personal, and I do not see how we can evade the obligation to take full responsibility for what we individually do. Our reward for self-control and the acceptance of private responsibility is not necessarily money or power. Self respect and the respect of others are quite enough.—Walter Stegner.



LEARN TO LET GO

If you want to be healthy morally, mentally, and physically, just let go.

Let go of the little bothers of everyday life, the irritations and the petty vexations that cross your path daily. Don't take them up and nurture them, pet them, and brood over them. They are not worth while. Let them go.

That little hurt you got from a friend, perhaps it wasn't intended, perhaps it was, but never mind, let it go. Refuse to think about it.

Let go of that feeling of hatred you have for another, the jealousy, the envy, the malice, let go all such thoughts. Sweep them out of your mind and you will be surprised when a cleaning up and rejuvenating effect it will have upon you, both physical and mentally. Let them all go; you house them at deadly risk.

But the big troubles, the bitter disappointments, the deep wrongs and heart-breaking sorrows, the tragedies of life, what about them? Why, just let them go, too. Drop them, softly maybe, but surely. Put away all regret and bitterness, and let sorrow be only a softening influence. Yes, let them go, too, and make the most of the future.

Then that little pet ailment that you have been hanging on to and talking about, let it go. It will be gone with a riddance. You have treated it royally but abandon it; let it go. Talk about health instead, and health will come. Quit nursing that pet ailment, and let it go.—Selected.

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The Editor's Pulpit

Meeting Today's Sunday School Challenge

SPECIAL EMPHASIS is being given this coming week in churches throughout the nation to the work of the Sunday School. One cannot think on this subject without going back into the years past and recalling the influence which Sunday School has had.

To some, it has been a glorious experience—of qualified, consecrated teachers in classrooms which were comfortable, well lighted and well heated, with appropriate equipment, and chairs the right height. For Brethren past forty, such ideal conditions were the exception rather than the rule. For most of us, Sunday School was something else. Sometimes, dark corners in basements, cold and smelly. Chairs too big, of odd shapes and in various stages of progressive collapse. The rickety stand on which the teacher tried to hang the picture chart, would not accept its responsibility, so the teacher just stood and held the picture while the story was told, then the chart was laid in a collapsed heap on the floor.

Later, Juniors sat in adult opening exercises because there was no other place for them. Classes were divided, sometimes by canvas curtains. Sometimes these stuck at most any distance from the floor. Time was often thus spent guessing whose feet in the next class area could be seen underneath the partially lowered curtain.

Promotion, from class to class, continued until you were in High School. The class was never the same after that because now some were leaving to teach younger classes, or went away to school, or dropped out altogether. Suddenly, adulthood and marriage arrived, with their own problems. Just as suddenly you were "promoted" once again—this time into the "Young Married People's" Class. Only one more move possible after that, into either the Men's Bible Class or the Ladies Bible Class, so you stayed on in the Y. M. P. Class.

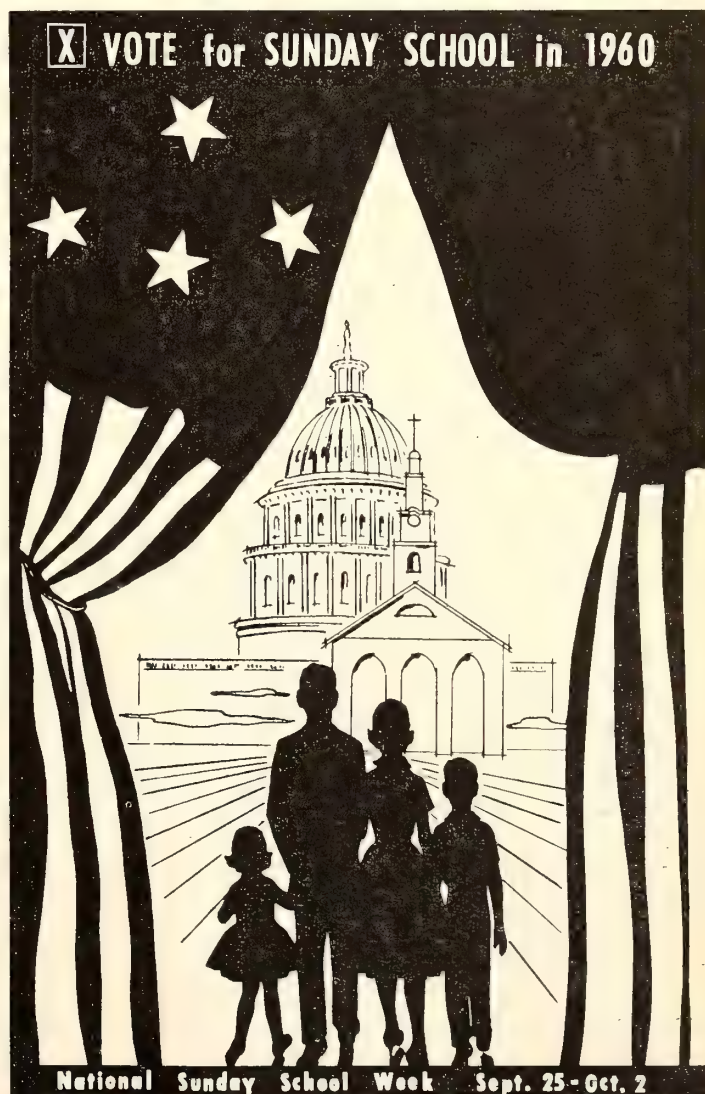
All went well, and your own children came up, miraculously and by the grace of God, the same way you did. After their marriage vows, you were shocked to realize that the only Sunday School class for them was the Y. M. P.—the same one in which you had been all the twenty or more

years of your married life! When your first grandchildren came along and sat on their mothers' knees, they sat in the same class as you and your children—three generations in one Sunday School Class.

During all of the years of your Sunday School attendance, there was quite a change-over of teachers, either because you were promoted, or they gave up and somebody else took the class. Some are not remembered; others made lasting impressions on formative minds.

In spite of all the situations described (and your own local situation is probably vivid in your mind), we learned a lot! Let us not discount the

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VISIT TO THE NIGERIAN FIELD

(Because of our cooperation with the Church of the Brethren missionary work in Nigeria, Africa, the office of the Foreign Mission Commission of the Church of the Brethren and the Field Committee, as well as individual missionaries on the field, share with us generously information on the progress and development of the work in Nigeria. We are grateful for the reports, the experiences of those working there and the general information on the rapidly-growing Nigerian church. The following article is a report on the recent administrative visit made to Nigeria. W.C.B.)

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Representing the Church of the Brethren in America, Paul M. Robinson, president of Bethany Biblical Seminary and chairman of the General Brotherhood Board of the Church of the Brethren, and J. Henry Long, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Commission, spent five weeks during July and August visiting the Church of the Brethren mission field in Nigeria. Into those weeks were crowded scores of meetings—meetings with groups of Nigerians and missionaries, evangelists, educators, medical personnel, and with individuals and families, in Nigerian compounds and churches, in missionary homes and in classrooms. The climax of this official visit to the mission field, however, occurred in the form of an extraordinary meeting of the Church of the Brethren Mission in Nigeria at Garkida on July 29 and 30.

Of the seventy-four missionaries serving on this field, sixty-six were present at the meeting; the remaining eight were unable to attend either because roads to one station are impassable during the heavy rains of July and August, or because of duties at Hillcrest School, which was in session at the time. Except for the open-

ing address by Brother Robinson, daily devotional periods and frequent pauses for prayer, the meeting was given over entirely to business matters.

Highlights of these sessions included the following: the deputation's recommendation to the Foreign Mission Commission that effective November 1, 1960, Roger Ingold take over the position of Field Secretary, with Dallas Oswalt Assistant Field Secretary; a review and re-vamping of the administrative structure of the mission organization with a definition of the duties of its officers and committees; and consideration and study of a paper on "Patterns for Nigerianization of the Service Programs," which was drawn up to provide a practical means by which the medical, educational, and rural development programs of the mission may be guided in gradually turning over the work to Nigerians.

The meeting provided unparalleled opportunity for exchange of ideas among representatives of the church at home and those of the mission field. With the time so urgent, with Nigerian independence almost a reality, the Church of the Brethren is facing unique problems as it strives still to minister to the Nigerians and yet to guide them toward assuming the leadership which is rightfully theirs. Only through a harmonious agreement can the home church and the mission field hope to accomplish the ultimate goal: a completely indigenous Christian church, and Christian education, medical, and rural life programs carried on by responsible Nigerians, in a free and independent Nigeria. As an outcome of this meeting, the objective has come more sharply into focus and from this communication with the home church the missionaries in Nigeria have received new inspiration in the on-going work of His Kingdom.

COMMUNION AT MODA

Robert Bischof

On Sunday afternoon, August 14, at 2 P.M. the first communion service was held at the newly-organized church at Moda. I drove the car to the Moda stream which was high, due to heavy rains the day before, and waded through the stream to the church building. The water in places reached above my knees.

The membership of this church is 302; therefore I was surprised to see 272 people at the communion service. This number was too large to have the service inside of the building; so we went outside. Fortunately the day was nice; even though there were rain clouds, no rain fell.

Since, as in most of the small churches, we do not have much furniture, one of the men went to his compound and brought a small table and chair. I put the communion bread and drink on the table. Nothing elaborate. The bread was just some of their regular guinea corn food, made up into cakes and sliced so that I could handle it by hand and break it to the people. The drink was made from a native berry that we often use for pies as well as jelly.

Having walked quite a distance and having many things to carry, I had put this juice in a large thermos; so on the table sat the thermos, the small cups for drinking

the juice, and the mancikil (bread). There was no cloth nor any of the fine silver chalices that we have at home; in fact, I had to use a canteen to pour the juice into the cups to give to the people for them to drink.

The three-fold communion was observed: first with meditation on our sins and the asking of forgiveness of them; then the feet-washing service; after that we ate together. The people brought their own food, and then we sat down together to eat what we had brought. Those who hadn't brought food were invited to eat with someone who had food; hence everyone was given food.

After eating, they sat down in rows so that I could go up and down the rows breaking the bread and pouring the cup. As we observed the communion in the beauty of God's outdoors, I thought about Jesus and the feeding of the 5,000—how they must have been gathered out on the mountain side. With only 272 there, it seemed like a great many people. I couldn't imagine how many 5,000 would be. As I walked around breaking the bread, the people sang softly, "Break Thou the Bread of Life"; and as the cup was poured, "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

The service was so inspirational! Many of the people were taking their first communion, and it was a real joy to have 272 from a membership of 302.

Please remember this young church in your prayers that they may grow spiritually as well as numerically.



Bob and Bea Bischof, Barbara and Bobby

Evangelist Readers, please note:

The Bischofs will be returning to the States on furlough soon. They are due to arrive about November 5. Please keep this in mind, if you plan to write to them in Africa. Boat mail takes at least 3 months to reach them. Thus only air mail should be sent now, and after October 1, it would be best not to write to them.

PASTOR WANTED

Pastor for Brighton Chapel. Interested persons write:
Mrs. Charles Anderson, Sr.,
Route 3,
Howe, Indiana.

Attention all Sisterhoods and W.M.S. groups:

Please continue to send squares and bandages to Nigeria. Address them to—

Lassa General Hospital
C.B.M. Mubi, Via Yola and Jos
Nigeria, West Africa

The doctor at Lassa will be supervising the Mbororo and Gulak dispensaries and will send the bandages and squares on as long as there is need for them. The hospital is always in need of these items.

(W.M.S. and S.M.M. groups, please clip this notice and keep it for future use.)

Items of General Interest

SMITHVILLE, OHIO. Brother Donald Rowser reports the baptism and reception of five new members recently.

WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO. Ashland Seminary student, Gene Hollinger, was the scheduled guest speaker for the morning and evening services in the Williamstown church on September 18th.

LOREE, INDIANA. Brother Horace Huse was the radio devotional speaker over WARU each morning during the week of August 29th.

NEW PARIS, INDIANA. Parsonage dedication was held on Sunday afternoon, September 11th. Brother Spencer Gentle delivered the dedicatory address. The service was sponsored by the W.M.S. who also served refreshments at the reception for the new pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Jerry Flora. Open House at the parsonage was observed following the service.

SPECIAL. Dr. Robert F. Porte, Brethren Elder, and father of John Porte, Field Secretary of General Conference, suffered a stroke recently and is now at the home of a son in Erie, Pennsylvania, at 3717 Scarboro Rd. Let us remember our brother at the throne of grace in prayer.

COMING EVENTS

CORINTH, INDIANA (near Twelve Mile). Homecoming—Oct. 2—followed by Revival and Evangelistic Services—Oct. 3-9—Rev. G. Bright Hanna, Pastor-Evangelist.

WARSAW, INDIANA. Homecoming—Oct. 2—Basket dinner at noon. Afternoon program by the choir, with dedication of new choir robes; Revival Services—Oct. 3-16—Rev. Virgil Ingraham, Evangelist; Rev. C. Y. Gilmer, Pastor.

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INDOCTRINATION MATERIALS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

A RESOLUTION of the 1960 General Conference constituted the Indoctrination Materials Committee as a Standing Committee, and authorized a change of name. Since the Committee itself has not determined upon a suitable new name, it will operate for the present under the old.

The book, OUR FAITH, produced by the Conference through its Committee, is now available at the Brethren Publishing Company's Book Store at Ashland, Ohio. The price of the book is \$1.00 plus carriage. Parcel Post on single copies is 15c, and large quantities according to weight. The Committee is asking that cash accompany all orders due to the small commission the Book Store receives.

At the last report, only 40-odd Congregations had purchased over 3,000 of OUR FAITH. That is very good. It is urged that every Congregation make it possible for at least one copy to be placed in every home. It can be done through the local budget or by a special committee soliciting.

Many satisfying testimonials are being received by word of mouth, by telephone and by mail. One

pastor said, "We like it very much." Another, "It is a masterpiece." And another, "A valuable addition to our Brethren Archives." Note this layman's reaction: "I thought I knew all about the Brethren Church, being 73. You would think I ought to. Well, I learned so many things I didn't know. That being my case, I feel there should be made a special effort to get this book into every Brethren home."

Will you pardon the seeming lack of modesty of this Committee in reporting these testimonials? What we could not do for a personal publication, we feel it our duty to do for the Conference which owns the book. We feel we are charged with the distribution of OUR FAITH as well as to have produced it. The General Conference Treasury has its money invested in the stock; let us get the books out into the hands of the members.

Indoctrination Materials Committee,

A. T. Ronk, Chairman.

THE EDITOR'S PULPIT

Meeting Today's S. S. Challenge

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value of Sunday School teaching under less-than-good conditions! God honors His Word wherever it is loved, taught and heard.

However, as we observe Sunday School week, let us not say that because what we have had was good enough for us, it is good enough for our boys and girls. Public schools used to be one-room, poorly heated, poorly lighted and ill-equipped. But thanks to the American taxpayer, they are not that anymore. Trained teachers, study-inducing buildings well equipped, add to the learning process. Should we do less for the teaching experience which centers in the souls of our boys and girls?

Any Sunday School which is graded according to the mental development of the child, with trained teachers, in separate classrooms, and

good equipment, is going to do a better-than-average job of teaching God's Word. Add the factor that the teacher is God-fearing, consecrated and dedicated, with love for children—and adults and you will have the kind of Sunday School experiences so greatly needed today. We do not condemn the teachers, the church leaders of the past forty years, for often they did what they could with what they had. We did learn a lot in spite of the conditions, chiefly because we didn't know any better, and because we were trained to go there and learn.

But today, the average child and youth has had a diet of first class public school experience. To capture his soul for Christ, we must not be content with the "way we've always done it", but must teach the same Gospel story by the use of the newest and the best in teaching technique and equipment. This week, take a good look at your Sunday School. Are you meeting the spiritual needs of today's generation of boys and girls, youth and adults? Anything less than the best is not good enough. W. S. B.

Young Men's and Boys' Brotherhood Program

Topic Editor: BRAD WEIDENHAMER

Our new Topic Writer for the Young Men's and Boys' Brotherhood Monthly programs is Brad Weidenhamer. Brad is an Ashland resident, student in Ashland College, and was elected President of the National Boys' Brotherhood in August. We welcome him as a writer for the EVANGELIST.

THINKING STRAIGHT

THESE IDEAS should help you form your Brotherhood program for the month of October. The topic is the first topic in your study book, "Meeting the Test." Much value can be gained from this material by discussing the ideas and the references from which they came.

I. TRUTH

1. God's word is truth—Jn. 17:17.
2. If you know the truth, it will make you free—Jn. 8:32.
3. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—Jn. 14:6.
4. Jesus was sent to bear witness unto the truth—Jn. 18:37.
5. Those who worship God must worship Him in truth—Jn. 4:24.

II. HONOR

1. People honored Jesus with their lips, but their hearts were not sincere—Matt. 15:8.
2. Jesus didn't receive honor from men—Jn. 5:41.
3. God will honor any man who serves Christ—Jn. 12:26.
4. We should honor our fathers and mothers—Matt. 15:4.
5. Those who don't honor the Son, don't honor the Father who sent Him—Jn. 5:23.

III. JUST

1. Jesus' judgment is just—Jn. 5:30.
2. Christ justifies those who believe on Him—Rom. 3:26.
3. The just shall live by faith—Rom. 1:17.
4. Heaven rejoices more over one sinner who repents than ninety-nine just people who need no repentance—Lk. 15:7.
5. There shall be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust—Acts 24:15.

IV. PURE

1. Keep yourself pure from other men's sins—I Tim. 5:22.
2. Unto the pure all things are pure—Titus 1:15.
3. Prove yourself a minister of God by pureness—II Cor. 6:6.

4. Be an example of believers in purity—I Tim. 4:12.
5. Pure religion is keeping yourself unspotted from the world—James 1:27.

V. QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How do we worship God in truth?
2. From what or whom will you be free if you know the truth?
3. How can we honor Jesus?
4. How much honor should we seek from men?
5. What does our study book say about just people judging others?
6. Read Matt. 7:1-5.
7. What do the above verses say about judging others?
8. What did Jesus say about the "pure in heart" in the Beatitudes?
9. What are some ways in which other people's sins keep us from being pure?
10. What reward will we have for being truthful, just, honorable, and pure?

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

OTHER PEOPLE'S SINS and OURS

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" Isa. 53:5.

OTHER PEOPLE'S SINS—how much emotion, time and talk is spent on them! And to no good. We might ask the question, "What did God do about sin—our sins?" He could have said they were so bad He was through with us, **condemning** us and our sins. Or on the other hand He might have declared us as so weak that we could never make amends for them, and decide to forget them, **condoning** them. But since He is God He did neither.

He elected to identify Himself completely with us, in spite of our sins; then challenge us about them. Hopefully He yearned that we might reverence His Son. Christ came into men's lives in order to transform them from within.

When men grow sentimental they sometimes condone sin, and "forget it". But usually men are hard and **condemn** sin—in others. Have we tried making friends with our enemies, loving them for God's sake right through the wrong, so that our love, like God's, may break them down and change them? It is hard to do, but prayer will help us.

Growing sentimental about men's sins and loving them into right relations and attitudes will not always or invariably work. There is a place for law, and force, in holding evil in check, till moral force can be applied. But we dare not say that love will not work until we have tried it. It many times does work—and when it does, both parties are lifted to a new level of faith and life. William Penn said, "Let us try, then, what love will do."

CAMPAIGNING

WITH "EASE"

Dr. Edward D. Simpson,
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DURING THESE DAYS of political campaigning, you have probably been impressed with the tremendous effort being expended for the party cause. Apparently no sacrifice of blood, sweat and tears is considered too great in the promotion of the platform. Perhaps only those on the inside of such an operation actually know and appreciate the great amount of money, time and energy it takes. In fact, it may seem that it is a paradox to speak of "Campaigning with EASE." But the truth of the matter is that when it is done properly and in an organized manner, it IS easier!

Consider, for example, the following planks in the promotional platform as guides to Campaigning with E's for Sunday School.

Enthuse

Inspiration is caught rather than taught. Before we can expect to convince others that Sunday School is the most worthwhile hour in the week, we must be sold on the idea ourselves. Ask yourself where you can invest your life and reach more people for Jesus Christ per capita, per dollar, and per hour, than through the Sunday School. The first requisite for campaigning for Christ through the Sunday School is enthusiasm. And the best way to produce this vitality is to talk, think, pray, and live Sunday School yourself. The first thing you know, your fellow workers will catch your spirit, and the whole staff will become alive because you generated a spark!

Enlist

But this is not a one-man campaign...that is, for long. It may have to begin with you, but you cannot do it alone. So select the most likely person around you, and begin to cultivate him. Expose him to the glow that radiates from your own

conviction that Sunday School is the "biggest job in the world," and soon you will become a committee of two. Then, allow the principle of multiplication to take over until you have a staff of enthusiastic co-laborers. This beats the old method of tricking, bribing, shaming or demanding, produces better campaigners (and is easier, too). Could it be that you have not because you ask not? But do not attempt to skip the first step, and immediately try to enlist helpers without first inspiring them!

Educate

Zeal must be accompanied by knowledge. After you have succeeded in sharing your enthusiasm for Sunday School endeavor, you may find that you need to train and educate workers for the various tasks involved in this great enterprise. In the area of promotion, most of us are sadly lacking in general know-how and specific techniques. The fields of public relations, promotion and advertising require training to be done effectively. But the methods are almost unlimited: telephone, sound trucks, pins, flyers, posters, stickers, hats, armbands, etc. Be sure to investigate many techniques, determine which will work best in your situation (taking into account your finances, talent and personnel), then train your workers in their use. For example, people may be friendly, talkative and extroverted, but expert visitors must be trained.

Equip

Now that you have your campaigners inspired and trained, you will want to give them the tools to do the job. This equipment will range all the way from literature and give-aways to buildings to accommodate those they succeed in winning. Let us be as wise as the master-builder who first

sat down to count the cost, and plan for the provision of equipment at each stage of the campaign.

Extend

Wise salesmen call on the live prospects first, and then extend their efforts to the less promising. There is probably no sequence which will fit every situation, but consider the following possibilities: rolls of regular members of the Sunday School, church, youth groups, etc. Then enlarge the list with relatives of those you are already reaching; associates such as playmates, school mates, business associates, neighbors, etc. Next in the scale may be those in geographical proximity, the PTA, scouts, etc. Finally, though not least rewarding, is the list of new families taken from utilities company files, Welcome Wagon, Chamber of Commerce, moving companies, etc. The possibilities are almost limitless. Start at the center with the most likely prospects, and extend your influence.

Enable

What has been taken many times for indifference, lack of cooperation, and carnality, may be discovered to be a genuine problem to which there is a solution. For example, many of our people who claim they cannot help us campaign for Sunday School, really cannot...at least under the present conditions. But perhaps we can alter the circumstances so that they CAN cooperate. If there are small children in the home who need care, then let us supply the baby-sitters (do you have some teen-agers who need an area of Christian service?). Perhaps there are expert campaigners who need transportation, and others who can drive but feel that is their only contribution. If leadership will think from the worker's viewpoint, and make every attempt to solve the worker's problems, it will discover that the worker will be much more cooperative in attitude and action. In brief, "enable your people to cooperate with you!"

Evangelize

Keeping the major task of the church ever in focus is vital if it is to accomplish its mission. In these days of complexity it is easy to lose one's sense of direction and get "means" confused with "end". We reach, we teach, we train, we serve for the purpose of winning boys and girls, men and women to life in Christ. The evangelization of the lost, in its fullest sense, is still the supreme mission of the church. And, lest the Sun-

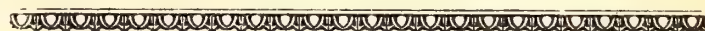
day School lose its sense of direction, this goal must always and ever be reemphasized.

Entreat

Recognizing this overwhelming responsibility with which we have been charged, and realizing the vast forces of the opposition, the church is practically crushed by weight of the impossibility of the task to its knees in **entreaty** that the Lord of Hosts will intervene...and that the Lord of the Harvest will thrust forth His laborers...and that the Lord God Omnipotent will display His mighty power in these difficult but challenging days. Let us turn from being problem-conscious to power-conscious!

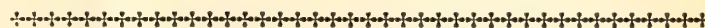
While the world is campaigning for that which is "corruptible," may the church be campaigning with even greater vigor for that which is "incorruptible." We represent the greatest cause in all the world. We campaign for the greatest Person in all the world. May we serve with the greatest devotion in all the world.

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In one of our great churches there served for a quarter of a century a wonderful minister.

One Sunday at dinner, following the service, the conversation of a family turned on the morning church service and a little boy in the family exclaimed, "Daddy, I smiled at God in church today and he smiled back at me!" To that little boy, James Leishman and Jesus had so lived together all these years that for that boy God and James Leishman were indistinguishable. So it has ever been. Men transformed by the love of Jesus Christ communicate His presence to others.—Edward L. R. Elson in **AND STILL HE SPEAKS** The Words of the Risen Christ, (Fleming H. Revell Company)



This 'n' That

By the Editor

Editor's Note: Pictures used on our cover and in connection with the Sunday School emphasis article, were taken five years ago in the Louisville, Ohio, Sunday School by Paul Clapper. They were used in the **Evangelist** at that time. Perhaps some of the boys and girls can look back and see themselves as they were then.

The pictures are used this week on the eve of National Sunday School Week to point out that every Sunday School has not only a ministry to the boys and girls at the moment in their classes, but likewise a continuing ministry through the years.

Foundation Stones of a Good Sunday School

IS THERE ANY WAY by which one may be sure that his Sunday School will grow? Is there any way in which he may be sure that the school will be on a solid footing? I mention these ten foundation stones of a good Sunday School. These are not the only foundation stones, of course, but they are ten important ones.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A CHURCH-RELATED SCHOOL

This is easy to say but the idea was not always as readily accepted as it is today. You recall that Robert Raikes started the first Sunday School in Gloucester, England, to ameliorate the unhappy state of children who worked in factories through the week. When he heard them running the streets and using foul language on Sunday, he sought to do something for them. So, for these children, he started a Sunday School which ran Sunday morning and afternoon. The curriculum was adapted to the need. It included reading and writing, and also some Bible. Raikes was a journalist and used his facilities to publicize his work. From here, the idea took fire and spread through England and the colonies.

You will note that the Sunday School started outside the church. For years it was not welcome in the church. When it finally got inside the churches, it frequently was a law unto itself. In Norwick Town, Connecticut, a Miss Lathrop gathered children in the gallery of her church after the morning service. The aged pastor drove her out, shouting abuse at her for desecrating the house of God on the Lord's Day. Next Sunday, he found them seated outside on the church steps. "You imps of Satan," he shouted, "you are always doing the devil's work."

In New England, Lyman Beecher shocked his people by getting them to support the Sunday School. He called on his most influential, prominent members to send their children to Sunday School. Up until this time the Sunday School movement, even in New England, had been directed primarily to the underprivileged children of the community. But Lyman Beecher was a strong enough man to carry his point, and from then on children of the more well-to-do families were permitted to attend his Sunday School.

This was in 1835.

Today we believe that the Sunday School ought to be under church control. All of the officers and teachers should be elected or appointed, directly or indirectly, by the local church. This can be done, of course, by a responsible body, like the board of education. The board, then, is responsible to the local church and makes regular reports of progress and activity to the local church.

This will mean, too, that the church will receive the moneys received by the Sunday School, and the church in turn will pay all of the bills, and will seek to provide the best sort of equipment and materials for the school.

If some of the people are slow to acknowledge the validity of such a plan, they may be reminded that it is just a good business proposition. If 75 per cent of the membership of a local church comes through the door of the Sunday School, and 80 per cent of the church workers, and 90 per cent of the ministers and missionaries come into the church through the door of the Sunday School, then any church can well afford to subsidize the Sunday School. The hope of its future lies in the Sunday School. As the Sunday School prospers, the local church prospers.

THE GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE DISTINCTLY A BIBLE SCHOOL

I believe in Bibles brought, Bibles taught, Bibles studied and Bibles used. There is no book like the Bible. It has been loved as no other book, hated as no other book, studied as no other book, and thank God, victorious as no other book.

Some of the other agencies will of course teach subject matter related to the better understanding of the Bible and related subjects, but the morning hour will be primarily for the teaching of the Word of God.

A. T. Pierson well wrote, "While many books inform and some few reform, only this One Book will transform."

THE GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A GRADED SCHOOL

The good Sunday School will be graded in all departments—including the adult groups. We accept this principle today, if not in practice. C. P. Hargiss used to do Sunday School promotional work in Kentucky. He had been brought up in Mississippi. He says that the Sunday School in which he was first a member had only two classes—infant and adult. The infant class was from birth to 21. He said, "Every Sunday I used to get up in my number 11 shoes with the rest of my class and sing, 'Little Feet Be Careful Where You Go.'"

Today we acknowledge the differences between the children of different ages—almost everywhere except in church. We acknowledge the difference between first graders and second graders, and third graders—on week days—then sometimes (because there aren't very many) we group them together on Sundays. Farmers who raise lots of chickens keep the little chicks right out of the incubators from those a few weeks old and the old hens. We ought to be as smart on Sundays with our boys and girls—and their daddies and mothers—as the farmers are all through the week with their poultry.

I will come back to this matter later.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A GROWING SCHOOL

In recent years there has been a lot of loose talk in the general vein that we are interested in quality

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quantity. Actually, we ought to have both, and we have both. Dr. Elmer Palmer is pastor of the Judson Baptist Church of Oak Park, Illinois. He made his school's motto, "a bigger school and a better school for 56." This is on the right line.

Now the strange thing is that many a church is satisfied just to endure the Sunday School, year in and year out, little realizing that a thriving Sunday School will vitalize the entire church program.

The growing school stimulates all of the workers and all of those who have been coming for years to new activity for Christ. General MacArthur never helped to win anybody's war just being satisfied to hold his own, but many a Sunday School appears well pleased if it just keeps up with last week's and last year's record. We must do more than this. We can do more than this. As long as there are lost people in your community and we dare not rest on our past efforts, or even dare be satisfied just to "hold our own." I remind you that you can have a big Sunday School anywhere there are people, anytime you want one. My job is to make people's want to work to function. My job is to seek to create a holy—but optimistic—dissatisfaction. Vance Havner says, "Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."

When those who claim to believe the gospel are not active in the work of seeking systematically to reach lost people for Christ, it is no wonder that lost people feel the way that I did about the truths of the gospel—that they are just so much "church talk."

If you will discover your responsibilities in your neighborhood, multiply classes and departments, enlist and train new workers and step up the training program of present workers, provide place and space for those whom you wish to reach, and then step up the program of visitation and publicity, you can build a larger Sunday School, which with such a program will at the same time produce a better Sunday School.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A WELL STAFFED SCHOOL

A well staffed school requires training of present and future workers. Some use the term "teacher training program," but this term is not broad enough. The officers need to have a philosophy and vision of Sunday School work just as much as the teachers. The officers need to know about the proper administration of the school. For one thing, the teachers, of the lower age group especially, must be their own truant officers. I do not like the term, but it emphasizes a phase of a teacher's work which is frequently overlooked.

The teacher needs to multiply out-of-class contacts with the members of his class. He needs to visit those whom he would reach who have never yet started to attend, and he needs to visit those who are sick or under

some particular stress or strain. This gets him into the administration side.

And the officers need to understand children, or young people, or adults, as they work in one division or the other of the school, and like the teachers, they need to be specialists with their particular age group. The superintendent may become the supervisor if he knows what good teaching is and how to coach his teachers so that they become better teachers.

All of this at least suggests the importance of planning the work with such care that will guarantee the growth of all the workers so that they become better workers. Somebody asked, "How do you get rid of poor teachers?" The answer was, "Make good ones out of them." Now of course it is much easier to give the answer than to do the work involved in the answer, and yet the fact ought to be apparent to all of us that many, many Sunday School workers could become much better and more efficient workers if they were given proper guidance and encouragement.

Someone commented one day that teachers are born and not made, and someone else added, "Well if it is true that teachers are born and not made, it is also true that they are not born made."

A good school will be a well staffed school because provision is made for the discovery, enlistment, and development of workers into the best workers they can become.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL MUST BE A SOUL-WINNING SCHOOL

Sunday School must be an evangelistic school. As one man put it, "We are not interested merely in making fishing tackle, but in teaching men to tackle fish."

A. C. Dixon, who for years was pastor of what is now the Moody Memorial Church, said that a harvest of souls was no more of a miracle than a harvest of wheat. What he meant was that there are laws for the harvest of wheat and there are laws for the harvest of souls. In the work of the Sunday School we recognize the principles of seed-time and harvest and we seek to become cooperative laborers together with God. The Sunday School can be the greatest evangelistic arm that the church has. Many Sunday Schools have yet to reach their potential here. My philosophy of evangelism is that the teaching and preaching services of the church ought to prepare the hearts of the unsaved in attendance for those who love Christ to go to them and speak the word of pardon and press the claims of Christ on their hearts.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A STRONG MISSIONARY SCHOOL

The task of world missions, which includes neighborhood missions, city missions, state and home missions,

ought to be presented educationally and inspirationally throughout the year. This will mean graded presentations of the idea in general, and of specific fields and tasks and areas of responsibility in particular.

I believed in missions before I became a Christian. I did not need to be sold on missions, either home missions or overseas missions, after I was saved, because I had been taught this as a junior age and junior high school boy. Dr. W. C. Carver wrote a book titled, "All the World in All the Word." Like the teaching of tithing, this should be taught to youngsters very early—certainly earlier than I just suggested. I am not saying that I remember being introduced to the cause of Christ around the world as a junior and junior high.

And the starting of new Sunday Schools and new churches shows those of your own constituency that you believe in missions abroad by actually engaging in the same sort of endeavor here at home.

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A PROPERLY EQUIPPED SCHOOL

I have special reference here to the whole problem of rooms and equipment. We now know that the rooms teach, and the equipment teaches. We can see this especially with regard to certain visual aids—both projected and nonprojected visual aids, which would include maps, charts, blackboards, flat pictures, objects, specimens, models, as well as the use of slides, filmstrips, and movies.

We are reminded that if we believe in a graded school, we must also believe in equipment which matches the bodies and the needs of the youngsters. And the equipment ought to be at least as good as the children and youth have in their public schools. Early impressions are very lasting. I believe that one of the reasons youngsters drop out of the Sunday School in their early teens is that they have learned that the oldsters do not really take the teaching ministry seriously at all. If they did they would provide buildings equal to those provided for the teaching of reading, writing, arithmetic, and all the rest. So by a grand, year-after-year object lesson, adults demonstrate what they would not dare to voice—that they do not believe that teaching the Word of God according to proper educational procedures is as important as the teaching of reading, writing, arithmetic, and the like. Why? Because they are careful to provide proper equipment for the teaching of these. They are careful to provide proper staff for these. But when it comes to teaching the greatest Book in all of the world,—why just anything is good enough for Jesus.

These same people would not think of having a church without a pulpit, or without song books. They believe that these are necessary to the proper running of a church. But when it comes to educational equipment

worthy of the name,—just anything is good enough for Jesus.

I ran across a line the other day to this effect: When it comes to providing for adequate building and equipment for the Lord's work—in this case, specifically the educational phase of the Lord's work—we must always consider present times as normal times. Many there are who would want to wait for "normal times" to build. But what we fail to do now will mean that some within our grasp for Christ will go unreached. Who knows whether living in your neighborhood right now is another Adolph Hitler, or Stalin, or an Al Capone? And who knows whether in your neighborhood today is another potential Billy Graham, or Jack Shuler, or even a William Carey, or Adoniran Judson?

But before you can provide adequate building and equipment in your church and community for Christ—somebody must care! Will you be that one? Will you be one to pass on this burden or responsibility to others who will see that the job is done in your church and community? This matter of making adequate physical provision for the teaching ministry of the church is no optional matter. Rather this is an imperative matter.

If this were a secular enterprise, and if it were needed, somehow, money or no money, it would get done. What is your reaction to this? Will you not agree that adequate provision in the way of building and equipment for those of all ages is no luxury, but rather a present necessity?

A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A PROPERLY PROMOTED SCHOOL

My great text on method is, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins in **Building Better Churches** (pp. 25, 26) has written one of the finest bits on the problem of the ministry of publicity and promotion that I have seen anywhere, as it relates itself to the cause of Christ. Let me quote:

Perhaps the sensitive minister will shrink from the inclusion of publicity and promotion as a definite part of his responsibility. Is there not something incongruous in the use of means associated with the things of the world in the carrying on of the church enterprise? Theaters and circuses and dance halls advertise their offerings, but churches are in another class. Professional men do not advertise; should not the ministers maintain an even higher standard? Manufacturers and merchants promote the sale of their wares, but what has a church to sell that would justify a promotional campaign?

Other institutions may utilize publicity and promotion as adjuncts to their main business, but the business of a church and its minister is that of publicizing and

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promoting. Quite properly we would shrink from that advertising of a church or its minister for the sake of notoriety or special advantage; but the church that goes out of the publicity and promotion business has gone out of business! Publicity is the art of reaching the public with a message. That is what the prophets of the Old Testament did. That was the mission of John the Baptist, forerunner of Jesus. That was the chief work of Jesus who went about publishing the gospel. Paul was a skilled publicist, using the means at his disposal to attract great crowds to hear him preach. Those who were saved published their experiences far and wide. The Bible itself is an illustration of the indispensable value of publishing the redemptive plan.

"A noun," someone has said, "is known by the company it keeps." The words "promotion" and "propaganda" have fallen into bad company. Yet in themselves they are noble words. "Promotion" is the act of causing to go forward. "Propaganda" is an organized method and system of propagating or disseminating principles and doctrines.

The work of a minister is that of causing the church to go forward by organized method and system, and of propagating the principles for which it stands. The work of publicity and promotion is both an art and a science. While the minister may not ordinarily achieve distinction in this difficult specialized field, he should at least know certain underlying principles and develop certain necessary abilities. He will then be in position to give guidance to those specialists whose services he may secure for the high purposes of the church. (1)

The whole idea involved in the "mousetrap philosophy" is so pertinent I quote a paragraph from a book by George E. Sweazey, *Effective Evangelism*, which I believe is a classic even though it is recent:

"The witness of our church's life and ministry is our evangelism—we don't have to go out after people." This is the church form of the old fallacy that if a man builds a better mousetrap the world will beat a path to his door. It was never true of mousetraps, and it is not true of churches. A church's good influence in a community will produce well-disposed outsiders who will remain outsiders until someone says, "This is for you." Oscar Wilde wrote of his Aunt Jane, who died of mortification when no one came to her grand ball. She died without knowing that she had failed to mail the invitations. That is the story of many a fine church which has wonderful worship services, a splendid program, everything in fact, save a way of making some connection with those outside, who always assume that what the Church has is for someone else.

Advertising and publicity will help here. Somebody wrote:

The codfish lays a million eggs, the homely hen but one;
But the codfish never cackles to tell what he had done.
And so we scorn the codfish, but the homely hen we prize,

Which demonstrates to you and me, IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE! (2)



A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE A
MAGNETIC SCHOOL, GROWING BETTER ALL
THE TIME

The teaching and the Spirit are of such character and quality that people who come once will find it hard to stay away any more. And the school will be growing better all the time. Other things being equal, the greatest day and the best days of your school will lie not in the past but in the future. Mr. J. L. Kraft one time told me that he was chairman of the board of the Krafts Foods Co. He then added, "That means my future is behind me." So many are like the gazooloo bird. That's the bird that flies backward to keep the sand out of his eyes. He doesn't care where he is going; just wants to see where he has been.

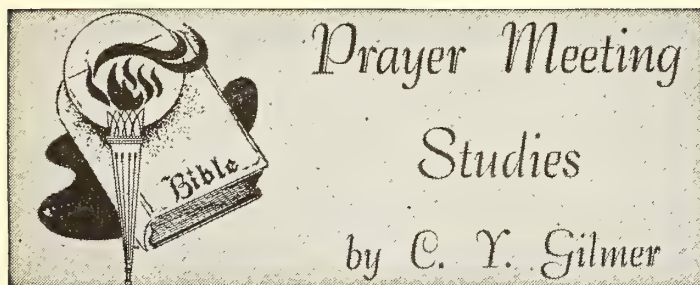
The Apostle Paul saw the danger of having one's future behind him when he said:

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:13-14).

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A BRIDE FOR ISAAC, GENESIS 24

Part I

The Bible is not a book of man's thought;
 The Bible reveals "what God hath wrought."
 The Old Testament was the New concealed:
 The New Testament is the Old revealed.
 The things of Christ were symbolized, foreshadowed,
 He came to fulfill, give meaning, and hallowed.
 The love story of Isaac has hidden meaning;
 Rebekah, the Church, a spiritual gleanings.
 The analogy is perfect in every detail:
 The hand of God was seen not to fail.
 The story is told of a father and son,
 A servant, and a bride who had to be won:
 Abraham, the father, is a type of God (Rom. 4:17)
 Noted for his faith as a pilgrim he trod (Heb. 11:8-10);
 Like God he had a two-fold family (Gal. 3:7):
 Those who were worldly, those of spirituality (Rom. 8:7).
 All who are of faith are the children of Abraham,
 A heavenly family because of redemption (Gal. 4:28-31).
 The heavenly seed as the stars would be (Heb. 11:12),
 The earthly seed as the sand by the sea (Gen. 15:5,6).
 Like God, Abraham desired a bride for his son,
 A select and chaste, a suitable one (Eph. 5:27):
 In this is the heart of the gospel carried (Matt. 22:2),
 "A certain king" would have his son to be married.
 The mission of the Church is not this world to perfect
 But to get souls saved to complete the elect (1 Pet. 1:2).
 This is God's plan to complete Christ's bride (Rev. 19:7-9),
 Redeemed by the blood that flowed from His side.
 The church giv'n to many words lost its Christ (Rev. 3:2,3),
 To see souls saved was the reward of His thirst (Isa. 53:11a).
 Isaac as a son was a type of Christ (Gen. 22:2),
 A child of promise, an answer to tryst (Gen. 17:16,19,21),
 After weary long years the promised child was born
 (Rom. 4:19);
 For Christ many centuries the world waited forlorn (Gal. 4:4).
 Isaac was a son of supernatural birth (Gen. 18:13,14);
 By incarnation Christ came to earth (Jn. 1:14).
 Isaac was the son of his father's sacrifice (Gen. 22:2);
 Christ, God's "only begotten" could suffice (Heb. 10:12).
 Willingly Abraham would sacrifice his son (Gen. 22:3),
 But God interposed a substitute type for the Right One.
 Isaac carried the wood upon which he would die;
 The Savior carried His cross toward Calvary.
 Abraham and Isaac went up Moriah together:
 God was in Christ reconciling the estranged near (Gen. 22:6-9; 2 Cor. 5:19; Eph. 2:13).
 Abraham, seeing Christ's day, was made to rejoice
 Penitent sinners have God's Substitute their choice (Gen. 22:10-14; John 8:56; Rom. 5:8,9).

Isaac was willing as before his father he stood:
 So Christ said, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God" (Heb. 10:7).

The knife did not lodge in Isaac's heart;
 But the Savior's side was pierced for His part (Jn. 19:34).
 Isaac, unbound, embraced his father;
 Christ, resurrected, to His Father came to gather (Heb. 2:12-15).

Explanations: Abraham had other sons beside Isaac who became the progenitors of various nations (Gen. 25:1-4). The things uppermost in the mind of God, and should be the test of our service, is the winning of souls. It was on Mt. Moriah where later David offered a sacrifice, and where Solomon's temple was built for the typical offerings slain under the law. Isaac was spared, but "God spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all." When Christ stood in the poor sinner's place "no love like His ever was known."

(To be continued next week)

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
 The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

YOU TEACH PUPILS

"THE THINGS WHICH THOU hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach OTHERS ALSO" (II Timothy 2:2).

Never be guilty of teaching a Sunday school class—teach individuals.

Never teach a Sunday school quarterly—teach waiting hearts.

The challenge—teach pupils, not quarterlies.

Do you think of pupils as small-necked bottles waiting to be filled? You fling out the lesson as you would throw liquid out over some bottles, hoping that some will get in. There is only one way to fill bottles. Fill each one individually. To do this we should understand and know these lives. We must also know ourselves and our message.

To understand pupils and to meet needs effectively, the teacher must know: (1) the general characteristics of all age groups, not just the one he teaches. (2) the age group he teaches—know the pupils collectively: know their general similarities and their general differences—physical, intellectual, emotional, social, moral, spiritual, age, sex, and race; know them individually—growth is an individualized process. Each person is different. They are not alike in inherited traits and capabilities, backgrounds, home life, interests, talents, hobbies, joys, and heartaches.

WHY SHOULD THE TEACHER KNOW HIS PUPILS PERSONALLY AND INTIMATELY?

Jesus, the master-teacher, sets the example. "He knew what was in man" (John 2:24,25). He dealt with individuals according to their need.

Pupils have various needs. Pupils are individuals, and should be treated as such. Knowing their personal characteristics, the leader will know what to expect and how to plan wisely.

HOW MAY THE TEACHER KNOW HIS PUPILS PERSONALLY AND INTIMATELY?

Read helpful books and Christian magazines on child and adolescent psychology. Study in leadership training classes. Attend Sunday school conferences and conventions on a local, regional, state, or national level. Visit other classes and observe good teachers.

Augment your theory with first-hand knowledge: (1) Associate with your pupils. Jesus did. (2) Get to know your pupils on Sunday. Arrive at Sunday school before your pupils. Greet them cordially, visit and work with them informally. Use them in class; in research projects, in discussions; stimulate questions and the expression of their problems. (3) Get to know them outside the class, in other church-sponsored activities. (4) Get to know

them outside the church. Speak with their public school teachers; study their textbooks; take them on expeditions and field trips; entertain them in your home; visit their homes; counsel with them—be a good listener.

WHAT SHOULD THE TEACHER KNOW ABOUT HIS PUPILS IN GENERAL?

The teacher should know the outstanding physical, mental, social, and spiritual characteristics of each age group. The characteristics of each age group from the nursery to the adult class are different and must be discovered if the teacher is to meet the pupils' needs. You as a teacher may be the only one to touch the life of your pupil for Jesus Christ. Know him, love him, train him for the Lord.

—from article, "YOU TEACH PUPILS", supplied by the National Sunday School Association in the observance of National Sunday School Week, September 25 to October 2.

World Religious News in Review

ABC DROPS FOUR COMMERCIALY-SPONSORED RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

NEW YORK (EP)—Because of "poor clearances" with local station affiliates, says a network official, four commercially-sponsored religious programs have been cancelled by the ABC radio network from its Sunday schedule.

The four programs and their last scheduled broadcast dates are: Frank and Ernest, sponsored by the Dawn Bible Students Association, Oct. 23; Wings of Healing, with the Rev. Thomas Wyatt, Nov. 6; and Oral Roberts, evangelist, and Radio Bible Class (P. M. version), both Nov. 20. A morning edition of the latter, different from the afternoon program was not dropped.

Paid religious broadcasts being retained are Dr. Bob Pierce and his World Vision broadcast; the Old Fashioned Revival Hour with Dr. Charles E. Fuller; the Radio Bible Class; the Voice of Prophecy, Seventh-Day Adventist international radio program; the Hour of Decision, with Evangelist Billy Graham; the Herald of Truth, sponsored by the Highland Church of Christ, Abilene, Texas; and

Revival-time, by the Assemblies of God.

In addition, the network will continue to broadcast four sustaining (free) religious shows. These are Negro College Choir, produced by the United Negro College Fund; the Message of Israel, a weekly sermon series sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Inc.; and Christian in Action and Pilgrimage, discussion programs sponsored, respectively, by the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Film Commission.

In making the announcement, Robert R. Pauley, vice-president in charge of the ABC radio network said its officials "feel that we are facing up to our responsibilities as broadcasters because these shows, which have generally poor clearances, are not in the public interest, the station's interest, the network's interest, or in the advertisers' interest."

SCIENTIST SAYS: PEACE ONLY IF MANKIND TURNS TO GOD

SEATTLE, Wash. (EP)—Dr. Robert M. Page, director of research, U.

S. Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, D. C., declared here that world peace will come "only when all mankind turns wholeheartedly to God in complete humility and voluntary unconditional surrender."

Scientists and scientific research will never bring peace, the leading scientist said, because they can't change human nature, "and until human nature is changed we'll have war."

Addressing the 15th annual convention of the American Scientific Affiliation, a group of Christian scientists who devote themselves to scientific aspects of the Bible, Dr. Page emphasized that no matter how strong a deterrent science can devise, there will be wars "as long as there is any single nation controlled by godless man."

Why does he believe religious faith and science are compatible? Science itself is based on faith, and is impossible without faith, he said. An interpretation of Scripture involves use of intelligence to build a hypothesis as accurately as possible, but at best represents an incomplete understanding, he added.

"One can say exactly the same thing of science," he said. "Both hypotheses contain incomplete understanding. No one fully understands ultimate faith. But they must agree because truth must be consistent with itself."

Dr. Page discounted the Russian's claim that their outer space ventures disprove the existence of Heaven.

"I don't know how they can say that unless they assume that Heaven

is a certain place up in the sky," he stated. "But they assume there is no Heaven, anyway. Russia has out-classed us in stunts and propaganda, but they don't hold a candle to us in good, solid scientific research."

Dr. Page asserted that increased scientific knowledge of the universe brings an increase in appreciation of the Creator, for some but not for all. This is because "preoccupation with material things without an appreciation of the Creator tends to progressively shut out any interest in the Creator."

POLL SHOWS CATHOLICS 68 PER CENT FOR KENNEDY

NEW YORK (EP)—A national Catholic monthly magazine reports a poll among its readers show 68 per cent favor Sen. Kennedy for President—a sharp increase since last spring.

In March, *Jubilee* magazine said, a survey of its readers, predominantly Catholic, showed 45 per cent favored Kennedy, who is a Catholic.

The current poll showed 16 per cent for Nixon, with 16 per cent undecided. The previous poll—prior to the nominations—showed 31 per cent for Nixon, with 24 per cent for other candidates.

KENNEDY, BAPTIST LEADERS CONFER

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Obviously disturbed by a rising sentiment against his Presidential candidacy on the part of Protestant groups, particularly in the South and Midwest rural areas, Senator John F. Kennedy, held a 30-minute conference with Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, and the Rev. W. Barry Garrett, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Following the meeting, Dr. Carlson announced that Senator Kennedy had agreed to a statement that:

"A frank renunciation by all Churches of political power as a means to religious ends would greatly improve the political climate and would seem to be a legitimate request by both political parties."

Subsequently, Pierre Salinger, press secretary to Sen. Kennedy, told a press conference that the statement fully represents the senator's views.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs represents the nine million member Southern Baptist Con-

vention, the American (formerly Northern) Baptist Convention, the two large Negro National Baptist Conventions, the Baptist General Conference (Swedish) and the North American Baptist General Conference (German).

Senator Kennedy, in his conference with the Baptist leaders, expressed hope that agitation would not be stirred up against him solely because he is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He appealed to the voters to base their judgment on his voting record in Congress and his public statements on issues concerning Church-State separation.

He pointed out that he has announced his opposition to appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican and to the use of federal funds to aid parochial schools, and has expressed his belief in the wisdom of constitutional separation of Church and State.

Dr. Carlson said he disclosed that he hopes to have a conference shortly with Vice President Richard M. Nixon along similar lines.

MORMONS INVADE EASTERN CANADA

TORONTO, Canada (EP)—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) has formed its first diocese (stake) in eastern Canada.

The action was taken at a recent conference here. Mormons entered Canada 100 years ago, have four stakes in Alberta and begin the new stake, embracing Ontario and Quebec, with 5,300 members—three times the number claimed in 1950.

RELIGIOUS "SMEARS" INCREASING, SAYS "FAIR-CAMPAIGN" GROUP

NEW YORK (EP)—The executive director of the Fair-Campaign Practices Committee has issued a statement pointing out that "rabidly" anti-Catholic material already is being circulated "many times greater than we've ever seen," and is increasing at an alarming rate.

"We think at this point there is a substantial danger that the campaign in 1960 will be dirtier on the religious issue than it was in 1928," Bruce L. Felknor emphasized. He said the material "is becoming more virulent and overt. What's so disturbing is that so much of this garbage is showing

up so much earlier than it habitually does in an election."

As in 1928, this year's Presidential candidates are a Catholic and a Quaker—Sen. John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard M. Nixon. Thirty-two years ago, Al Smith, a Catholic, lost to Herbert Hoover, a Quaker.

Mr. Felknor, a Presbyterian, said that usually in a campaign most of the religious smear material shows up a week or two before voters go to the polls, since a longer time would permit discrediting the literature.

Because of its early beginning this year, he said, "every indication is that the anti-Catholic component in this campaign is going to be a wretched one."

NCC OFFICIAL NAMED KENNEDY AIDE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Sen. John F. Kennedy has announced the appointment of James W. Wine, high-ranking official of the National Council of Churches, as Special Assistant for Community Relations in his Presidential campaign.

The Democratic Presidential candidate said Mr. Wine will head a special section of the campaign headquarters which will answer questions from the public raised by his membership in the Roman Catholic Church, his statements on Church-State matters, and similar issues.

Mr. Wine announced at the same time his resignation as Associate General Secretary for Interpretation, the post he had held with the National Council of Churches for the past year and a half.

A 42-year-old native of Kentucky, Mr. Wine was an attorney and former Special Circuit Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. He is an elder in the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

CHURCH NOT CANDIDATE, SAYS BAPTIST PASTOR

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (EP)—Dr. Claude U. Broach, a leading North Carolina Baptist minister, has criticized opposition to the Presidential candidacy of Sen. John F. Kennedy (Dem.-Mass.), a Roman Catholic, on religious grounds.

Pastor of St. John's church here for 16 years, Dr. Broach issued a statement opposing "the organized effort to arouse hostility to a political candidate because he happens to be a

member of the Roman Catholic Church." Forty Baptist ministers from Gaston and Mecklenburg counties here have organized as a group with the avowed purpose of disseminating what it calls pertinent information about the Catholic Church during the Presidential campaign.

"Many Roman Catholics have served and do now serve the public good in high offices of trust, and there is no reason to assume (Sen. Kennedy) is unworthy merely because of his religion," Dr. Broach declared.

"There are many well-founded reasons why Protestants should be on guard against the aggressive political ambitions of the hierarchy of the Roman Church, and there are vast differences in our theology," he said, "But the Church is not the candidate."

"I am not, by this statement, endorsing John Kennedy as a candidate," Dr. Broach said. "I am simply saying that I will have no part in the political attack upon him which denounces the Church to which he belongs."

St. John's, with some 1,000 members, is one of Charlotte's larger Baptist churches.

REPORT TAIWAN'S CHRISTIAN GAINS

TAIPEI, Taiwan (EP)—Taiwan's total Christian constituency of the island's 10,587,010 population, rose from 3.3 per cent to 4.5 since 1957.

These figures have been published in the 1960 Taiwan Christian Yearbook—the work of the Taiwan Missionary Fellowship, whose membership is drawn from all 60 Protestant mission agencies on the island.

PROTESTANT SENATOR PLACES GENUINE K OF C OATH IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Sen. Ralph W. Yarborough (Dem.-Tex.), a Baptist, has placed the genuine oath actually taken by members of the Knights of Columbus in the Congressional Record.

Sen. Yarborough said he was disturbed by letters he had received from his constituents concerning distribution of a "thoroughly disproved false oath" that was attributed to the Catholic fraternal organization.

He obtained unanimous consent of the Senate to place in the record an article by John Harris, a member of the Washington bureau of the Dallas

Times-Herald, that told how the "bogus oath" originated in a Pennsylvania Congressional election campaign in 1912.

The spurious oath was published in the Congressional Record in 1913 in an effort to demonstrate its falsity, but copies of it which are being distributed now, in an apparent effort to discredit the Presidential candidacy of Sen. John F. Kennedy, often bear the notation that it "appeared in the Congressional Record."

Sen. Yarborough noted that the "bogus oath" had reappeared in the West Virginia primary last May "in a vain effort to cast a reflection on Senator Kennedy," and said the people of that state "are to be congratulated for having the good judgment and sense of fairness to see that such material has no place and should have no place in free, honest elections."

The oath reportedly first gained circulation when a man named Eugene C. Bonniwell, a member of the Knights of Columbus, ran against Congressman Thomas S. Butler in the Seventh District of Pennsylvania. Some opponents of Bonniwell distributed it in the campaign.

Sen. Yarborough points out, however, that Congressman Butler subsequently repudiated the group and said their efforts had cost him votes, rather than gained them.

CATHOLIC SOCIETY TAKES FOSTER CHILD OF PROTESTANTS

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (EP)—Five-year-old Bobby Hallas, a Roman Catholic, must be taken from the Protestant parents who raised him since he was a baby and given to the Children's Aid Society.

This is the ruling of Justice W. G. Ferguson who cited Manitoba law stating that only Catholic parents can adopt Catholic children. Mr. & Mrs. Ken Hallas, however, have indicated a desire to become Catholics themselves if they can get the boy back.

The foster parents, who fled their city earlier rather than surrender the boy, burst into tears as Justice Ferguson handed down the ruling. The Children's Aid Society was found by the court to be Bobby's court-appointed legal guardian. The Society said it had already found a home for Bobby. Counsel for the CAS said he wanted to make it clear that there was no criticism of the Hallas' treatment of the boy.

U. S. CRIME HITS ALL-TIME RECORD

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—During the first six months of 1960, according to the most recent figures of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, crime in the United States accelerated at the rate of nine per cent to reach a new all-time high.

The report was termed "startling" by Attorney General William B. Rogers, who said that the FBI's new quarterly reporting system on uniform crime statistics from police departments in cities over 25,000 showed that the increase earlier reported for the first quarter of this year continued at an even more ominous pace during April, May and June.

Highest increase was reflected by robberies, up 13 per cent. Murders, up six per cent over 1959, and forcible rapes (five per cent higher) reached the most alarming rate in the nation's history. Other crime categories showed grand larcenies increasing eight per cent, auto thefts five per cent, and aggravated assaults four per cent.

CEYLON TO SEIZE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

COLOMBO, Ceylon (EP)—Education Minister Badiudin Mahmud announced here that the government is planning to take over at year's end the state-assisted Christian schools in this predominantly Buddhist country.

Enrollment in the assisted schools numbers around 3,000—mostly Roman Catholics. With the Catholic and Protestant students are large numbers of Buddhist, Hindu and Moslem students. For some years there has been a growing Buddhist campaign for the nationalization of all schools and social welfare agencies in the country.

NEW ZEALAND ISSUES CHRISTMAS STAMP

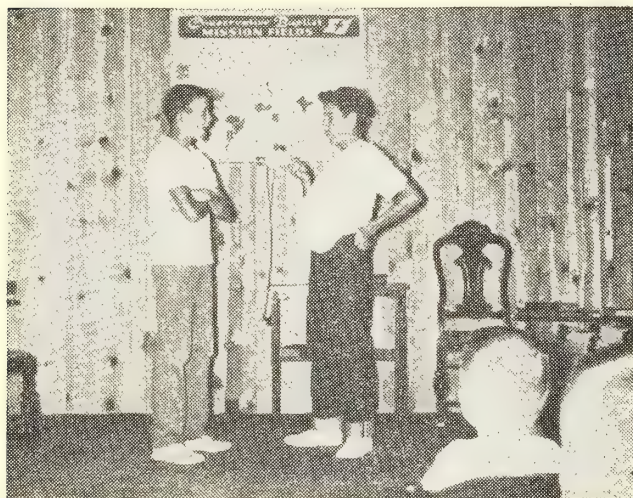
WELLINGTON, N. Z. (EP)—A postage stamp emphasizing the spiritual significance of Christmas will appear in New Zealand Dec. 1, postal authorities have announced.

To be sold for two-pence, the denomination commonly used for Christmas cards, the stamp will be launched because of the outstanding success of Australia's special Christmas stamps and because of repeated requests for a similar postal innovation in this country.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

PIC of the WEEK



Any of you young people from the Central District who were at Camp will probably recognize this picture immediately. The one with the **big stomach** is none other than your Youth Director. Of course, I wasn't the only one portrayed with a pulpit bumper; right, Rev. Rowsey? In case you didn't know, the one on the right is supposed to represent me.

To all Pastors and Youth Directors. I would like to know as far in advance as possible, the dates and places of all forth-coming rallies in your churches and in your districts, so they can be announced.

1960 - 61 PROJECT

At our recent National Brethren Youth Conference, the youth of the denomination took upon themselves the project of raising money for the future radio station in the Argentine. This is a very worthy undertaking for the young people. The enthusiasm emitted at the business meeting where the project was chosen was something to behold. At the banquet on Saturday evening, the youth voted to set the goal at \$6,000.

Both Rev. Rob Byler and Brother Vangioni from Argentina explained the need for such a radio station. They told of how millions of people, not only in the Argentine, but other South American countries and cities would be able to hear the Christian Gospel. They told of the almost limitless opportunities and potentialities such a radio station would have in countries that much need the Christian message.

Today in the youth office, I received the first monetary gift towards the new project, from someone who is interested in seeing the South Americans receive Christ.

At the banquet during Conference, both Bev and I said that we would give \$5 apiece to the person or per-

sons who submitted the best slogan and the best artistic layout for promotion of this project. To date, we have only received a few entries. You have until Tuesday September 20th to get your entry in.

Let's not hesitate to Venture With Christ not only here in North America, but in South America as well. Christ told us to go into the whole world with this precious message that He died for.

WHY NOT "VENTURE WITH CHRIST" WITH US IN SOUTH AMERICA IN THE FIELD OF RADIO EVANGELISM?

Coming Events

Mid-West District Conference

Falls City, Nebraska

October 6-9

Brethren College Days

Ashland College Campus

November 4-6

This is for all Juniors and Seniors in High School this year. Make your arrangements to come with your advisors or pastors. More information will be sent to you and your pastor in the very near future. If you want to find out more about Ashland College and the Campus and the cost of college and the courses offered, there is no better time to do this than at Brethren College Days. Plan to attend the Football Game on Saturday evening, November 5.

Ashland College Classes begin

Wednesday, September 21, 1960

IT'S COMING IN DECEMBER

WATCH FOR IT

School Days, School Days!

Summer vacation is over and gone for this year. You are now back to the books and studying to learn and acquire more knowledge. Sometime as you sit in study hall with nothing to do, you might look back over this past summer and think about what you accomplished or what you should have accomplished and didn't.

No doubt many of you had jobs for the summer where by you earned some extra spending money. Was your job just a job, or did it have some meaning to you?

How many of you in your spare time took out time to read a good book? Or was your time spent watching TV or playing miniature golf?

No matter how you spent your time this past summer that time is gone for good. What matters now is how you spend your time in school. What are you going to do? Goof off and try to "just get by", or are you going to buckle down and really study and apply yourself to the betterment of your own mind? This is a question that many students have to face at the beginning of a school year. I hope you had your mind made up to study before you even started school this year.

For those of you who are entering college this year as Freshmen, I hope that this question will not be a problem to you. College life is different than high school. There is an adjustment to be made, but if you really want to learn something and apply yourself, you can make that adjustment without much difficulty.

I hope to see many of you in college this fall and in the years to come. God's blessings upon you as you study and learn not only for yourself, but also for Him.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

WARM COMFORT By Dorothy C. Haskin

I LAY STILL in the dawn-streaked room and bit my lip. In my anguish I had the blind hope that if I lay still enough the pain wouldn't come, that the terrible process that was taking place in my body would stop, and I could save my baby. For eleven weeks I had laid on my back, but despite all the doctor could do the pains had begun. I kept so very still, but nothing helped, the pains were relentless. I lost my baby!

He was buried, without even the grace of a prayer. And, with it, my dreams and hopes of motherhood.

Two days later, while I was still in bed, still weak, I read in the newspapers of a girl who had her baby. She had carried the little one full time and after it was born in a hotel room, she had carried the baby to the window and dropped it three stories to the pavement below, killing him.

Why was her baby born alive and mine dead? She could give her baby nothing, not even a name. I could have given my baby a home, love, education, training, belief in God. Where is my answer—my comfort?

"But see," friends say, "because you don't have children, you can devote all your time to your writing and thus serve the Lord."

My first thoughts were: Couldn't the Lord use me a little less? Does He need so much of me that I can never feel a moist kiss on my cheek? Only once have I had a friend who really shared a baby with me. Each day she let me go to her house and hold her son. Day by day I could feel the wee one grow heavy. Any talent is cold comfort to a woman whose arms are forever empty. The Bible rightly says that one of the four things which are never satisfied is "a barren womb" (Proverbs 30:16).

"But, my dear," insist my friends, "look at the time you have to give to others. You have a dozen daughters to guide and comfort and cheer, while a mother is limited to a few." If I had a daughter of my own, she would bring her friends home from school. The other daughters would come and with the variation of life, I could help them and still have ample time for a daughter of my own.

There is only one comfort when one is denied the usual pattern of life, when one is crippled, or single, or denied children. It is the simple command of the Lord Jesus, "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22).

I ask myself, is God a Father? Yes. Does He know what is best for me? Yes. The love of God for me—that is warm comfort.

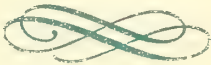
Perhaps He does want all my time in service. Perhaps He does not want my life shared with children. Amen, Lord, for "Thou art good, and doest good." He does need those who are focused in few children that they may serve many. There is one comfort in the tragedies of life—"Have faith in God."

"I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea come drifting home with broken masts and sails; I will be-

lieve the Hand which never fails from seeming evil worketh good for me. And though I weep because those sails are tattered, still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered, 'I trust in Thee'" (Author unknown). (Copr. ERA).



What's Doing in the Churches



FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA

We have had a very busy summer here in Falls City. On May 3rd, the Mother and Daughter banquet was held at the church, with 100 mothers, daughters and guests present. While the men of the church performed the clean-up work, the ladies enjoyed the program prepared by the Senior and Junior Sisterhood girls entitled, "Living Pictures of Memory in Story and Song."

Miss Janet Hinz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hinz, became the bride of Ralph Ramsey, son of Mrs. Etta Ramsey, on June 15, 1960. The Senior Sisterhood was in charge of the reception.

June 17th was the date for the Father and Son banquet at the church with about 40 present. A film was shown for the program.

Rev. Gary Deeter was the speaker during services on June 19th. A basket dinner for him, his family and parents was held after services.

On August 7th, to the accompaniment of a severe rainstorm, Gwen Elaine Holsinger, weighing in at seven pounds, six ounces, was welcomed to the Rev. Holsinger household. Mother and daughter are both doing well, and send greetings to all.

Camp Wyandotte was held the two weeks of July 17th to 30th, inclusive. There were not too many attending from Falls City, but there were many there from the rest of the District. Everyone had a grand time of fellowship with one another, and in learning of the Lord's work.

A Boys' Brotherhood has been organized. The first joint meeting of the Brotherhood and the Laymen organizations was held on August 28th in the form of a weiner roast and picnic.

Because of the severe weather last winter, it was necessary to reshingle the roof of the church; this job is nearly completed. Our Sunday School is growing and more space is needed. A fund has been started to enlarge the basement of the church by digging out the part that was never done. Our hopes are high and we feel that with the help of the Lord, by spring, this money will be raised and our Sunday School will have the much-needed space to grow and expand.

Promotion and Rally Day will soon be held. The District Conference meets with us, October 6th through 9th.

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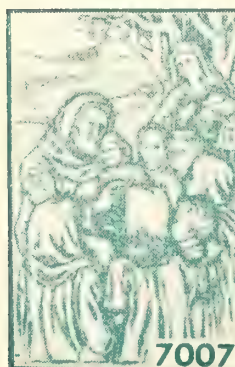
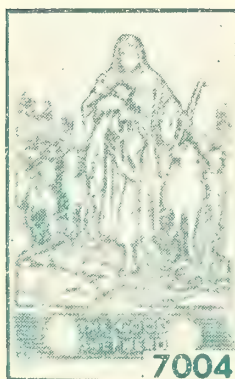
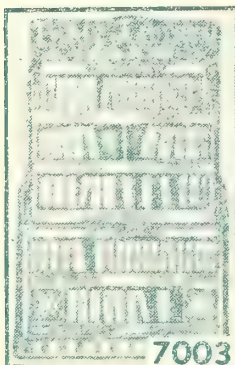
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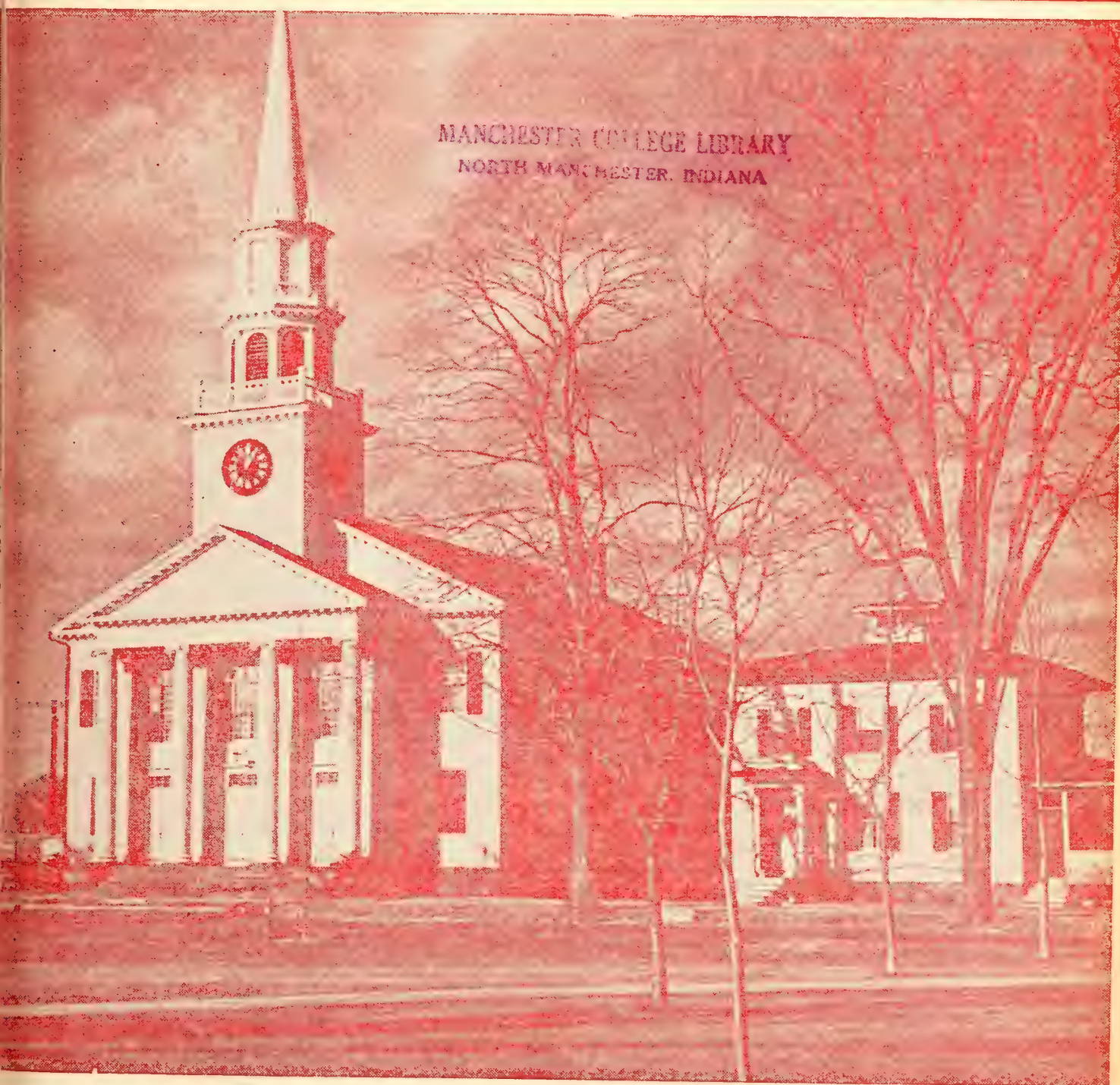
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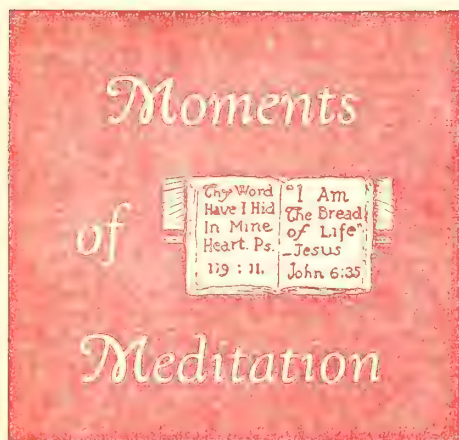


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THANK GOD FOR WORK

Thank God every morning that you have something to do each day, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work and forced to do your best will breed in you temperance and self control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and contentment, and a hundred virtues the idle will never know.

—Charles Kingsley

* * *

To judge human nature rightly, a man may sometimes have a very small experience, provided he has a very large heart.—Bulwer-Lytton.

MY OLD BIBLE

Though the cover is worn,
And pages are torn,
And though places bear traces of
tears,
Yet more precious than gold
Is this Book worn and old,
That can shatter and scatter my
fears.

This old Book is my guide,
'Tis a friend by my side,
It will lighten and brighten my
way;
And each promise I find
Soothes and gladdens the mind
As I read it and heed it each day.

To this Book I will cling,
Of its worth I will sing,
Though great losses and crosses
be mine;
For I cannot despair,
Though surrounded by care,
While possessing this blessing di-
vine.

—Anonymous

* * *

Go often to the house of thy friend
—for weeds choke up the unused
path.



THE VILLAIN SPEAKS

By Dr. Albert Leonard Murray

I am the greatest criminal in history
I have killed more men than have
fallen in all the wars of the world
I have turned men into brutes.
I have made millions of homes un-
happy.
I have transformed many ambitious
youths into hopeless parasites.
I make smooth the downward path for
countless millions.
I destroy the weak and weaken the
strong.
I make the wise man a fool and
trample the fool into his folly.
I ensnare the innocent.
The abandoned wife knows me; the
hungry children know me.
The parents whose children have
bowed their gray heads in sorrow
know me.
I have ruined millions and shall try
to ruin millions more.
I am alcohol.

—Anon.

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MISSIONS OR MISSILES

"While we are striving for the
moon, we could be losing the earth.
Let us not deceive ourselves...the
Communists want the world. If they
can keep us engrossed with the moon,
they will have a lot less trouble en-
gulfing the world. Are we going to
be guilty of spending billions to send
a man to the moon and mites to send
Christ's message to millions on
earth?"—Clay Cooper.

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ADVICE TO MINISTERS

Pray every night and shave every morning.
Keep your conscience clean, also your linen.
Let your light shine and shine your shoes.
Press your advantages, your opportunities and your trousers.
Brush the cobwebs from your brain and the dandruff from your collar.
Be filled with the Spirit, but not with spirits.
A delinquent debt in a parish is like an addled egg in an omelet.
Be poor in spirit but not in vocabulary.
You can't put fire in your sermons unless there is fire in your heart.
It is better to lose a good fight than to win a bad one.
Call in the homes of man if you would have men call in the House of God.
Never allow temporal trivialities to displace eternal verities.
The approval of God is more to be desired than the patronage of a rich,
unscrupulous pew-holder.
Always be content with what you have but never with what you are.

—Advance.

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A Testimony To Others

COMMUNION TIME is with us again, and with it the supreme spiritual meaning of the Communion Service. We could write many words on this service ordained of the Lord; many, many thousands of words have been written on this subject. Our purpose here is not so much to tell what the service can do for us, as what our observance of the service can do to and for others.

We are witnesses of Christ unto the world. Therefore, the world watches us to see if we do what we say we know is right to do. Christ has commanded that we as children of God through Him, should observe this service.

The service provides fellowship with God. Our observance of the service indicates that we love Him, and appreciate what He has done in giving His Son as a sacrifice and atonement for our sin. It was not the most pleasant thing for God to give up His Son as a sin sacrifice, especially when His Son knew no sin. Yet God's love for sinful man was such that God willingly gave His Son to pay the sin penalty for us. As we observe the Communion, let us not forget that it was the love of God for us that makes possible our salvation from sin through Christ.

The service provides fellowship with Christ. When Jesus spoke of His broken body and shed blood, He spoke of them in terms of atonement for sin. The testimony of our faith is made clear when we partake of the symbols of His broken body and shed blood. We tell the world that we place our hope of eternal life in the salvation procured for us by Christ on the cross.

The service provides fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Resident in the body of the born-again Christian is the Holy Spirit. He dwells there to empower us and to renew a right spirit within us. Each Communion Service in which we participate should find us in better fellowship with the Spirit, seeking the will of God through Him, seeking renewed cleansing from Christ through Him, walking more in the way He directs.

The service provides fellowship with other Christians. Up to now, it has been easy to say

"Amen" to the comments made. It is always easier to voice approval of religious teaching as long as it does not involve the personal relationship of ourselves with others. However, if we are to lay claim to full salvation in Christ, and if we are to give a good testimony to the world of our faith in Christ by our observance of the Communion Service, then it must also be true we must do it by being on good spiritual relations with others.

Remember, the same God loves us, the same Christ died for us, and the same Holy Spirit dwells in us, as is the case with other Christians! The love of the Godhead for us is exactly the same as His love for everyone else. He loves us to the end—there is no greater love, nor can it be parcelled out more to one than to another. God loves according to His perfect standard. The fellowship we have with Him is according to our willingness to be drawn into the center of His love. It can also be said that our love for God is according to the degree with which we love and fellowship with our Christian Brethren. No love for our Brethren, no love for God.

If we are to bear a good testimony to others, in our observance of the Communion Service, it will mean that we will be in good fellowship with our Brethren. None are perfect and disagreements and troubles often arise between Brethren. Some are Satanically inspired, and are not desired by either party or parties; others come because of pride, selfishness, etc. None are beyond the realm and power of our Lord to resolve. Come to the Communion Service; pour out your heart in penitence, seek the good will of your brother or sister in the Lord. Then can truly be said, "Behold how these Brethren love one another."

The true testimony of the Communion Service is found in the realization that apart from what Christ has done for us, we would have nothing. Thus is evoked from us a testimony of praise, fellowship and reverence in the Christian society known only to those of the Christian faith. Make this a real Christian Communion in your church this fall. W. S. B.

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RIVERSIDE SCHOOL FORGES AHEAD

Moving in the direction of physical and academic growth, Riverside Christian Training School has begun a new year with better facilities and increased teaching staff, according to Reverend Harold Barnett, president of the school.

The gymnasium-classroom building, which operated in limited use last year, will have additional classroom space available this year. The six rooms upstairs which were used during the past year will be occupied exclusively by the high school students this year; on the first floor, two fine rooms will be devoted to elementary grades. It is hoped that cement will be poured soon and the gymnasium will be ready for use relatively early in the school year.

This increased classroom area has been made possible by resuming construction of the building, toward which the national W. M. S. has contributed an additional \$8,500 and the Missionary Board another \$2,000. The W. M. S. is again providing \$100 each month for operating expense as it did last year; and the Missionary Board, as

it has done for many years, will continue monthly support for maintenance, insurance, etc.

Riverside began the school year with a staff of teachers fully accredited in the fields which they are teaching. Here is the regular teaching staff:

In the grades:

Ken Martin

Mr. Richardson

Mr. Hall (helping with Bible classes as needed)

In High School:

Nancy Hostetler—English 7th and 8th grades

French—high school

Journalism

Girls' physical education

Doran Hostetler—Social Studies

Math (plain geometry or algebra)

Coaching

Harold Barnett—Bible and Music

Miss Parchman—Math

Home economics

"HARK, HARK! THE LARK..."

The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church has recently purchased a white, 1960 Studebaker Lark (4-door sedan), lettered in black with the Board's name. This car is for the use of our missionaries while home on furlough. (When no missionaries are home—which will be a rare occasion—the office personnel will use the car in their travels for the Board.)

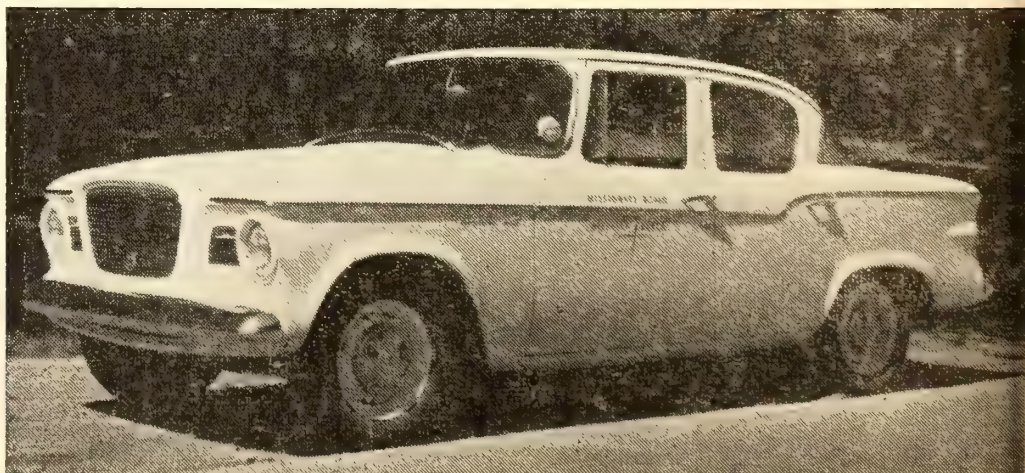
This purchase was made possible through a generous offer made by Mrs. Erma Sapyta, a Studebaker Car dealer and member of the Park Street Brethren Church

in Ashland. Funds received recently from a bequest enabled the Board to accept Mrs. Sapyta's offer.

Since the Brethren Church now has six missionary couples and another couple in training in Costa Rica, the transportation problem for missionaries home on furlough has been increasing each year. It hasn't seemed fair to expect our furloughing missionaries to buy cars when they return home, use them a year for depotation work, then take a considerable loss in selling them before returning to the field; hence the Board is attempting to solve this problem, by keeping a car for just such purpose.

Rob Byler is now using the new car.

Missionary Board's new
Studebaker Lark



- Miss Wright—Social studies (7th and 8th grades)
Science
Typing and Business Administration
- Miss Gillin—Bible
Librarian
- Mr. Ellis—Shop
Agriculture
General Science
- Miss Entz—English

There are eighty-one students enrolled at Riverside this year—rather evenly divided between grades and high school. Of note is the fact that 14 boys are housed in Myers Hall. This number of boys on campus is quite an increase and denotes a growing interest in the school.

During the summer months a number of people from various Brethren churches spent time at Lost Creek making repairs and numerous improvements. The Missionary Board appreciates this generous spirit of helpfulness very much.

The people at Lost Creek are happy and grateful for all these improvements that have been made and are being made too. They are working hard to make the school what we would all like to see it become. Those who have worked to help make these things possible may feel well repaid for their efforts, and we can all continue to pray for God's blessing on this Christian school in the hills of Kentucky.



Students outside classroom building at Riverside

COMING EVENTS

- CORINTH, INDIANA** (near Twelve Mile). Homecoming—Oct. 2—followed by Revival and Evangelistic Services—Oct. 3-9—Rev. G. Bright Hanna, Pastor-Evangelist.
- WARSAW, INDIANA.** Homecoming—Oct. 2—Basket dinner at noon. Afternoon program by the choir, with dedication of new choir robes; Revival Services—Oct. 3-16—Rev. Virgil Ingraham, Evangelist; Rev. C. Y. Gilmer, Pastor.
- MANSFIELD, OHIO.** Revival Meetings—Oct. 10-23—Rev. H. William Fells, Evangelist; Rev. Wilbur L. Thomas, Pastor.
- WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO.** Homecoming—Oct. 9—Rev. William H. Anderson, Speaker at morning and afternoon services; Rev. W. St. Clair Benschoff, Pastor.
- SOUTH BEND, INDIANA** (Ardmore). Homecoming and Mortgage Burning—Oct. 23—Rev. C. William Cole, Pastor.
- CANTON, OHIO** (Trinity). Revival Services—Oct. 16-23—Rev. Ralph E. Mills, Evangelist; Rev. Robert L. Kep-linger, Pastor.
- LOUISVILLE, OHIO.** Revival Services—Oct. 17-30—Rev. Smith F. Rose, Evangelist; Rev. L. V. King, Pastor.
- LINWOOD, MARYLAND.** Homecoming—Oct. 9—Morn- ing and afternoon speaker, Professor Charles R. Munson; Evening Message by Pastor John B. Mills.
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- NORTHEAST OHIO DISTRICT**
W. M. S. FALL RALLY
October 12 - - - Louisville
10:30 E. S. T.
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- SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT**
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY RALLY
Washington, D. C., Church
Thursday, October 13th
Mrs. Charles Kraft, Speaker

A MAN AND WIFE URGENTLY NEEDED AT THE BRETHREN'S HOME

This is a wonderful opportunity for a Brethren couple to serve in full-time Chris- tian work at our Brethren's Home at Flora, Indiana.

A man is needed to help with the farm and maintenance work, and a woman's help is needed with the household work.

The couple would live in a private cottage, and be furnished room and board, plus a sal- ary. This couple is needed to assist Mr. and Mrs. Kuns.

The need is very great; will you make this a matter of prayer?

Please contact:

Mr. Russell Kuns,
The Brethren's Home,
Flora, Indiana.

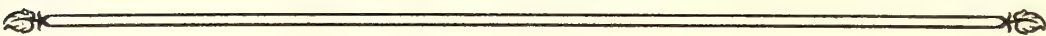
PROGRAM OF THE MID-WEST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Falls City, Nebraska

October 6-9, 1960

Conference Theme: "CHRIST, LIVING IN ME"

Conference Text: "Galatians 2:20"



Thursday Evening—October 6		CONFERENCE OFFICERS	
7:30	Song Service	Moderator	Kenneth R. Howard
7:45	Devotions Falls City Delegate	Vice Moderator	Robert G. Holsinger
8:00	Welcome Robert G. Holsinger	Secretary	Mrs. Lucille Davis
	Roll Call Mrs. Lucille Davis	Treasurer	Mrs. Mary Taylor
	Appointment of Committees Kenneth R. Howard	Statistician	Dwight Bishard
	MISSIONARY SPEAKER OF THE	Conference Song Director	Dick Trefren
	CONFERENCE Robert Byler		
Friday Morning—October 7		Friday Evening	
8:15	Simultaneous Sessions: W. M. S., Layman, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Ministers	2:50	Recess
9:15	Song Service	2:55	Special Music Cheyenne
9:25	Devotions Mrs. Lilith Howard, Mulvane Delegate	3:00	Sermon Robert Madosky
9:35	Business Session	3:30	W. M. S. Session
	Report of Credential Committee		
	District Evangelist Report Kenneth R. Howard		
	Statistician Dwight Bishard		
	Camp Board Mrs. Raymond Landis		
	District Mission Board Lester Peck		
	Central Planning and Co-ordinating Committee John W. Porte		
	Announcements		
	Short Recess		
11:15	Special Music Falls City		
11:30	Morning Address J. G. Dodds		
Friday Afternoon		Saturday Morning—October 8	
1:30	Song Service	8:15	Simultaneous Sessions
	Devotions Mrs. Lauren Lietsch, Carleton Delegate	9:15	Song Service
1:45	Special Reports	9:25	Devotions Morrill Delegate
	Benevolent Board Report by Letter	9:35	Business
	Publishing Company J. D. Dodds		Election of Officers
	Ashland College and Seminary Virgil E. Meyer		Sunday School Board Report Robert Holsinger
	W. M. S. Report Mrs. Lauren Lietsch		Laymen's Report Lester Peck
			Unfinished Business
			New Business
			Recess (five minutes)
		11:25	Song
		11:30	Sermon Virgil E. Meyer

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00 Sisterhood and Brotherhood Sessions
 1:55 Song Service
 DevotionsCheyenne Delegate
 Special MusicAlbert Curtright, Carleton
 2:15 Special Reports
 Brethren Youth BoardMarlin McCann
 General Mission Board ReportDale Long
 Treasurer's ReportMrs. Mary Taylor
 Secretary's ReportMrs. Lucille Davis
 Resolution Committee Report
 Committee on Moderator's Address
 Unfinished Business
 3:30 Woman's Missionary Society presentation for the
 Conference

Saturday Evening

- 7:30 Song Service
 7:45 DevotionsClaude Kimmel, McLouth Delegate
 7:55 Special MusicMorrill
 8:00 Youth SessionMarlin McCann

Sunday Morning—October 9

- 9:45 Sunday SchoolFalls City
 10:45 DevotionsModerator
 11:00 Song Service
 SermonRobert Byler
 11:45 Installation of New Officers
 Adjournment of Conference

**MID-WEST W. M. S. CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

Theme: "Witnessing"—Matthew 9:37, 38

Theme Song: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Pianist: Mrs. Olen Davis

Song Leader: Mrs. Clay Peck, Jr.

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Russell Rodkey,

National W. M. S. President, Kokomo, Indiana

Friday—8:15-9:15 A. M.

- PreludeMrs. Olen Davis
 Theme Song
 DevotionsMorrill W. M. S.
 WelcomeMrs. Emma Lape,
 President, Falls City, W. M. S.
 ResponseMrs. Edith Culp,
 District Vice President
 Business
 Secretary-Treasurer's Report
 President's Report
 Announcements of Committees
 W. M. S. Benediction

Friday—3:30-4:30 P. M.

- PreludeMrs. Olen Davis
 Hymn
 DevotionsCarleton W. M. S.
 Special MusicFalls City Trio
 AddressMrs. Russell Rodkey
 Announcements
 Hymn
 Benediction

Saturday—8:15-9:15 A. M.

- PreludeMrs. Olen Davis
 Theme Song

- DevotionsMulvane W. M. S.
 Business
 Roll Call of Societies
 Election of Officers
 Adoption of Goals and Camp Project
 W. M. S. Benediction

Saturday—3:30-4:30 P. M.

- PreludeMrs. Olen Davis
 Hymn
 DevotionsCheyenne W. M. S.
 Memorial ServiceFort Scott W. M. S.
 Special Music
 Missionary MessageRobert Byler
 Unfinished Business—Reading of the Minutes
 Installation of OfficersMrs. Russell Rodkey
 Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
 Closing PrayerMrs. Robert Holsinger



**MID-WEST DISTRICT
 BRETHREN YOUTH CONFERENCE**

Thursday Evening

- 7:30 Attend the regular session with adults
 9:00 Registration and get acquainted

Friday Morning

- 8:15 Sisterhood and Brotherhood Meetings
 9:15 Relaxation Time—Songs, Registration, Prayer and
 Devotions
 10:00 Workshop Session
 11:00 Youth Speaker

Friday Afternoon

- 1:00 Business Session
 2:30 Recreation

Friday Evening

- 7:30 Attend the General Session
 9:00 A Christian Movie

Saturday Morning

- 8:15 Sisterhood and Brotherhood Meetings
 9:15 Relaxation Time
 10:00 Workshop Session
 11:00 Youth Speaker

Saturday Afternoon

- 1:00 Business
 2:30 Recreation
 5:00 Youth Picnic

Saturday Evening

- 7:30 Attend the General Session
 9:00 Singspiration (Some Special Music)

Sunday Morning

- 9:30 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service with the adults

There is no man so bad but he secretly respects the Good.—Benjamin Franklin in SAYINGS OF POOR RICHARD, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

Fear not death; for the sooner we die, the longer we shall be immortal.—Benjamin Franklin in SAYINGS OF POOR RICHARD, (Fleming H. Revell Company)



SARASOTA BRETHREN HOLD SUCCESSFUL BIBLE SCHOOL

The Sarasota, Florida, Brethren Church completed a very successful two-way project during the month of July. I say, "two-way", because of the great good that was done for the children of the community as well as the great benefit that came to the church because of this service.

Rev. J. D. Hamel and wife, Jean Rowsey Hamel, set up and directed an effective Daily Vacation Bible School covering a period of two weeks.

They were supported by an efficient corps of teachers and helpers totaling twenty. Also a number of the ladies of the church assisted daily by providing refreshments.

The theme, "Signaling For Christ", carried a deep devotional attitude throughout the school and led up to a thrilling climax on Thursday of the last week when decision day was observed. At this time, nineteen signified their desire to walk closely with the Lord, and one boy came forward, seeking baptism into the church.

Helpful Christian illustrative material was given by Dr. Richardson with religious magic, and also by Rev. Hamel. Also Rev. Hamel, assisted by Jeri and Kare Henderson, dramatized Bible stories with puppets which made a great impression on the children.

The value of the school to the community was evidenced on Friday when the parents were invited to inspect the work done. They were enthusiastic in their praise of the advantage their children received in the school.

The school closed with an enrollment of eighty-four pupils and twenty helpers making a total of one hundred and four.

The above shows how the children and the community were benefitted by this school, but the local church also received rewarding benefits, in that many new families were contacted who are not connected with any church. Already these have all been contacted by the pastor, and



Rev. J. D. Hamel tells story of "Daniel and the Lions' Den". Photo, Courtesy Sarasota Herald Tribune



Some of the children and parents at the close of the two-week D. V. B. S. in Sarasota

many are showing a definite interest in the church. So in addition to this being a service to the Lord, its effectiveness has reached the children, the community and friends as well as the local church.

The church is deeply indebted to the Hamels for the efficient way in which they organized and directed this school. They are tireless workers, and are loved and respected by all.

Rev. Fred C. Vanator

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

SOAP and PROSPERITY

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" Proverbs 3:9, 10.

WHEN WILLIAM COLGATE, the founder of the Colgate soap company, was a young man, he started out one day to go to New York to hunt a job. He was following the tow path of a canal, with his worldly possessions tied in a red bandana handkerchief. On his way he met a canal-boat captain who offered the lad some advice. He said to the youth, "Be sure and start with God in your plans; What do you propose to do?" The boy replied, "I know a little about soap and candle-making."

The captain was evidently a Christian, for he had prayer with the lad, invoking God's blessings on the boy. Then the captain gave the boy this advice: "Give your heart to God, give to Him all that belongs to Him, and give the tenth of every dollar you earn. Make an honest soap, give a full pound, and you will be prospered of God."

In that advice the captain gave a recipe for financial success that cannot be improved upon: "Take God into the life, give to Him all that belongs to Him (don't try to rob God). Practice the dedicating of the tenth to God. Prepare and offer for sale an honest product and measure, and God will prosper you." Colgate took the captain's advice—and God prospered him.

And the Colgate Company still makes soap—shaving soap—which many of us use to soften our beards and make shaving a pleasure.

Last night a strong wind drove small black clouds, one after the other, scudding across the face of the full moon, high above us. It seemed as though some celestial athlete on the horizon had hurled the shining disc up, into, and across the vault of heaven: as though he had done it for fun, or in a contest, or perhaps merely to reward those who were willing to suffer a severe neck ache. The psalmist must have been watching something like that when he burst out with his affirmation, "The heavens declare the glory of God."—Muriel Lester in PRAYING: HOW, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, (Fleming H. Revell Company)

ORDINATION SERVICE

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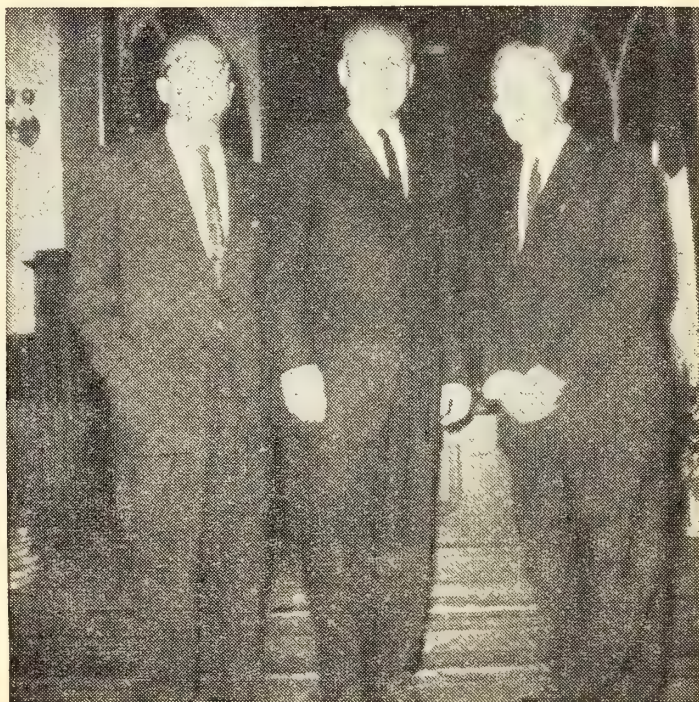
REV. CHARLES C. BADER

held June 12, 1960

at Sergeantsville, N. J.

ORDINATION SERVICES for Charles C. Bader were held on June 12th in the Sergeantsville, N. J., Brethren Church. Participating in the service was the late Brother N. Victor Leatherman, then Pastor of the Wayne Heights Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Penna., and Secretary of the Ministerial Examining Board of the Pennsylvania District. Brother Leatherman brought the Ordination Sermon, and led in the Ordination Service.

Brother W. B. Brant, Pastor of the Fairless Hills Brethren Church, Levittown, Penna., and President of the Pennsylvania District Ministerial Examining Board, assisted in the service. Others participating in the service were: Emmert Wilson, Moderator of the Sergeantsville Brethren Church; Mrs. Emmert Wilson, Organist, and a Ladies Trio. The charge to serve as a wife of an Elder was given to Mrs. Bader.



The picture shows, left to right: Brethren Brant, Bader and Leatherman. This is possibly the last picture taken of Brother Leatherman before his passing.

Brother Bader served as Pastor of the Sergeantsville Brethren Church for several years. This past August, he and his family moved to New Lebanon, Ohio, where he is serving as Pastor of the New Lebanon Brethren Church.

VITAL VITAMINS FOR S

WE HAVE HEARD a great deal in recent years about vitamins and their value for health and strength. Without certain vitamins we are told, our bodies become ill. If this is true in our physical life, is it not possible that there are vitamins which we need for our spiritual life and our church life? And are not certain vitamins necessary in the life of our Sunday School if we are going to have a vital organization?

I would suggest six vitamins that are essential to our Sunday School life if we are going to have real victory.

A

Vitamin A is Action. An entire book of the New Testament is given over to action, the Acts of the Apostles. That book is primarily the history of the apostles Peter and Paul. Wherever we open this book, we see the Lord's servants busily engaged in His work.

When Paul went into a city, it was not long before a New Testament church was started. He began witnessing in the synagogue, then in the market place. Before long in someone's home a group of Christians was meeting. This was a result of action. It was the result of talking to people everywhere about Christ.

A verse in the Epistle of James (1:22) demands action: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." It is not enough that we are orthodox in doctrine; we must be orthodox in our living. Men have a perfect right to question the spirituality of one who claims to be "so spiritual" but is not doing anything about it.

Dr. Henrietta Mears says that "We have a situation in many churches today where so many people just sit ... Sitting church members always create a situation."

We must distinguish between activity and spirituality. It is altogether possible that we may have activity without spirituality. But I do not believe we can have real spirituality without activity. When there is the right kind of spirituality something is going to happen. That something is revival.

I read some time ago of a man who lived next door to a church. Though he had lived there for many years, it meant little to him. Perhaps some years back a call or two had been made, but the church members had soon put him down as a hopeless case. He was known in the city as the town agnostic.

But once, in the middle of the night, the church caught on fire. This man, with other neighbors and friends close by, a few of the members, rushed to the church to see what they could salvage. While he was watching the structure burn, the neighbor was interrogated by a church

member, "What brought you over to the church? I have never seen you here before." "This is the first time I have seen the church on fire," came the reply.

We must be certain that there is some fire in the pulpit and in the pew if we are going to meet the needs of any community!

B

Vitamin B Is The Bible. We must be certain that our action is Bible-centered. A Bible-centered program will be a Christ-centered program, for Christ is the subject of the Bible.

The message of the Bible is the great contribution the Church has to offer to any community. There are other organizations with perhaps better buildings, finer equipment and more money, but these do not give the people the Word of God. We must be careful that we do not allow ourselves to deteriorate into just another organization. Let us remain God's organization, the Church, giving the Word of God to the people.

It is the Bible that makes the difference in life. It is the Bible that makes the difference in homes, in the family, in churches, in communities and even in nations. With all our sinfulness in this great nation we still can see and feel on every hand the influence of the Word of God through the lives of the people of God. We shudder to think what America would be and what it will be if the time ever comes when we cannot preach and teach the Word of God.

As a church and as a Sunday School, if we are going to give out God's Word we must be certain that we know it. For how can we teach it, if we do not know it ourselves? The law of teaching declares that the teacher must know what he is to teach. So must each and every one of us study to show himself "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

When I think of that verse, II Timothy 2:15, especially in relation to Sunday School, I always think of the various age groups and the different departments. It says "rightly dividing the word of truth." To me this means giving it out in such a way that whether we are talking to a four or five year old or to a fourteen or fifteen year old, he will be able to grasp something of that Word. That means, we must learn how to impart it to the beginner, the primary, the junior, the junior high, the young person and the adult.

It is tragic when someone teaches a group of juniors as though they were young adults. And it is just as

SUNDAY SCHOOL VICTORY

at a tragedy vice versa. And, yet, how often a teacher talk over the heads of the children and another teacher will talk down to a group of young people. The children cannot grasp that which is put above them and young people resent that which is put down to them. Be certain as a teacher that you are giving your class the Word of God every single week. But if that Word does not become a part of you and if you are not practicing it, you will not impart it to others so that they interpret it into daily living.

C

Vitamin C Is Contact, an important vitamin for victory in every Sunday School program. May I challenge you to look around and see today the denominations and churches that are growing most rapidly. You will find that, without an exception, they are those which have a real Sunday School program. Take a closer look and you will discover that a vital part of their program is visitation and contact. Going out and witnessing to people about Christ, and inviting them to the church and the Sunday School is certain to bring results.

Do you know that there is not one single command in the Word of God for the unsaved to come to church? Most of the directives and commands are for the church to go out—to go out into the highways and hedges and persuade them to come in.

In the New Testament there are a number of different kinds of contacts pictured. Let me call attention to two of them. First, we find the accident type. There are no accidents as far as God is concerned, but we know what they mean when we use the term. Consider the time when Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well. From a human point of view we would agree that this meeting was accidental. Our Lord capitalized on an opportunity to speak to the Samaritan woman and to reveal His Messiahship to her.

Each new day is filled with opportunities. We do not know all of those we are going to meet. We do not know who will come to our door. We do not know who may come to our place of business or even whom we may meet on the street. Perhaps it is someone we have never met before or someone we may know but have failed to

witness to or invite to come to our church and our Sunday School. Perhaps he does not even know where to go to Sunday School. Here is an opportunity. We must make the most of our accidental contacts.

But we hasten to say that even though every church member made the most of his accidental contacts that would not be enough. Planned contacts are also necessary. There are areas in your community that you would never enter unless you specifically planned to go there. A scriptural illustration of a premeditated contact is the one where Andrew brings his brother Peter to Jesus. That was a planned contact that paid great dividends.

If we are going to do the job that God has for us to do in our community, we must make the most of planned contacts. This will mean an organized visitation program for the church and the Sunday School—with leaders, those who will give assignments; with those who will keep records; with those who will follow up. Every teacher should be expected to keep in constant contact with the pupils of his class. That is one advantage of having classes that are small. The teacher can know the whereabouts of every pupil every single week.

It was my privilege several weeks ago to serve as a judge for the National Sunday School Attendance Contest sponsored by Christian Life magazine. One thing about that contest stood out in particular. As judges we commented upon it while going over the books and discovered that no matter how many different ideas or gadgets a Sunday School used, none brought results like visitation. Not that the other methods, rightly used, do not bring results but with or without them, visitation meant the most for success. The more people making contacts, the more contacts that were made, the greater were the results, almost without an exception.

D

Vitamin D Is Dependability, the greatest ability that any man can have. Where that trait is lacking, it makes little difference what other abilities a man may possess. It does not make much difference how well one can teach or sing or speak or usher or anything else if he is not on the job when the job needs to be done.

God is looking for men and women today with vitamin D, men who are there on the job, week in, week out, long after the glamour has worn off. God is looking for men and women with vitamin D in the summer. He is looking for such men and women in hunting season. A person who thinks more of a fish, a deer or an elk than he thinks of the soul of a boy or girl has no business

Dr. Clate A. Risley, Executive Secretary of NSSA, Chicago, Illinois.

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teaching a Sunday School class. We must have vitamin D—Dependability.

There are many men and women of great talent who have been laid on the shelf because God could not count on them. It is required of a steward that he be found faithful. Dependability and faithfulness are vital for the success of any program.

E

Vitamin E Is Efficiency. Oh, how we need it in the Church of Jesus Christ today. It grieves my heart to see the carelessness, on the Lord's Day of people who are meticulous in carrying out the secular duties of the week.

How often we see those who would not think of being late to work on Monday morning coming late to Sunday School even when they have responsibilities. How often we see those who would not stay home from work on Monday because of a slight headache or company, use such excuses for absenting themselves from their place of responsibility on the Lord's Day.

Do you know what an excuse is? It's "the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie." That is what many people hand God for their carelessness in carrying out their duties for God.

Two Scripture verses are especially applicable here. One is found in Jeremiah 48:10 which says, "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently." Jeremiah was not talking to the wicked, but to the people of God. He said there is a curse upon the people of God that are careless and negligent in the way they do the work of the Lord. The other is Romans 12:11 "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

There are five "keys" of efficiency. The first key of efficiency for the Christian is prayer.

The second key is planning. We must plan. To plan means to think. We must learn to think in two different ways: alone and with others. Many have learned to do one but not to do both.

Third is program. We must have a program. What are we planning to do as a Sunday School this year? What are our long-range plans? What are the details? Who is going to work them out?

The fourth key of efficiency is promotion. We may have the best program in the world but we have to be sure that it has hands and feet.

Every leader should find out that if a program is to be a success someone has to push. How are we going to push? With publicity. Here is our last key of efficiency. We must let people know we are in business, where our church is, when our program starts, what is taking place. Nobody ever goes to a store unless he knows there is a store there. Nobody ever goes to a Sunday School unless he knows there is one there. It is our job to let people know that there is one there and that we are operating.

We promote with publicity in many ways—through announcements in meetings, through the mail, through radio, through the newspaper. The best publicity of all is a satisfied customer. So we must be certain that we are taking care of those who come to us—by being friendly, by introducing them to others, by giving them that which is a help to them in their spiritual life.

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Vitamin F Is "First Things First." In Matthew 6:33 the Lord says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

If we will put first things first, all of these other vitamins will be taken care of. Our great need is not a lot of new methods but renewed men to do the things that they already know ought to be done. Basically, most of our problems are spiritual.

I trust that we shall use the vitamins we need in our own life, in our own Sunday School and in our own church in order that our community may see the difference in our Sunday School.

World Religious News in Review

RELIGION SCORES POINTS AT OLYMPICS, TOO

ROME (EP) — Communists and Catholics exchanged verbal battles in hotel rooms... Evangelicals charged they were kept from giving spiritual and religious assistance to Protestant athletes and visitors... 6,000 Iron Curtain contestants found rooms at religious institutions instead of at the usual tourist hotels and inns... and athletes attended an international ecumenical service.

These items of news swirled around Rome recently during the struggle for Olympic awards among this year's contestants. Communists in one Catholic-owned hotel stripped the walls of all crucifixes and religious pictures and packed them in boxes. Heated arguments resulted when the Communist athletes refused to put them back.

The Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches voiced "great dissatisfaction" in Rome over what it said was its failure to obtain re-

peatedly requested authorization to provide spiritual and religious assistance to Protestant athletes and visitors gathered in Rome for the Olympics. The Evangelicals said the Protestant contestants were totally deprived of religious assistance. When the Danish Lutheran cyclist Knud Enermark Jansen collapsed during the games on August 26, the Evangelicals charged, a Lutheran pastor was informed eight hours after the accident occurred and four hours after the athlete died.

Near the end of the international sports contest, a special ecumenical service for Olympic Protestant athletes and their friends from many countries was held at the Waldensian Church on the Piazza Cavour in Rome. The meeting was organized by the Federal Council of Italian Evangelical

cal Churches under the auspices of the World Council of Churches, Methodist Pastor Mario Sbaffi, president of the Italian Council, who presided at the service, described it as "a testimony of the basic unity of the Protestant faith and of the universality of the Church."

LAWS AGAINST "HATE" LITERATURE WILL BE ENFORCED, SAYS ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Attorney General William P. Rogers has warned that federal laws against the mailing or distribution of anonymous literature aimed at the Presidential candidates will be strictly enforced.

He pointed to Title 18, Section 612, of the United States Code, which provides a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment of one year for any person who distributes or deposits for mailing any kind of political literature which does not list on its face the person or group responsible for its issuance.

Rogers obviously was acting as a result of complaints that a considerable volume of "hate" literature is being distributed, attacking the religious or racial views of candidates. Much of the literature reportedly is anonymous.

"Section 612 is in no sense a censorship statute," the Attorney General said. "It is a disclosure statute. It strikes at one of the most reprehensible political tricks—the circulation of material, often scurrilous, without identification of its source."

Reminding that the law applies not just to scurrilous material but to any literature of any kind designed to influence a political election. He cited the following from the Federal laws:

"Whoever willfully publishes or distributes or causes to be published or distributed...deposits for mailing or causes to be deposited...transports or causes to be transported in interstate commerce any card, pamphlet, poster, circular, dodger, advertisement, writing, or other statement relating to or concerning any person who has publicly declared his intention to seek the office of President, Vice President, or United States Senator or Representative, in any primary or general election...which does not contain the names of the persons, associations, committees, or corporations responsible for publication

or distribution of the same, and the names of the officers of each such association, committee, or corporation, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both."

The Attorney General said that the law will not only be "vigorously enforced" during the 1960 election, but that the Justice Department will ask judges to impose jail sentences on anyone found "distributing anonymous, derogatory literature against any federal candidate."

ASSEMBLIES' BOARD OPPOSES CATHOLIC PRESIDENT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (EP) — The General Presbytery, largest and most representative policy board of the Assemblies of God, today unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the election of a Roman Catholic as President of the United States.

Speaking for the denomination, a conservative, evangelical church with approximately one million constituents in the U. S., the board disclaimed "religious bias," but charged the Roman Catholic church with bigotry as "reflected in its position of infallibility of its leadership."

Members of the 150-membership board, representing every state, took note of an article by its General Superintendent, Thomas F. Zimmerman, to be released Sept. 18 in the *Pentecostal Evangel*, official voice of the denomination.

"We endorse the prepared statement by General Superintendent Thomas F. Zimmerman and recommend its publication and circulation among our constituency and beyond," the General Presbyter's resolution stated.

In his article, "A Protest Against Electing a Roman Catholic President," Mr. Zimmerman traces the historic conflict between Roman Catholics and Protestants. He indicates the Roman Catholic "Church-State has spoken out over a period of hundreds of years (on Pretestantism) and its position has not changed."

"We are not religious bigots but we must stand and be counted against any ideology which would undermine our God-given program at home or abroad," he declares.

Calling attention to the denomination's 14-year legal battle for religious freedom in Italy, Mr. Zimmerman states the fight was "made extremely

difficult in view of the Roman Catholic influence over the government." He also mentions Protestant difficulties in Spain and Colombia where "there have been so many cases of arrests, church closings, etc., among evangelicals."

The church official lists powers of the President of the United States and states he is "the most powerful individual in the world."

"So strong is the influence of the President of the United States that he could begin a major tide in the direction of a Roman Catholic controlled and directed America through his appointments if he so desired," he charges.

The church leader, who is also president of the National Association of Evangelicals with an estimated 10 million associated members, charges a "good" Catholic would be "under the control of his church mind, soul and body."

Comparing the fight for independence and religious liberties to the present cold-war struggle, the Rev. Zimmerman tells the Assemblies of God the U. S. cannot afford to have spent "these energies and billions for this precious freedom and for separation of church and state and then let the subtle forces of the Roman Catholic Church sweep into the White House without a protest."

"We must not now let down the guard and lose our time-honored and sacred position by giving the highest position in the land to the Roman Catholic Church. But, to avoid doing so, we must take a positive stand both in conversation with others and at the polls in November," he concludes.

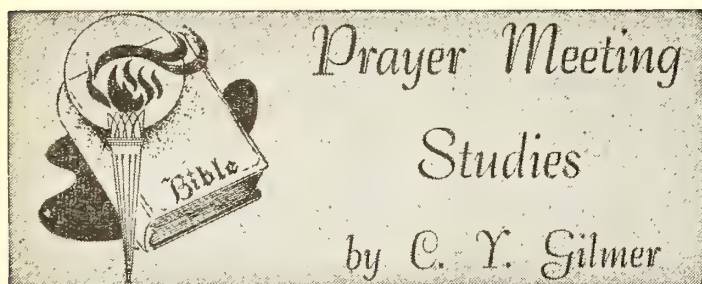
The official position of the General Presbyters is the strongest taken by the denomination although a number of its state organizations, known as districts, have passed resolutions condemning church-state government.

PHIL KERR DIES

Musical evangelist Phil Kerr, 53, well-known composer, died August 31 in Southern California following several months illness from a heart ailment.

Kerr had written hundreds of gospel songs (including "I'm In Love With the Lover of my Soul", "Melody Divine" and "Patiently"). He conducted a musical ministry in

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A BRIDE FOR ISAAC, GENESIS 24

Part II

After Isaac's sacrifice Abraham's servant was sent Abroad to get a bride for Isaac's tent.

Eliezer humbly said, "I am Abraham's servant;"

The Holy Spirit speaks as God is provident (Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:13),

The servant gave gifts Isaac's wealth could provide;

The Spirit gives an earnest of Christ's riches for His bride (Eph. 1:13, 14; 1 Cor. 3:21-23).

For Isaac the servant asked Rebekah to leave all:

The Spirit leads sinners to leave all for Christ's call (Lu. 14:33; Phil. 3:7; Mk. 10:29, 30).

The servant told Rebekah what Isaac was like;

The Spirit reveals by faith the Christ as by sight (1 Pet. 1:8; 1 Cor. 2:9, 10; Heb. 2:9).

Rebekah, the bride, is a type of the Church;

The Church as Christ's bride for His righteousness will search (2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 3:18).

All was previously planned without the knowledge of the girl;

We were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4).

Rebekah fell in love with a man she'd never seen,

So by faith, not by sight, we love Jesus I ween (1 Pet. 1:8, 9).

The servant described Isaac to Rebekah as real,

So the Spirit makes the peerless Jesus His appeal (Song of Solomon 1:7; Phil. 3:7-11).

'Mid the dangers of the journey was Rebekah preserved;

So Christians by God's hand are kept for things reserved (1 Pet. 1:4, 5).

Rebekah gave herself without sight to love,

And so we love Jesus Who's seated Above (1 Pet. 1:8, 9).

Isaac and Rebekah met at the close of the day;

At the close of grace's day Christ descends part way

To receive His own in the marriage of the Lamb;

Rebekah saw riches, but we the New Jerusalem (1 Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 19:7-9; 21:1-4).

ADDITIONAL LINES

Genesis states that Eve came from Adam's side;

It was by suffering there was attained a bride.

So the Church of Jesus came from His side (Jn. 19:34),

Blood-washed, redeemed, and purified (Rev. 7:14).

The Holy Spirit came to woo and to win (Rev. 22:17)

A bride for Christ from the nations of men (Rev. 5:11, 12).

Eliezer went to the house of Abraham's brother;

But first at the well he observed the daughter.

He would not eat till his mission was fulfilled,

He told his errand as his master had willed.

"Wilt thou go with this man?" Rebekah, decide;

Today the Spirit calls all men far and wide.

Rebekah made the trackless journey by her guide,

She did not loiter nor drift from his side.

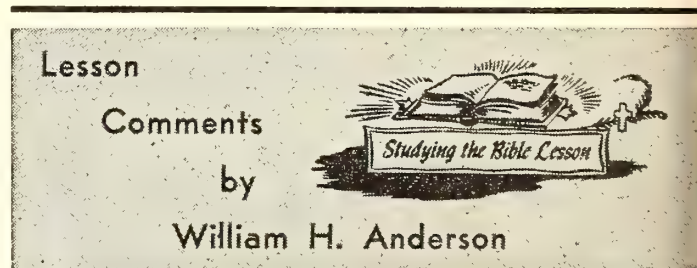
Each twilight she said, "Tell of Isaac tonight.

He must be wonderful!" She loved without sight.

And so we have pictured in a marvelous way

How we are joint-heirs with Christ in His day (Rom. 8:14-23).

EXPLANATIONS: Isaac, released from the altar cords, was a picture-prophecy of the resurrection of Christ (Heb. 11:17-19). The father, son, and servant had entered into a covenant to visit, call, enrich, give safe journey and a glorious future to Rebekah before she knew anything about it. Like Rebekah there are redeemed thousands today "who have not seen and yet have believed" (Jn. 20:29). Rebekah was presented safely to Isaac at the end of the journey. Rebekah was looking for Isaac, and she saw him in the field (Titus 2:13). Her faith became sight (1 Cor. 13:12). Christ is to await the coming out from this world His bride (Gen. 24:6). The Holy Spirit is winning the bride today through Bible-believing Christians who win souls!



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Lesson for October 2, 1960

THE GREATNESS OF GOD

Lesson: Psalm 8; 104:1-4

"THALES, WHO WAS LIVING in Egypt toward the end of the 7th century before Christ, did not believe that the sun was as small as it looked to be. He set out to measure it, and his computations showed that it was enormous. His figure was less than the true diameter, but it gave a larger sun than anyone before Thales had dared imagine...Any yardstick which men have devised falls far short of measuring the greatness of God or the beauty and wonders of His creation.

'For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.'

THE GREATNESS OF GOD PROCLAIMED

The name of Jehovah our God is greater than all other names! The Psalmist proclaims the majesty and glory of that name:

"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! who hast set Thy glory above the heavens" (8:1).

Notice how this same verse is translated in other versions:

1. "How majestic is Thy name..." (R. S. V.).

2. "How glorious is Thy name..." (Berkeley).

"Unable to express the glory of God, the Psalmist utters a note of exclamation. O Jehovah our Lord! We need not wonder at this, for no heart can measure, no tongue can utter, the half of the greatness of Jehovah. The whole creation is full of His glory and radiant with the excellency of His power; His goodness and His wisdom are manifested on every hand" (Charles H. Spurgeon).

The attributes of God are **HONOUR** and **MAJESTY**. Psalm 104 presents this truth to us:

"O LORD my God, Thou art very great; Thou art clothed with honour and majesty" (vs. 1).

Honour and **majesty** are attributes ascribed to a king. How fitting, therefore, for the Psalmist to speak of Jehovah possessing these qualities, for He is the **KING** of kings!

"With what reverence and holy awe does he begin his meditation with that acknowledgement: 'O LORD my God! Thou art very great!' It is the joy of the saints that He who is their God is a great God. The grandeur of the prince is the pride and pleasure of all his good subjects. The majesty of God is here set forth by various instances, alluding to the figure which great princes in their public appearances covet to make... Princes appear great in their robes; and what are God's robes? 'Thou art clothed with honour and majesty'" (Matthew Henry).

The being of God is **LIGHT**. "Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment" (104:2).

"Nothing can serve better as the expression of His Nature. Light is universally diffused; it is the condition of life, the source of gladness, the emblem of purity" (A. F. Kirkpatrick).

God created light—"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" (Gen. 1:3).

God is light—"God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all" (I John 1:5).

God dwells in light—"Dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto" (I Tim. 6:16).

THE GREATNESS OF GOD REVEALED

1. God's greatness is revealed in His work of creation. "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained..." (Ps. 8:3).

"In the immeasurable cosmos are billions of stars, billions of galaxies of stars and planets, of which our earth is only one very small planet in a very small universe. Around us are billions, perhaps trillions, of 'heavenly bodies,' of which we know only that they exist and follow the law and order of a divine plan. Our little minds simply cannot grasp the mystery of creation" (Frank S. Mead).

The telescope discloses the immensity of the world created by God. And yet the most powerful instruments of man give us but a glimpse. The half has never yet been told nor discovered!

2. God's greatness is also revealed in His willingness to care for sinful man. "What is man, that Thou art

mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?" (Ps. 8:4).

Kirkpatrick has rightly said: "The contemplation of the heavens in all their splendour forces the Psalmist to wonder that God should choose so insignificant a thing as man for the object of His special regard."

"Lord, what is man that Thou
So mindful art of him? Or what's the son
Of man, that Thou the highest heaven didst bow,
And to his aide didst runne?"

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Lo! man is made now even
With the blest angels, yea, superior farre.
Since Christ sat down at God's right hand in heaven,
And God and man one are.
Thus all Thy mercies man inherits,
Though not the least of them he merits."

(Thomas Washbourne—1654)



Lesson for October 9, 1960

THE ADORATION OF GOD

Lesson: Psalm 24

IT WAS D. L. MOODY who said: "There is a great deal more said in the Bible about praise than prayer; yet how few praise meetings there are."

It is fitting that we render praise and adoration unto God. We might well utter the prayer of George Lansing Taylor:

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,"
The praise or honor, power or glory be!
Our naked spirits bow in shame and dust,
And empty all our nothingness to Thee.

"Not unto us!" Oh Lord of lords, supreme,
Whate'er we work, Thou workest; Thine the praise
O wake us, cleanse us, light us with Thy beam,
And work in us, through us, to endless days.

The words of Psalm 24, our lesson text for this week, also speak of praise and adoration unto God.

THE LORD DESERVES OUR ADORATION BECAUSE HE IS THE DIVINE CREATOR AND OWNER OF ALL THINGS.

"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods."

How long is it going to take man to realize that **GOD** is the **CREATOR** and **OWNER** of **ALL** things! Because of the great strides and advancements in science, man is more and more convinced of his own superiority. All of us need to stop to think of the words of this Psalm.

"This assertion of Jehovah's sovereign propriety is intended to shew that He was not the God of Israel

only, but of the whole world, and thereby entitled to be served with reverence and purity" (J. A. Alexander).

ALL men are God's creatures! It matters not the color of the skin, the race, the creed. The Psalmist says all they that dwell in the earth are "the LORD'S."

"What a rebuke is this to the wiseacres who speak of the negro and other despised races as though they were not cared for by the God of heaven! If a man be but a man the Lord claims him, and who dares to brand him as a mere piece of merchandise! The meanest of men is a dweller in the world, and therefore belongs to Jehovah."

Though written almost 100 years ago, the above words of Charles H. Spurgeon are pertinent for our day.

THE LORD DESIRES OUR ADORATION, FOR HE HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR MAN TO APPROACH HIM.

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."

Having established Jehovah God as the Sovereign Creator and Owner of all things, the Psalmist fittingly inquires: Who has the privilege of entering into His Presence? A three-fold answer comes back:

1. He whose hands are "clean."

2. He whose heart is "pure."

3. He whose actions are honest and sincere ("who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully").

Dr. Alexander sums it up this way: "All moral purity is here referred to the hands, the tongue, and the heart, as the organs of external action, speech, and feeling."

"Those who draw near to God must have 'clean hands.' What monarch would have servants with filthy hands to wait at his table? They who were ceremonially unclean did not enter into the Lord's house which was made with hands, much less shall the morally defiled be allowed to enjoy spiritual fellowship with a holy God..."

"But 'clean hands' would not suffice, unless they were connected with a 'pure heart.' True religion is heart-work... There must be a work of grace in the core of the heart as well as in the palm of the hand, or our religion is a delusion" (Spurgeon).

THE LORD DESERVES OUR ADORATION BECAUSE HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle... The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory."

"Jehovah of hosts, Lord of men and angels, Lord of the universe, Lord of the worlds, is the King of glory... The ascended Saviour is here declared to be the Head and Crown of the universe, the King of Glory... Jesus of Nazareth is Jehovah Sabaoth" (Spurgeon).

Truly God is worthy of our adoration and praise! With the angels we worship God by saying:

"Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen" (Rev. 7:12).

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 12-14

ONE OF THE GREATEST NEEDS of our Sunday schools is for vision—a vision of what they can be and of what they should be. The great majority of those who are trying to do Sunday school work have never had the advantage of seeing how a really successful, effective Sunday school works.

This is one of the great values of Sunday school conventions. Such conventions make it possible for busy Sunday school workers who are normally walled up in a local situation to learn what other schools are doing. At the same time the convention provides down-to-earth help in various aspects of Sunday school work through its many workshops. As a result these workers go back home with a mental blue print of the kind of Sunday school theirs may well become as well as some idea of the practical steps they need to take.

One of the best of these Sunday school conventions is soon to convene in St. Louis, Missouri. It is the National Sunday School Convention which is sponsored by the National Sunday School Association. It is scheduled to open on Wednesday, October 12 at 1:15 p.m. Some of the most important men in the field of Sunday school work and related fields will be there to bring messages to those in attendance. The following is a run-down on this year's five key speakers.

BERT WEBB, President of the National S. S. Association, will deliver the keynote address at this 15th Annual National S. S. Convention. Rev. Webb was elected president of NSSA in 1958. He has served as Executive Director of the National S. S. Department and, more recently, of the whole publication department of the Assemblies of God.

W. A. CRISWELL is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. His church's Sunday school enrollment is above 6,000 with 54 fully-graded departments.

DR. CLYDE W. MEADOWS, President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, also will be speaking at the Convention. Besides his work with Christian Endeavor, Dr. Meadows is pastor of the King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pa. Under his leadership the church has grown until today its members number approximately 1300, with an average weekly Sunday school attendance of over 1000.

CLATE A. RISLEY is executive secretary of the National S. S. Association, which position he has held for the past eight years. From the vantage point of NSSA he can easily view and analyze the present American Sunday school situation. Dr. Risley is often referred to as Mr. Sunday School.

DR. THEODORE H. EPP, founder, director, and radio minister of Back to the Bible Broadcast, will bring the

closing message of the Convention. Dr. Epp's address entitled "The Use of the Bible in the Sunday School" is a topic which he is eminently qualified to discuss.

In addition to the five messages these men will bring to the Convention, there will be held 100 workshops and 50 institutes covering all the various areas of Sunday school work.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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churches, Youth for Christ rallies, conferences, and over many radio stations. For more than 15 years he headed the famous "Monday Musicals", which weekly spotlighted top Christian vocalists and instrumentalists in Pasadena (Calif.) Civic Auditorium.

A sacred recording artist and author of several books on the ministry of music, pianist-composer Kerr is survived by his wife, Iris; two sisters, Mrs. Esther Kerr Rusthoi (also a noted gospel composer); Mrs. Mary Kerr McNee, and a brother, Paul.

NOVEL PLAN: CHURCH OPERATES GASOLINE SERVICE STATION

NEW ORLEANS, La. (EP)—The Mid-City Baptist Church here has shown progress of many kinds and various additions to its program.

The latest, however, is something rather unusual. It's a gasoline station.

Explained Pastor J. Paul Driscoll: "We were operating eight buses for our high school and Sunday School. We needed four more and figured the profits from the station would pay for them."

Mr. Driscoll said that when a nearby service station was put up for lease, the church applied to the operating firm.

"At first they thought the idea was outlandish," he said, "but when I told them the size of our church membership and the amount of gasoline we use in our buses, they were ready to talk business."

The 2,500-member church already numbers among its facilities a religious book store, closed circuit television, a broadcasting studio, a day nursery and a high school.

Pastor Driscoll noted that the company permitted the church to close the

station on Sundays. On that day a sign is displayed reading: "This is the day the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Attend the church of your choice. Our employees have gone to Mid-City Baptist Church."

Business is on the increase, the pastor reports, and he says he is now working to get company credit cards in the hands of church members. "I tell them that experiments have proved they can go farther on Christian gas," he said.

Mr. Driscoll, whose church for several years has led all Louisiana Baptist churches in the number of new converts baptized, points out that the service station has presented a unique opportunity for evangelism.

"We had one man converted in the driveway of the station," he said. "He came to the church and made a public confession of faith. However, our employees are instructed to be courteous and tactful in trying to win people. Their first job is to service cars."

The Louisiana church, which today as a \$950,000 plant was launched in 1943 in a rented store building. Its congregation then consisted of seven persons.

WHY DO PEOPLE MISS CHURCH?

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (EP)—Why don't people attend church? Many reasons could be cited, but in a recent survey of rural farm and non-farm families, two stood out. Individuals (1) are not "interested" and (2) "feel no need."

This, at least, was the response of 34 per cent of the persons interviewed in southern Delaware County, Ohio.

Results of the survey were reported at a national meeting of the Rural Sociology Society here by J. Ross Eshleman, a research assistant in Ohio State University's Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.

Of those questioned, 17 per cent said people would go to church if they "weren't so lazy."

A tremendous program is planned for this Convention and it would be well worth one's while to attend. The Convention is open to any one who wishes to attend and the cost of registration is only \$3.00. For further information about the Convention, contact either your pastor, or write National Sunday School Association, 175 North Franklin Street, Chicago 6, Illinois.

Other reasons listed: "no time," "dislike of ministers and members," "can't afford to," and "no interest in socializing."

On the other hand, two-fifths of the survey subjects listed "spiritual enrichment" as the main reason for regular church attendance, Mr. Eshleman reported.

One-fourth of the individuals said some people seldom miss church services because they "know the members." A fifth cited "friendly atmosphere" and "fellowship," while others named "religious education," and "habit and duty."

Fewer than 20 per cent mentioned the sermon, a specific denominational doctrine or any aspect of the service itself as reasons for attending.

Only three per cent said "music and singing," two per cent "show off clothes," and one per cent each: "gossip" and "only takes one hour."

Despite national record high church and synagogue membership and attendance, said Mr. Eshleman, church officials are concerned about the "low rate of participation in rural fringe areas."

"MR. ZINJANTHROPUS" CALLED WORLD'S "OLDEST MAN"

TANGANIKA, East Africa (EP)—Archaeologists have unearthed the remains of a man they say was buried for 600,000 years in the sun-baked sands of this country—a "find" the National Geographic Society has hailed as "sensational."

"Mr. Zinjanthropus," as the fossil is called by Dr. L. S. B. Leakey, British archaeologist who made the discovery, was said to be 18 years old at the time of his death, was built strong enough to battle giant prehistoric animals, had immense and gleaming teeth and died about 100,000 years before the famed "Peking Man" and the "Java Man."

Dr. Leakey, long an expert on Stone Age Africa, is the son of missionaries and was himself born in an African twig hut.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

"RETREAT TO THE HILLS, BOYS"

The Pennsylvania District Brethren Youth held its annual Retreat in the hills of Laurel Hill State Park. This youth director was privileged to attend this splendid retreat, (after he found the place). With the advisors and guests and young people, there were about 30 some retreaters, Venturing With Christ.

For the more serious moments **Rev. St. Clair Benshoff** presented a study in the Book of James. He pointed out many interesting ideas that fit the needs of the youth of today. He gave as a title to his study of a picture of a Christian Life, "Islands of Purity in the Sea of Sin." Some of the challenging questions he asked were, "Is some worldliness not sin?" "Can God overlook some sin?" "Can we blame our sin on others?" James 1:17 is the Treasure House of God.

For our morning enjoyment on Saturday "**Bunny**" **Stutzman** led us on a "long" hike through the woods and hills to a small shelter where we paused a few moments to worship God. **Miss Lois Walker** led us in our devotions.

After a delicious dinner of Chili, (not Argentine, Rob) the youth conducted their business meeting. They decided that if the District Youth Board would set up a list of Pennsylvania churches that need encouragement in their youth department, some of the stronger youth groups would carry out a Venturing Visitation. In this it is hoped that a greater interest will take place in the churches of Pennsylvania where the young people are concerned.

The young people are still working hard to raise money for cabins on the site of their camp when it is purchased.

After the business meeting, **Rev. Benshoff** continued his study in the Book of James. Recreation consisted of resting up after the strenuous morning hike.

At the evening program, the preachers that were there, **Rev. Anderson**, **Rev. Benshoff**, **Rev. Byler**, and **Rev. McCann** presented some special music in the form of a quartet. The youth enjoyed this tremendously. **Rev. Rob By-**

ler then showed the group slides of the various camps they have had in the Argentine. Camp life in the Argentine isn't much different than it is here in America. After the slides, we gathered around and munched on cookies, sandwiches, and sang songs.

When the fellows finally got to sleep (**Rev. Byler**) morning came quickly. The value of having such a retreat is quite valuable to the youth as well as the adults for all can be brought closer to God in a deeper spiritual sense, as well as fellowship with one another.

It is my desire, that as many districts as possible have retreats for their young people.

NORTHEAST OHIO RALLIES

121 youth and adults registered for the Northeastern Ohio District Youth rally sponsored by the Garber Memorial Church here in Ashland. Because of the number of the group, the rally was held at the YMCA. **Mrs. Leo Jones** and **Mac** started the program by leading in some fun songs.

The District President, **Brad Weidenhamer**, led in the business meeting. The youth decided definitely that they wanted a retreat in the future. The President of the Ohio Youth Board promised that he would bring the matter up before the board at the next meeting.

For recreation, many of the young people played volleyball and ping-pong. A box lunch was served for the meal. We had a sandwich, potato salad, baked beans and a large apple, plus orange drink and potato chips.

At 6:00 o'clock a Barbershop Quartet entertained us with some good old-fashion barbershop melodies.

Rev. Richard Kuns, a senior in the Seminary, showed slides of his recent trip to the Holy Land. He entitled his presentation, "**Scenes of Jesus' Growth**". The rally was well planned and enjoyed by all those who attended.

SOME NOTES OF INTEREST

Ashland College won its first football game of the season by defeating North Manchester 13-0. Congratulations to **Coach Martinelli** and his team!

The Freshmen students arrived today to begin their first year of college. This year we have 40 Brethren Freshmen. If you have a high school student in your home, interest him or her in your college, ASHLAND. Let's have 80 Freshmen here next year.

PIC of the WEEK
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Make arrangements to come.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

NOT A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY

By Dorothy C. Haskin

JONATHAN GOFORTH was a missionary to China and had to live on the usual small missionary salary. In the later years of his life he lost his sight. He and his wife returned to the United States on a small pension.

One day his wife noticed an especially thoughtful look on his face. She knew him well and said, "You are figuring how much less we can get along on, so that you can give away more."

He smiled and nodded, "Yes."

This is sacrificial giving. Giving the dollar one can spare is not the highest form of giving. The Lord praised the woman of whom He could say, "All these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God, but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had" (Luke 21:4).

It is interesting to notice that the Bible does not say that the love of a great deal of money is the root of all evil, but simply the love of money (I Tim. 6:10). Some people hold on as tenaciously to a five-dollar bill as others cling to a thousand.

Some people try to claim the promise, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19), and ignore the rest of the chapter. However, in the preceding verse Paul speaks of "the things which were sent from you" (Phil. 4:18). It is to the liberal that God promises to be liberal.

Pundita Ramabai ran an orphanage in India; and whenever the rice supply was not sufficient, she sent her girls out into the community to distribute to the poor the supply that was on hand. Whenever Pandita did this, God always provided enough rice to take care of the needs of the orphanage. God "loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

No doubt that is the secret—be a cheerful giver. Should anyone, having read or heard of God's generosity to

others, give merely in order to get. God would know the motive. In all probability God would ignore the gift. Giving does lead to getting but the giving must not be with the desire to get—"Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matt. 10:8).

Give generously, before the Lord has to remind you to give, as He has some. A man was writing a check for \$250 for a Christian organization when he received a telegram. He read it and said, "I have suffered a great loss. That makes a difference in my business. I shall have to write this check for \$1,000.

"But I thought you said you had lost money," his friend protested.

"I did, and my loss reminded me that my Heavenly Father said, 'Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth'" (Matt. 6:19).

It is easy to dream and scheme what you would do if you had a million dollars. But it is probable that you will not have abundance to give from, until you have learned to give out of your penury. (See Luke 21:4 again).

Our general attitude is apt to be like the two native Christians who were discussing giving. One said, "If you had a hundred sheep, would you give fifty of them for the Lord's work?"

"You know I would."

"If you had fifty sheep, would you give twenty-five?"

"You know I would."

"If you had two sheep, would you give one of them?"

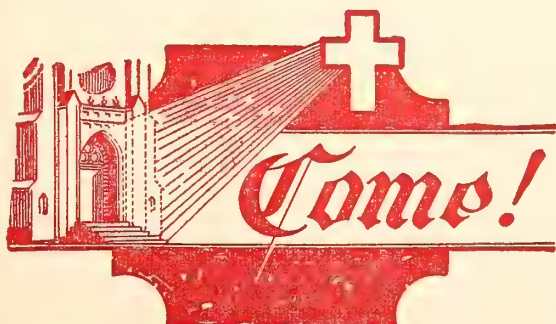
"No, I wouldn't and you have no right to ask me that when you know I have two sheep."

Many of us would give our first dollar to the Lord, but would we give our last?—(Copr. ERA)

Laid to Rest

CATTIN. Mrs. Bertha Cattin, 81, Charter Member of the Center Chapel Brethren Church, passed away on June 7th. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Austin Gable.

Mrs. Chester C. Miller.



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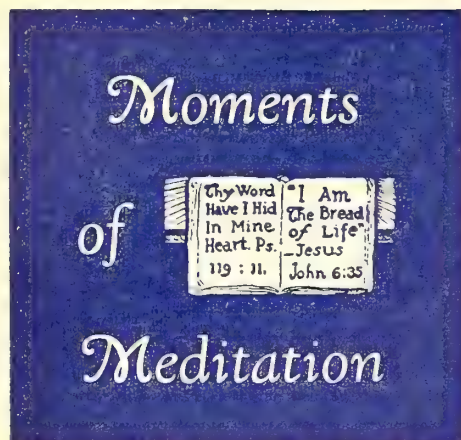
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CHILD OF A KING

Lalia Mitchell Thornton

Men judged me, and I shrank, afraid
Of all the errors I had made;
Men judged me and I trembling knew
Their verdict might be just and true.

Men censured, could not understand
And raised against me voice and hand.
But, ere I bowed my head in shame,
And ere I shrank, as one to blame,

Or called myself a worthless clod
I cried: I am a child of God.
And lifting up my heart and hands,
I told the world: He understands.

* * *

GOOD RECIPE

A dear old Quaker lady, distinguished for her youthful appearance, was asked what she used to preserve her charms. She replied sweetly: "I use for the lips, truth; for the voice, prayer; for the eyes, pity; for the hands, charity; for the figure, uprightness; and for the heart, love."

—Selected.



NO WOUND NOR SCAR

Hast thou no scars?

No hidden scar on foot, or side, or hand?

I hear thee sung as mighty in the land,
I hear them hail thy bright ascendent star,

Hast thou no scar?

Hast thou no wound?

Yet I was wounded by the archers spent,

Leaned Me against a tree to die, and rent

By ravening beasts that compassed me, I swooned,

Hast thou no wound?

No wound? no scar?

Yet, as the Master shall the servant be,

And pierced are the feet that follow Me.

But thine are whole—can he have followed far

Who has no wound nor scar?

THE TREE

By Carlton C. Buck

Only God can make a tree, 'tis true,
Yet man can plant a tree and cultivate

And train his heart to well appreciate
The handiwork of God so full in view.
The tree may lift its leafy arms and through

This gesture challenge man to emulate

The attitude of prayer and faith, and state

His confidence in God and faith renew.
The stalwart oak becomes what man decrees,

For he may work with God or may refuse;

But God has meant that man be blest by trees,

And he can live and love and learn to use

The tree with wind-swept branch or hanging moss,

Or man can take a tree and make a cross.

COMMANDMENTS FOR THE PREACHER'S WIFE

It was written in the stars that, sooner or later, somebody would put down a decalogue for the elect lady who presides over the preacher's home. Most queens of the parsonage have such rules written on the tablets of their hearts, but there may be some value in printing this version:

1. Thou shalt have no other interests more important to thee than thy husband's.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any church clique or anything resembling it.
3. Thou shalt not take thy husband's name in vain.
4. Remember thy intimate family matters, to keep them secret.
5. Honor thy husband by keeping thy place, that his years of ministry in the cause of God may be long.
6. Thou shalt not gossip.
7. Thou shalt not be a burden on others.
8. Thou shalt not appear untidy.
9. Thou shalt not covet a taste beyond thy husband's income.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy lay sister's or fellow minister's house furniture, car, or whatsoever thy sister may have.—Christian Advocate

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The Editor's Pulpit

The Total Church Program

WITH THE ARRIVAL of the month of October, the new fall season is in full swing in most of our churches. With it comes also the increased emphasis on the full stewardship of life in God's service. This is as it should be.

Statistics show, though, that far too great a percentage of our church membership is not actively engaged in the full church program. This is not as it should be. There are reasons for this, most of them on the local level. Let's face it, Brethren, the local and total church program rises and falls on what happens on the local level, to a very large degree.

That is why you read, and will continue to read, of continued emphasis on the entire program of the church, and the local church member's responsibility to that program. There can be no united front of Christian service by the denomination unless there is full support on the local level. There can be no strong local program of Christian service without the leadership and planning by the denomination. While we are congregational in government, yet in order to effectively serve our Lord, we find the necessity of being banded together in denominational unity. A hundred or more congregations, working together locally, nationally and world-wide, will do a much better job for the Lord than a hundred independent churches.

Thus, we emphasize the total church program, as in so doing, the local interest is broadened to include greater areas of service. Likewise the local church is strengthened by the great challenge which comes from a nation-wide body of believers working together for the Lord.

Throughout the year, many areas of service open up to us, beginning with the Education Day emphasis this week. Along through the year comes emphasis upon Missions, Home and World; Sunday School, Publications, Benevolences and Youth, plus the various auxiliary and district emphases. These are not just "financial appeals", as some have been wont to call them. Rather, they are opportunities for Christian service in areas in which we ourselves alone, could not do much. These are areas of service which bring many, many benefits back to the local church as

well as the progressing into other fields of Christian service made possible through united action.

So, let us look at these programs as they come to us from time to time. Let us remember each one has, in its desire to serve the Lord and the church, its own financial problems which must be met through an increased stewardship of our own lives, as well as the stewardship of local members not too actively engaged in the work.

On the local level, we encourage pastors and leaders of our churches to enlist the aid and support of those members which perhaps have not been as true to their church vows as they might have been. This is the area of untapped resources for the total church program which we need to develop this year. Today is the day to start. W. S. B.

The New Publication

IN A FEW MORE MONTHS the new magazine will be in evidence. Target date is January 1, 1961. We would like to explain a bit further on a question or two which you have been writing about. First, your subscription to the present magazine will continue into the new year until your regular expiration date with no increase in cost until the time of your renewal. (If your subscription is one that expires before January 1, 1961, the new rate also applies.) Another question has been raised on sending the magazine into all church homes (100% plan). We would point out a very important basic fact underneath the whole program of the unified magazine. It is this: We want as a denomination to promote the total church program in all local churches and in all Brethren homes. No better way can this be done than by getting the printed information into all Brethren homes via the church paper. Thus, in your consideration as a pastor or church board on this matter, we urge you to remember that we are not necessarily "selling" magazines, but that we are seeking to sell the total church program in every Brethren home. For this, we appreciate the support of each local pastor and church board in seeing that each church family receives the church paper, and in seeing that they are encouraged to read it in their homes. W. S. B.

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AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Most people who have lived a number of years and achieved a measure of success have their biographies written by intimate associates who reveal birth dates, rate of growth, outstanding characteristics, and valuable contributions made to the world. Since I have reached the rather impressive age—impressive for someone like me—of nine years, I would like to write my own story to reveal some of the events out of my first years—years of ups and downs.

Birth and Development

I was born in June, 1951. I'm not certain if Clayton Berkshire was the attending physician at my birth or if he is my parent, but his name appears on the first membership card we can locate in the files—a sort of birth certificate. Perhaps a number of our Missionary Board members are closely related to me also, because some of their names are recorded among my initial members.

At first I enjoyed rather phenomenal growth. My friends predicted that I would surely become great. However, although my development was quite gratifying for a while, with steady gains, there came a period when I stopped growing; I even lost for a time: I needed vitamins, or perhaps I had a virus infection.

Understandably, a few of my members passed away; but in addition to that loss, some physically healthy ones declared that they were so busy and financially depleted with their own churches and buildings that they must withdraw from my membership roll. (That's when I really became anemic!)

During the past year and a half, kind friends, Brethren pastors, and others—moved by my pitiful state and challenged by my parent, the Missionary Board—have been giving me some real medication and physical therapy, by sending me new members. Finally, I am now feeling robust, ready for action and helpful. To be sure, I am young yet—only about half grown; but when I have achieved my majority (2,000 members or more), I shall really go places!

Achievements

If you look back, my record isn't too bad for anyone just growing up. In 1951 I gave a big boost to the new church in Tucson; in 1953, I believe it was, I helped Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, in their building program. Next I worked a double shift for the Sarasota Church (2 Ten Dollar Club calls) and later I did the same for Phoenix, Arizona, better known as Papago Park Brethren Church, working for them twice also.

About this time I began to grow stronger; so I was able to perform more regular work for others, giving help each year; (but my health chart sets my goal at two such performances each year.) Last year my work was done for the church at Levittown, Pennsylvania; and at the present time I am in the process of assisting the church at Mishawaka, Indiana.

As you can imagine, these new churches are very grateful for my help; in fact, because of their appreciation, I feel like a heel when someone asks me for help and I haven't the "oomph" to oblige. Some churches have even confessed to me that they couldn't have made it without me. Knowing this gives me a thrill, but it also makes me feel terribly responsible. Believe me, I love to help them, but I can't do it when I'm not strong enough and when I don't get my growth.

Hopes for the Future

My parents (the Missionary Board) are so proud of me and so confident that I shall become a success in life that they are constantly committing me to more work. I am very happy that they have faith in me, and I do hope I can live up to their expectations. I shall soon be expected to help two new churches each year. That will require me to become bigger and better nourished.

Anything you can do to make me grow (new members) and to keep me well fed (paying calls promptly) will be a wonderful help. Some of you may even enrich my diet by contributing more than ten dollars per call—but understand, I'm not asking for extras. (I was always taught not to ask for candy and rich fare, but I do like them.)

Of course, you've guessed my identity. I am THE TEN DOLLAR CLUB. Now that I have narrated most of the events of my short life, I should like to finish the story as most of us like stories to end, by saying that I lived happily ever after. You can help make this ending true. If you aren't already working in my health program, do become a part of it by completing the following form and sending it to us with your first ten dollars—(or more).

My Share

I Promise to assist in the building of new Brethren churches by giving \$10.00 or more for each new church project. It is my understanding that I will be called upon for this contribution not more than twice in any one year. I further understand that if I am unable to contribute when called, I will be relieved of my obligation.

Signed

Address

Church

THIS AND THAT FROM ROSARIO

...Since the last letter we have been busy in the every-member crusade in preparation for the evangelistic campaigns that will be starting this coming Saturday night. We have planned two weeks of meetings in all ten of the churches. January is set aside as camp month and we are in the planning stages for these two camps—one for the adults with children and one for youth over the age of 13 years.

We have also been busy hunting jobs for those of our members who are out of work. The Lord is blessing our efforts and answering our prayers. It looks as though all will soon have work. It (work) is quite scarce here, and there is no unemployment benefit; so it is rough for those with families when they get laid off.

On September 1, Mr. Horne and I left Rosario in the Jeep for Buenos Aires—about 200 miles. Passing through Villa Constitucion we stopped off to greet our pastor there and to talk over any recent problems or plans. Then we had a very lovely trip on to B. A.

This was the loveliest day, I believe, since we came to Argentina. The meadows and trees were all clothed beautifully in their new spring green outfits, and the fruit trees—peaches, pears, oranges, etc., were sporting beautiful flowery hats—some pure white, others deep pink.

Even though this young man cannot sing any better than I, we nevertheless had to give forth in song to express our joy and gratitude to God. He enjoyed especially "In the Garden," which I sang to him in English because I did not know the Spanish. Along the way we picked up a young fellow who was walking to B. A. (He had been on the way for two days.) So we gave him a lift, thereby saving him two more days; it was a wonderful opportunity to sow the seed of the Gospel and to express the love of God in actions. We thanked God for this new opportunity.

By these experiences, traveling so much is never a waste of precious time, for there is always a needy, interested person on the train, bus, ferry-boat, launch, taxi, subway, streetcar, or in the restaurants. Being a

foreigner sometimes helps to create interest and to gain the attention of the person to whom one is trying to witness.

...Mr. Varela, who lives with his wife in two rooms on the back of the church, is quite busy getting the equipment and tent ready for the campaigns. He is the St. Paul among us, for he knows quite well the Bible and tent making. He has had much experience in tent meetings and personal work; so he is quite well qualified to be in charge of all the campaigns.

...This is a beautiful summer morning, or rather spring morning, for there is a cool breeze like April in the States. The sun is quite warm and streams in my office windows; it makes a cheery atmosphere. I am in the process of selling a large record-player and buying a tape recorder to use in the work and to improve my Spanish. We had the recorder here—on trial—while we ate breakfast, listening to organ music that was recorded in the chapel there at Ashland. Reverend Ben-shoff is the organist. It makes us feel closer home, and it is a lovely way in which to begin the day...

—K. Solomon

Items of General Interest

CAMERON, W. VA. The W. M. S. public service was held on September 25th. The film, "Monganga", the true story of a medical missionary in Africa, was shown.

ASHLAND, OHIO (PARK STREET). Brother Phil Lersch conducted baptismal services for seven new members the evening of September 25th.

WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO. Guest speaker at morning and evening services in the Williamstown church, on September 18th, was Ashland Seminary student, Gene Hollinger.

DAYTON, OHIO (HILLCREST). Brother Percy C. Miller reports the reception of three new members recently.

Dr. Emil Bauman was guest speaker in the Hillcrest church on September 18th.

CANTON, OHIO (TRINITY). Brother Robert Keplinger was Music Director for the Northeastern Ohio Sunday School Convention which was held at the First Church of God, Canton, on September 29th and 30th. Brother Keplinger was also in charge of the closing session of the conference, Friday evening.

PLEASANT HILL, OHIO. Dedication Services for the recently completed educational building were held by the Pleasant Hill Brethren, Sunday afternoon, October 2nd. Speaker for the special service was Rev. Hygema, of Potsdam, Ohio, following which there was an inspection of the new building and its facilities.

CENTER CHAPEL, INDIANA. Center Chapel observed its Homecoming on October 2nd, with morning and afternoon services, and a basket dinner at noon.

TEEGARDEN, INDIANA. Brother C. A. Stewart was the scheduled speaker for the Teegarden Homecoming held on October 2nd.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Miss Ruth Kent, missionary on furlough from French Equatorial Africa, was the



Improvements and expansion continue
on the camp property
in Argentina

speaker in the Nappanee church on September 25th, evening.

TIOSA, INDIANA. Brother John T. Byler was the Homecoming speaker for the Tiosa church on September 25th.

ROANOKE, INDIANA. Guest speaker in the Roanoke church on September 18th, was Prof. Wilbur S. Barnhart, of North Manchester College.

CARLETON, NEBRASKA. Pastor A. O. Curtright notes that Rev. S. D. Flora, of the Bethel Church of the Brethren, was speaker at their Homecoming on October 2nd.

COMING EVENTS

FLORA, INDIANA. Rally Day and Homecoming—Oct. 9—Rev. C. C. Grisso, former pastor, afternoon speaker; Rev. Arthur H. Tinkel, Pastor.

FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA. Revival Meeting—Oct. 9-16—Rev. J. G. Dodds, Evangelist; Rev. Robert Hol-singer, Pastor.

OAK HILL, W. VA. Evangelistic Services—Oct. 18-30—Rev. C. A. Stogsdill, Evangelist; Rev. M. W. Dodds, Pastor.

ROANOKE, INDIANA. Homecoming—Oct. 9—Rev. Virgil Ingraham, afternoon speaker; Dr. E. M. Riddle, Pastor.

CENTER CHAPEL, INDIANA. Revival Meetings—Oct. 24-Nov. 5—Rev. John Mishler, Evangelist; Dana Hartong, Pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Harvest Home—Oct. 23—Rev. H. H. Rowsey, Pastor.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (Ardmore). Homecoming and Mortgage Burning—Oct. 23—Rev. C. William Cole, Pastor.

CANTON, OHIO (Trinity). Revival Services—Oct. 16-23—Rev. Ralph E. Mills, Evangelist; Rev. Robert L. Kepingler, Pastor.

LOUISVILLE, OHIO. Revival Services—Oct. 17-30—Rev. Smith F. Rose, Evangelist; Rev. L. V. King, Pastor.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY RALLY

Washington, D. C., Church
Thursday, October 13th
Mrs. Charles Kraft, Speaker

NORTHEAST OHIO DISTRICT W. M. S. FALL RALLY

October 12 - - - Louisville
10:30 D. S. T.

Please note that the new time is now Daylight Saving Time instead of Eastern Standard Time as announced last week.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

POEMS ALL

"We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works" Ephesians 2:10.

IN OUR TEXT the word **workmanship** is pointed out by one translator, as being in the Greek *poi-ema*, meaning "poem", a thing which is made. Taking the text, and inserting the Greek translation, we are God's handiwork, God's poems.

Words do not make poetry, but taking words, poets do. Before we can be transformed into poems, we must be as ready to be put into use as words are. At the poet's behest words leave their common, ordinary usage and are transformed into the beauty of a poem. Such poems are not written with ink, but with the Spirit of the Almighty.

"The Skylark", "The Village Blacksmith", "The Chambered Nautilus", "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard"—who would remember these but for the poetic settings which immortalize them?

How beautiful in the hearts of their children are the poems written by the lives of loving, Godly parents. Stamped upon the hearts of their offspring these "living poems" stamp themselves indelibly upon their children's lives and characters for eternity. How proud are the hearts of those who can envisage the growth of beautiful poems developing in the lives of their children, and also see those poems becoming powers for blessing and uplift in the world.

Joyce Kilmer has written a poem about the beauty of a tree, but such a poem and such beauty are eclipsed by the beauty of a beautiful Christian life.

Wedding Announcement

HORCHNER-NEFF. Larry Horchner and Mary Jane Neff, both of Fairplay, Maryland, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon, September 18th, at the St. James Brethren Church. Both are members of the church and Sunday School. The double ring ceremony was used by the undersigned.

Freeman Ankrum.

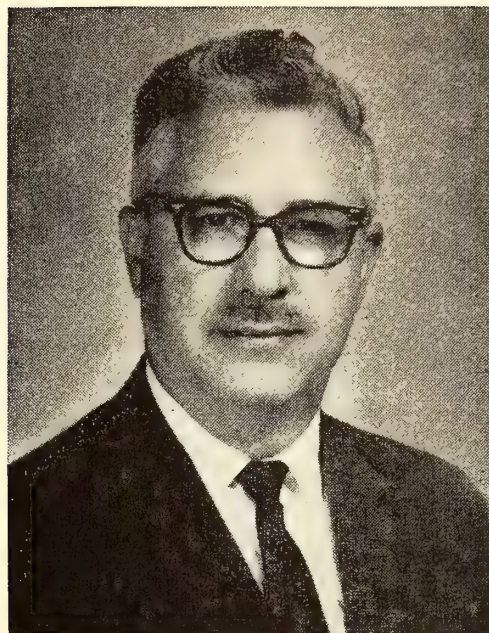
Laid to Rest

DUNCAN. Sam E. Duncan, a charter member of the Oak Hill, W. Va., Brethren Church, passed to his reward, Sept. 17th at the age of 89. Survived by two sons, two brothers and a sister. Services by Rev. C. S. Donnelly and the undersigned. Interment, High Lawn Memorial Park.

M. W. Dodds, Pastor.

The Christian Educational Challenge Of Our Times

**Dr. Glenn L. Clayton, President,
Ashland College and Seminary**



THE CHALLENGE of our times emphasizes change. It is perhaps always true that life is never static, but continually changing. Yet, the normal pattern is a gradual one, with only slight alterations, and the continuity breeds a sense of security in young and old alike. In our time this is not so.

The change in important things affecting our living and our very being is abrupt and so sweeping in its scope as to defy our wildest imaginings. In the short space of fifteen years since the close of World War II jet and rocket aircraft have revolutionized transportation and made a thousand miles but minutes away, television has opened a whole new concept of communication, world political climate has shifted so rapidly as to make it virtually incomprehensible, and new theories of economics seem to have completely changed our concept of good business.

In such times the church plays a major role with its true message of Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. In such a changing period, Christianity can make its greatest impact if its leaders are prepared for the challenge.

Many feel that the decade ahead—the era of the 60's—represents one of the greatest opportunities for evangelization and church outreach, but well-trained, consecrated young men and women are needed in increasing numbers, if the opportunity is to be grasped.

Ministers are needed to man existing churches and to help organize new ones in large numbers in almost every community. Missionaries of all kinds are needed in the new countries in Africa, Asia, South America and elsewhere. Every profession, every business, and all kinds of social and political fields cry for trained Christian leaders.

Here, the role of the church-related college such as Ashland College, equipped to offer high-quality training, becomes of major importance. This is a venture with Christ which can have certain and effective results in these changing times.

The Brethren Church is doing something about this great opportunity. In Ashland College the church has a means of training youth to meet the challenge. This is a venture of the first importance and one that is already being met by numbers of Brethren and other Christian young people. They are already on campus, already preparing for the work ahead.

Your contribution to the Educational Day Offering this year will go far toward assisting them in this work. The need is great, indeed, and the venture is worthwhile from the Christian point of view.

I know that every member of the Brethren Church will approach the problem prayerfully and give generously as the Lord leads him that trained leadership might be available to carry on the work in the years ahead.

Venturing With Christ Visualized in Christian Education

Dr. Joseph R. Shultz



PERSONNEL

God was revealed to man by the **person** of Jesus Christ. "Ye that have seen me have seen the father." God's revelation of Himself is not merely information about Himself. It is not abstract truth which is conveyed by words and confined to the pages of a book. It is God Himself, not just something about God, but the truth and a personal life. And if the revelation of God is to be communicated to the world, it must be through **persons in whom the life as well as the truth can be embodied.**

Therefore, the person of the teacher in the local church, and the person of the professor in the college are the indispensable ingredients in the caldron of Christian education. The local church must patiently train all of the teachers. The College, Ashland College and Seminary, must provide resources for the present dedicated faculty to do research, and also provide resources for the future faculty in our age of advanced technology.

The person of the teacher is like the heart to the body, blood to the vessels, and air to the lungs. The teacher is the throb and pulse of the school. Christian teachers in Christian colleges are the automatic desire of Christians of The Brethren Church. And Ashland College is our God-appointed place of higher Christian education.

PROGRAM

The Christian theory of education is that every realm of knowledge, every aspect of life, and every fact of the universe find their place and their answer within Christianity. It is a system of education enveloping the entire world in its grasp.

In the Christian College, Christianity is not just another department like a porch to a house. Christianity is the foundation. Christianity is the basis and the unifying philosophy of the whole educational program.

PROPERTY

Libraries and Laboratories are essential to Twentieth Century education. In an age of space and satellites the old-fashioned log with a teacher on one end and a pupil on the other end is not sufficient. Too many times Brethren laity expect first-rate products with second-rate materials, first-rate service with second-rate facilities.

Christian education on the local level must have something better than basements and cubby-holes to teach the most important subject in the world. The Gospel. Christian education on the college level requires adequate modern facilities to teach the future leaders in our schools, church and nation. Christian education on the Seminary level is also dependent upon an approved library classrooms, and administrative facilities.

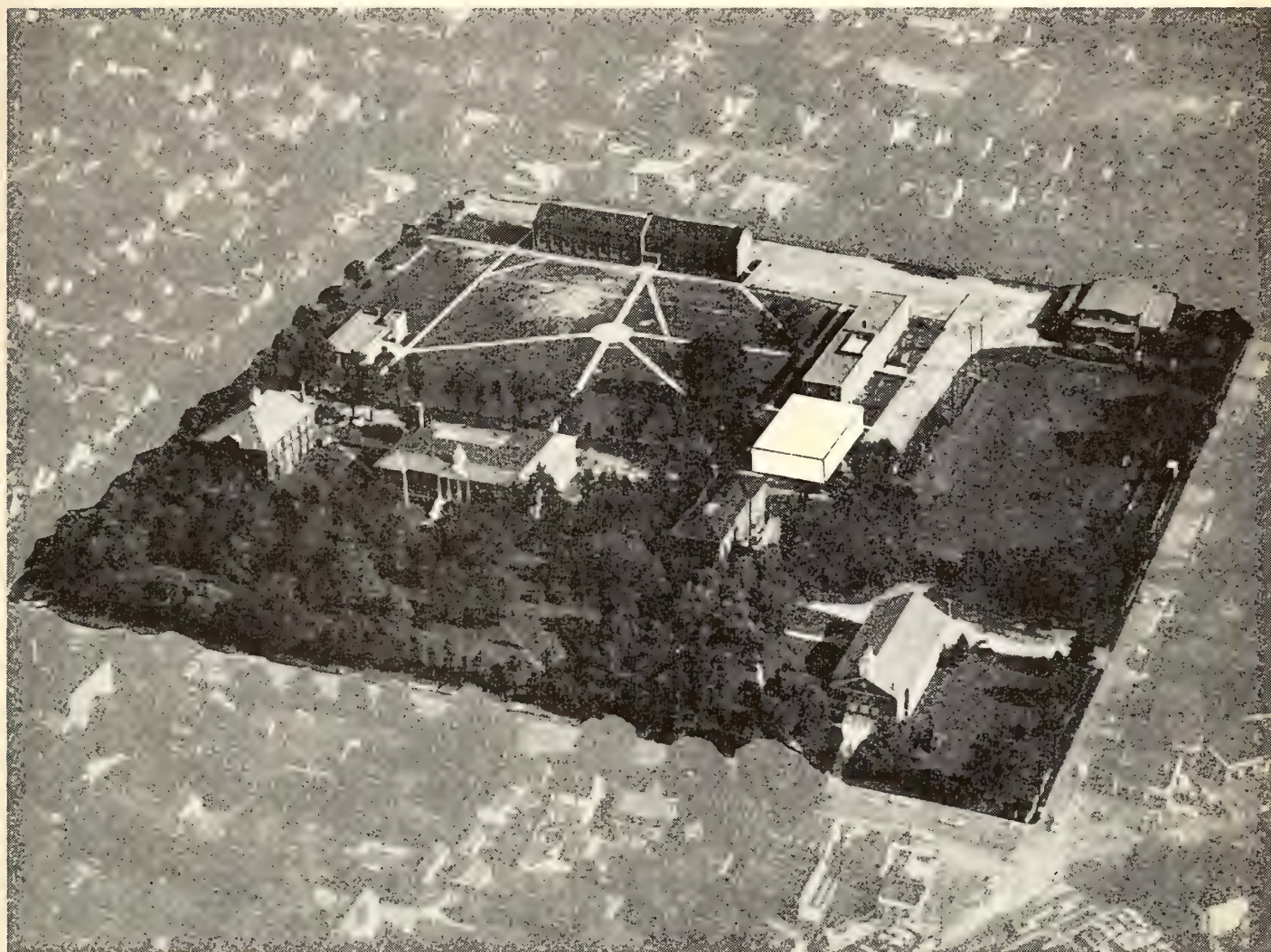
SOME CONCLUSIONS

1. The Brethren Church believes in Christian education as demonstrated in the fact that she has given in all forms of gifts nearly a million dollars to Ashland College during the past twenty years. This is wonderful, and by faith it will continue.

2. The Brethren Church cannot long endure without an institution to train her Ministers and leaders. The Seminary is the heart of the denomination, and we are mutually dependent upon each other for strength.

3. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." (Hosea 4:6). Missiles or the Master satellites or the Saviour, rockets or the "Rock" these are our choices. The way to the Master who is our Saviour and Rock, is through Christian Education.

OUR NEWEST VENTURE WITH CHRIST IN BUILDING



**WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE COL-
LEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS LET THE CONTRACT
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**THREE STORY STRUCTURE WITH 26,772 SQUARE FEET OF
FLOOR SPACE. WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 100,000
VOLUMES, AND READING SPACE FOR 350 STUDENTS.**

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**THESE BRETHREN YOUNG PEOPLE ARE
TRAINING AT ASHLAND**

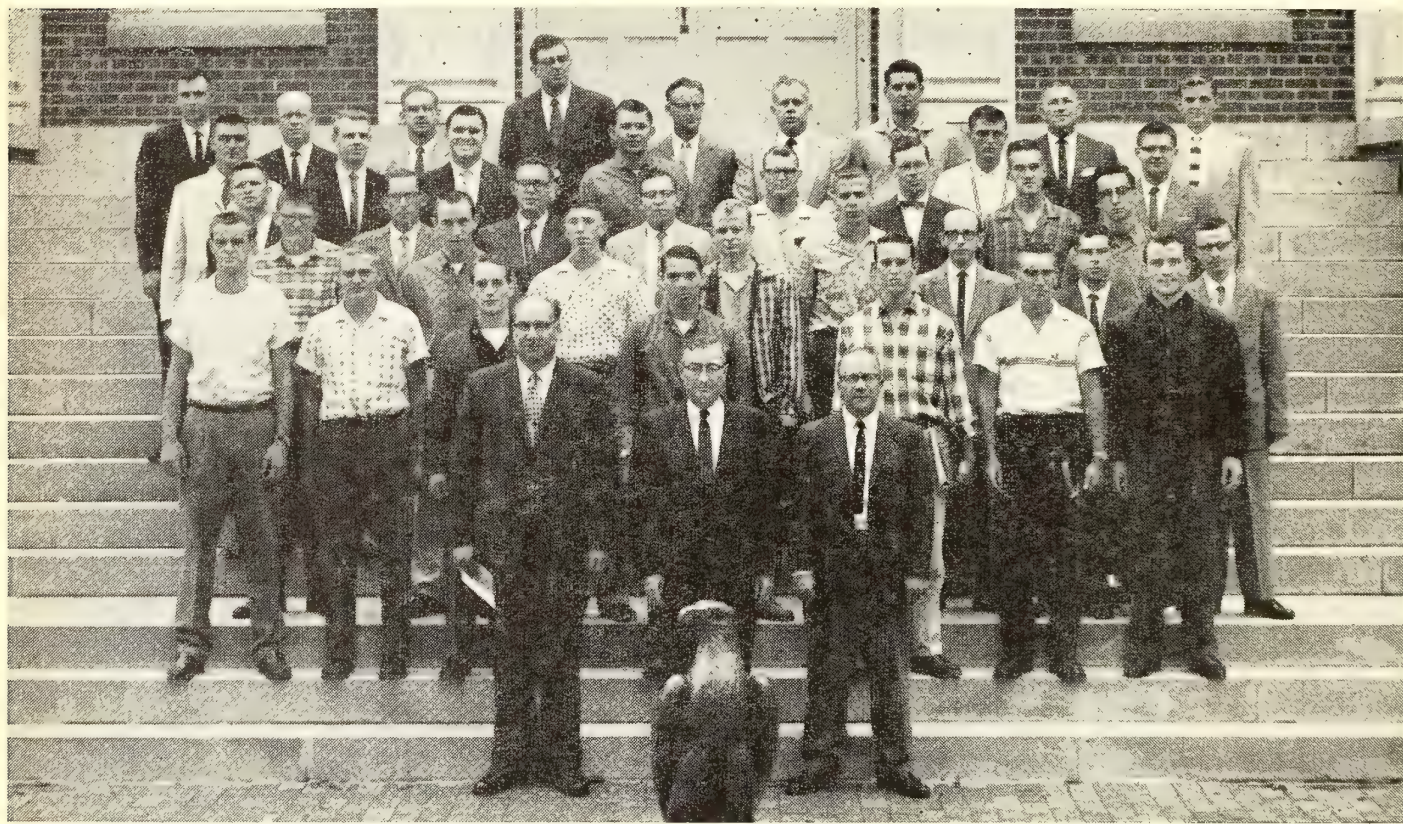
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PICTURING WITH CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND SEMINARY.

Brethren young people
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SEMINARY and PRE-SEMINARY STUDENTS and FACULTY



They Are Men Of Daring

Dean of the Seminary, Delbert B. Flora

THE MINISTERS and leaders of organizations of the Brethren Church are making a great deal of use of the theme of the year, "Venturing With Christ."

That is good!

Permit me to say (I'll say it anyway) that every man who is studying in the Seminary is venturing with Christ. **They are men of daring.**

They are men of daring, if they are men of venture, because to venture implies that daring is involved in the venture. It speaks of daring to risk harm or loss in the hope of gaining a desirable result.

Noah ventured to prepare an ark to the saving of his house. Abraham ventured to attempt offering up Isaac as a burnt offering. The parents of Moses ventured to hide him from the enemy. Moses and the Israelites ventured to pass through the Red Sea as by dry land, when the Egyptians tried the same thing without faith, they were drowned.

Abraham ventured, dared, to go out from his home land, not knowing where he went. We at the Seminary are thrilled at what we are witnessing in the lives of men who have dedicated themselves to full time service for Christ. These are men who are daring everything that the world holds dear or worth while. Young men who have entered college just from high school and have come on into seminary training, passed by job opportunities and early chances of security.

Some who are older have come to prepare themselves for service as pastors in the Brethren Church by giving up fine salaries, prosperous farms, settled positions in their home communities. Some of them disposed of fine homes which they have built. They have little prospect of such comforts and comparative ease toward which they were moving (not that those things are the ultimate in life, or that there are no

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Reaching Out With Christ

**Rev. Virgil E. Meyer, Director,
Church and College Relations**



TO VENTURE is to reach out. It is to go beyond where we now are. This would suggest that we are not satisfied, but are willing to undertake tasks which we have not tried before.

As I write these words this afternoon Freshmen are arriving on campus to start their college experience. It seems that they largely typify what it really means to reach out. They are leaving the comfort and protection of their homes and parents, and are coming into a relationship, which will enlarge their horizons and project them into a challenging experience.

Some of those who are coming are young men, who are starting their training for the ministry. They are venturing with Christ into a training program, which will prepare them for a lifetime of service of reconciling men to God.

Others of these will be missionaries, some will be school teachers, and still others will be studying for various professions. Each in his own venture will be reaching out to add to the effectiveness of his life.

We, in the Brethren Church, will share in this venture with Christ in Christian training, by giving to the Education Day Offering. We will in our own way be very practically projecting our lives with Christ.

One can observe many evidences of the fact that the Brethren Church is reaching out with Christ as a denomination. One of these is a 30% increase in the number of Brethren students, who are starting to Ashland College this year. Another is the growing number of Seminary and

pre-Seminary students who enroll. A very significant evidence is the announcement of the start of construction of our new library here on the campus. Hundreds upon hundreds of our Church people have banded together, committing themselves to raise upwards to \$200,000, to help provide classrooms for these young people.

There are the young people who will soon help us to venture further as a denomination into church extension. We know there are hundreds of communities where we could build Brethren churches, if we had the young people and the funds to venture into new areas with the gospel.

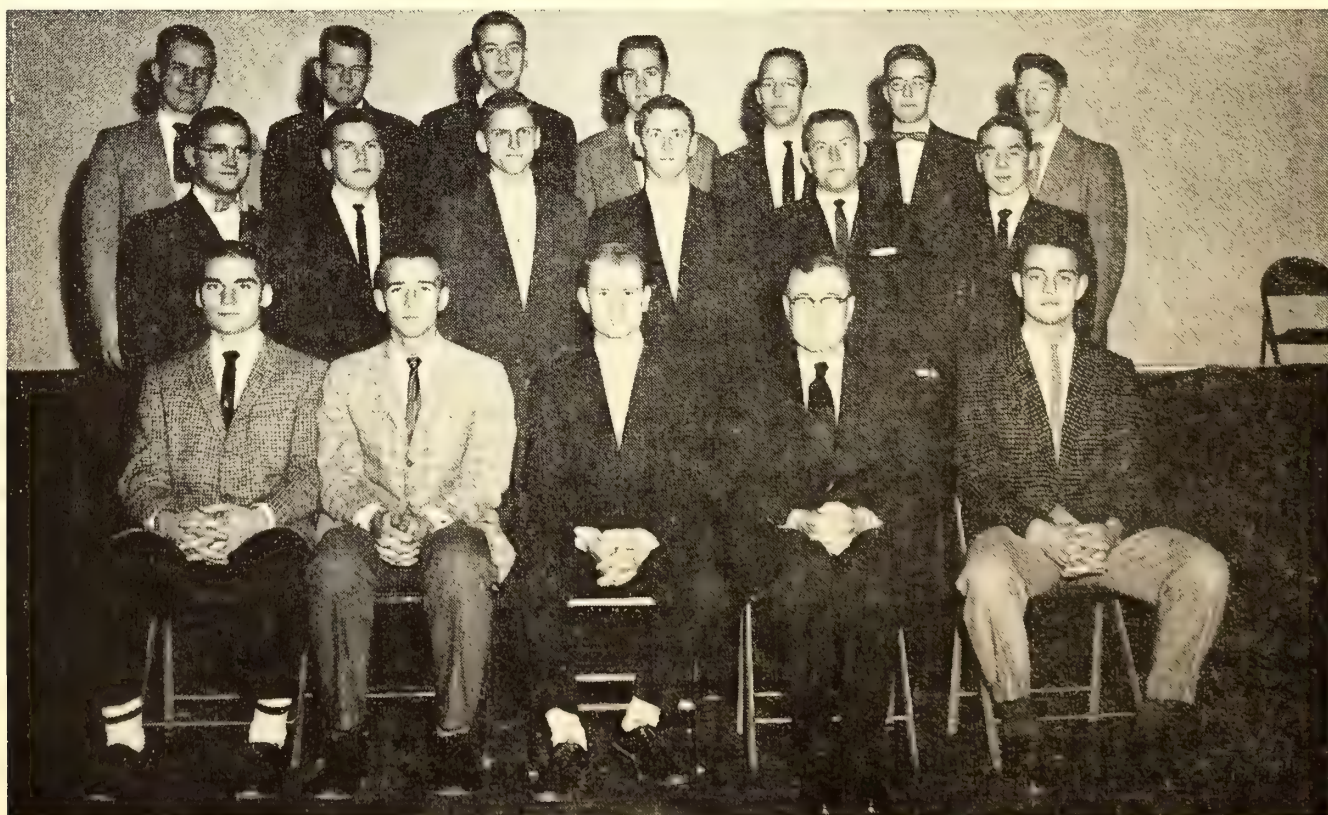
The key to all of this, of course, is the last two words of our motto—"with Christ". If it were not for the "with Christ" emphasis, there would be little significance in sending Brethren young people to Ashland College rather than to some other school. Here at Ashland College there is emphasis on "being with Christ", particularly in our daily chapel programs, in Bible classes, in Christian fellowship, youth fellowship, homiletic seminars, and personal devotions.

Our Education Day Offering is particularly for the day-to-day operation of the College. No student ever pays the full cost of his education, so others must help share the burden. Whether your church takes an offering on a specific day, or whether you put it in your church budget and receive your gifts quarterly, I would urge you to prayerfully consider the possibility of more largely sharing with these young people in their **VENTURE WITH CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN TRAINING.**



GOSPEL TEAMS VENTURE WITH CHRIST

IN PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN TRAINING



THEY ARE MEN OF DARING

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comforts or satisfaction in serving Christ in the Brethren Church, far from it). But they went out into what was entirely unknown to them. Besides that, families had to be supported and school expenses had to be paid, all without much time for a secular job for bread winning.

But why do they dare in this way? They choose rather to suffer the inconveniences necessary for preparation for Christian service in the Brethren Church, than to enjoy the pleasures of the world for a season, esteeming the joys and

satisfaction of serving Christ to be greater riches than all the treasures of a material world.

Ah, yes, your men in the Seminary are daring men!

Will you dare with them?

HOW ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS?

THE EDUCATIONAL DAY OFFERING

Give through your local Church, or if this is not possible, note the following information. Church Treasurers, also please note:

Make checks payable to Ashland College, and send to Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio, and mark on Envelope "Education Day Offering."

World Religious News in Review

NEWS ON RED CHINA SCHOOLS:

HONG KONG (EP) — Censored news and unrestricted propaganda from Red China has recently contained bits of information about educational life on the Mainland. French movie producer Raoul Levy, in China to film part of a proposed movie on the life of Marco Polo, said students from 93 countries and racial minorities are enrolled at a special school in Communist China which teaches the art of political agitation.

He said the "School for Agitators" has enrollees who have been there anywhere "from a few weeks to as long as five years."

Professor Theodore H. E. Chen, head of the Asiatic Studies Department at the University of Southern California, said recently that the Chinese avowed intention of wiping out illiteracy is coming to pass. "The Communists boast that three out of every four persons, men, women, young and old, are attending some kind of school," Dr. Chen said.

A Red Chinese governmental order obtained by Chen says that "within five years illiteracy must be wiped out, primary education must be made universal, secondary schools must be established everywhere, and most of the pre-school children must be admitted into nurseries and kindergartens." Higher education, the Chinese hope, will be made universal in 15 years and another 15 years, they say, will be spent in raising standards for the 650 million people of the Red nation.

NIGERIAN INDEPENDENCE PLANS INCLUDE ARCHBISHOP

LAGOS, Nigeria (EP) — Another Independence Day approaches for an African nation. This time it's Nigeria, and officials look for a more peaceful birth of this new country than was true of the Republic of Congo.

On October 1, when the event is celebrated, England's Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, will be present. He said recently: "Europeans have been too slow in training Africans and many have hindered progress by their own blindness to the courtesies and obligations of Christian fellowship... The churches have been preparing the way for a long time. The contribution they make through Christian leaders in Africa and Christian congregations is incalculable."

Dr. Fisher recently visited East Africa where he inaugurated an Anglican Province.

NEGRO CLERGYMAN ASKS PROBE OF CHILDREN'S ARREST

ATLANTA, Ga. (EP)—A Baptist minister, the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth of Birmingham, Ala., has asked the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta to conduct a full investigation of the arrest and jail-

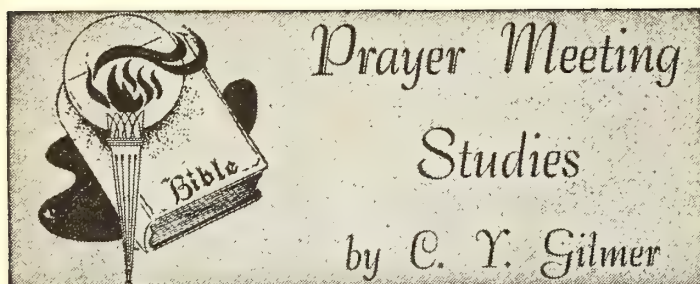
ing of his three minor children in Gadsden, Ala., August 16.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., SCLC President, has had a telephone conversation with H. Vance Greenslit, president of Southeastern Greyhound Lines, Inc., who said the case is now being investigated by the line and "a full report will be made as soon as possible."

Traveling from the Highland Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn., to Birmingham, Ala., the Negro children were arrested, removed from the bus, and jailed by police of Gadsden. While under detention, they claimed they had received injuries from allegedly brutal treatment by the police.

Mr. Shuttlesworth, in a statement to the SCLC in Atlanta, said, "The safety of my children is not my only concern. People must feel free to travel without the fear that while they are exercising their legal and constitutional rights they will be treated like common criminals and abused by police. This practice must stop if America is really to be the 'land of the free' as we so proudly shout to the world."

Wyatt Tee Walker, director of SCLC in Birmingham, made the on-the-spot investigation and reported one of the children required medical attention.



OLD, BUT STILL GROWING

"A laden apple tree, old, gnarled and sere,
Bent down and rustled softly in my ear:
'Keep growing!'"

"An aged man with child upon his knee,
Echoed again the wisdom of the tree:
'Keep growing!'"

"'What shall I do,' I asked an angel bright,
'When age draws nigh?' Then smiles he from his height:
'Keep growing!'"

"Reach out to pastures new where the soul feeds;
Reach out and up—God knows the spirit's needs:
'Keep growing!'"

TO HAVE REACHED the Bible's "three score and ten" should sober one to soul-deep humility (Psa. 90:10). To enjoy good health at this age should make one profoundly thankful (Deut. 34:7). At seventy we have experienced the way of life—right or wrong (Gal. 6:7). We have learned that "What we feed the body we lose, what we feed the soul we keep forever" (Jn. 6:27; Gal. 6:8). At seventy we may realize the reward of following the nobler impulses of our youth (Eccl. 12:1). We are convinced that happiness is the boomerang to what we gave to life (Lu. 6:38). We are in a unique position for inspiring others to the higher life (Titus 2:2,3). We have a mission to perform on earth all the while we live here (Eccl. 8:8). At seventy we have thoughts about death (II Kings 20:1), the continuity of the soul, and the glorious resurrection (Job 19:26). We are not to fold our hands and wait—there is still our work to do (I Cor. 15:58).

"Move to the fore!
Say not another is fitter than thou.
Shame to thy shrinking—up!—face thy task now.
Own thyself equal to all a soul may,
Cease thy evading—God needs thee today,
Move to the fore!"

As we walk with God into the sunset of life the light of eternity comes into our view (Prov. 4:18). There may be clouds in the sunset to challenge our faith (II Cor. 5:7), but not without the strength of His presence with us (Heb. 13:5). Thus the elderly Daniel was delivered from lions because "he believed in his God" (Dan. 6:22, 23). Ambitious, younger men had sought to cast him aside with no regard for his honesty, integrity, and faithfulness (Dan. 6:4,5). Abraham faced the greatest test of his faith when he was around 115 years of age (Gen. 22:1,2). It was on that day that God richly re-

warded him (Jn. 8:56). Samuel in his late seventies was sorely tried (I Sam. 8:5). With a lamb-like spirit Samuel talked to God about it (vs. 6,7,9). The aged man set aside, did not become a "rocking chair Christian"—he gave himself to the ministry of prayer (I Sam. 12:23). In his retirement in Ramah, his home town, he established the school of the prophets, which wielded an influence over Israel for nearly a 1000 years. God has great use for His aged servants (Prov. 4:23). Let none depart from the God of his youth as did King Asa (II Chron. 14:11; 16:7-10,12).

The bristlecone pine trees of the California mountains are nearly 5000 years old. They cling to rocky ledges 10,000 feet high where the soil is barren, dry, baked by the sun, eroded by the wind.

"The storm that tries the growing tree,
Does yet its life prolong,
For all that fierce oppugnancy
Roots it more deep and strong.
So trials sent to you and me
Shall but increase our strength
And if we bear them manfully,
We shall win through at length."

Let the ministry of older people be inspired by the 85-year-old Caleb who fought the giants and the iron chariots and took the mountain with its walled cities which the Lord had promised to him for his inheritance in the Promised Land 45 years prior (Josh. 14:6-14). Read Psalm 92:13,14.

Lesson

Comments

by

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Lesson for October 16, 1960

OUR TRUST IS IN GOD

Lesson: Psalm 121

"ONCE THERE WAS a Covenanter preacher in Scotland who was condemned to hang. From his cell, as he waited for the day of his death, he called out to his weeping friends, 'Trust in God! Trust in God! I have good news. I am within four days' journey of enjoying the sight of Jesus Christ!'"

When the believer puts his Trust in God he is able to see, with spiritual eyes, that which others cannot see. Our Scripture lesson is Psalm 121.

"This exquisite Psalm, inspired by perfect trust in Jehovah's guardianship of His people, was probably composed to be sung by pilgrims going up to the Feast at Jerusalem, possibly at the point where they first caught sight of the goal of their journey (vs. 1). We seem to hear in it the voice of the pilgrims encouraging one another with words of faith and hope, as they journeyed to Jerusalem, once more in the centre of national life and worship to realize the relationship of Jehovah to Israel and to each individual Israelite."

their guardian in all the vicissitudes of life" (A. F. Kirkpatrick).

We should trust in God because He is our **DIVINE HELPER**.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth" (vs. 1-2—R. S. V.).

The first verse of this Psalm is often understood to mean that the writer was looking to the hills and mountains for strength. Not so! As the Psalmist looks toward the mountains he realizes that if help is to come it must come from the One who made the hills and mountains. So he speaks in perfect trust and confidence: "My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

"The strength is not in the hills themselves; it is in the God who made them, who made heaven and earth (verse 2). It was the hand of God that formed them; it is the hand of God that made and suspends the stars in space; it is the will of God that saves man and his world from destruction. It is the creative power coupled with the divine love of God that strengthens and inspires" (Frank S. Mead).

What confidence we may have in God! He is our **Maker! Our Creator! Our Helper!**

"'Maker of heaven and earth' is a frequent epithet of Jehovah in the...Psalms. It is the guarantee of His power to help. It contrasts His omnipotence with the impotence of the heathen gods 'that have not made the heavens and the earth' (Jer. 10:11)" (Kirkpatrick).

We should trust in God because He is our **Divine Keeper**.

This is an ever recurring phrase in the Psalm (R.S.V.):

1. "He who keeps you will not slumber" (vs. 3).
2. "Behold, He who keeps Israel..." (vs. 4).
3. "The LORD is your keeper" (vs. 5).
4. "The LORD will keep you from all evil" (vs. 7).
5. "He will keep your life" (vs. 7).
6. "The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in" (vs. 8).

"This psalmist is so absorbed in the thoughts of his Keeper that he barely names his dangers...Six times in these few verses does the thought recur that Jehovah is the Keeper of Israel or of the single soul. The quietness that come of confidence is the singer's strength" (Alexander Maclaren).

The Lord keeps us steadfast and immovable, not permitting our feet to be moved.

He ever keeps because He never sleeps.

He keeps from evils by day and by night.

He keeps from all evil, even from those that endanger the soul.

He keeps when we go and when we come.

"The threefold expression: 'Shall keep thee...thy soul...thy going out and thy coming in,' marks the completeness of the protection vouchsafed, extending to all that the man is, and that he does" (J. P. Lange).

This Psalm, then, depicts for us:

The LORD our **HELPER!**

The LORD our **KEEPER!**

What more do we need? With confidence and hope we can say:

"I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD **JEHOVAH** is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation" (Isa. 12:2).

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by **Dick Winfield**

THE WORKER'S CONFERENCE

ONE OF THE STANDARDS for Sunday School's listed in the "Brethren Sunday School Standard of Excellence" is that worker's conferences be held regularly, with ten being the recommended number to be held per year. The following is an article written by Dr. Norman Townsend on this subject. Perhaps, from it you may get some suggestions for future Conferences in your own church.

"As a Pastor, one of my most enjoyable and profitable evenings during the month was the night that the Christian Education Council held its workers' meeting. Of course, it didn't just 'happen'. It was planned. It was publicized. It was well-attended.

"The planning included a definite schedule time and personnel. The Executive Committee met from 7:15 to 8:00; the general business meeting (no discussion about whether to have hard candy or marshmallows at the Christmas party, but business pertaining to the whole School) from 8:00 to 8:30; special instruction period from 8:30 to 9:15 (a program committee arranged for the special speakers, films, etc., three months in advance); and departmental meetings from 9:15 to 10:00 (during this time, refreshments were served in the different departmental areas). Ten o'clock meant closing time, for one of the great deterrents to attending meetings at church is not knowing when a person can expect to get home. Working people need to get a good night's sleep before getting that early start the next morning. Besides, folks will come if the meeting begins and ends on time, and if there is something interesting going on in between!

"Each meeting was characterized by three features:

- (1) Information...Reports, etc.
- (2) Inspiration...Devotional period, prayer time, etc.
- (3) Instruction...Various speakers, films, etc.

"To guarantee this, each Sunday School board, or Christian Education Council should make sure that in each meeting there is a change of pace, face, and place.

"Don't get into a rut! Have different people lead devotions, prepare refreshments, etc. Don't have a special speaker every month. Use filmstrips, tape recordings, debates, and panels as well. Change the chairs around if you cannot meet in a different room. Meet in someone's home now and then. Have a surprise "feature teacher" award once a quarter. Some meetings, have refreshments first (this will cut down on tardiness, or on calories!)

"Sound like work? It is, but it's worth it. I have a suspicion that much of the objection to suggestions for workers' conferences come from some people who are just too lazy to really work on a program.

"For the majority of you who read this, though, and really want to hear from someone who has seen it work, ...write to National Sunday School Association for further information and helps for a workers' conference that really works!"

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

PIC of the WEEK



OUR LEADER

"Cut back the rockets, Joe, prepare to land...Roger, Captain! I wonder what kind of trouble they're having here at the Moon Station?...Who knows—this is all so new!"

"Hey, Captain, maybe we'll meet some of those ridiculous Moon Men everybody imagines are up here. That would be some laugh, huh?...Yeh, Joe, a real riot!"

The big space ship marked "Explorer-BY", hit the landing pad and our two friends, Joe and the Captain, stepped out on the moon and made their way to the Space Station.

"Captain...Joe...boy, am I glad to see you...What's going on up here, General?"..."That's not easy to explain, boys. It seems my men have reported seeing Moon Men or at least some strange creatures!"

"Oh, no, I don't believe it, Captain. Moon Men? And I was just the joker who said maybe we'll see some of those Moon Men that our earth friends imagine are here..." "Fraid so, boys, or at least there is something here. That is why I wanted our two top-flight Space Detectives—YOU!...Thanks for the flattery, General, but it may get you nowhere."

The Space Detectives were briefed on where these strange creatures appeared, what they looked like and how they acted. Stepping out of the Space Station, Joe says to the Captain, "Boy, wouldn't that put a satellite into orbit!! Us investigating the moon for what are sup-

posed to be Moon Men...Now, wait a minute, Joe, I don't know if that is what they are...you know how a person can begin to see things after he has been Moon Duty for six months...Yeh, I suppose so...it's probably all some Space Private's wild imagination."

BUT it wasn't some Space Private's wild imagination for at that very moment our two friends were being watched by two little, green Moon Men...Gurney and Sidney. "Gurney, do you think they can help us?...I don't know whether anyone can help us, Sidney. We just have to get those 6,000 Sosep for the Leader to build his Moonmitter or we're dead Moon Men. and those ray guns will kill us dead!...Let's see if we can make them understand what we want, Gurney. O.K."

Gurney and Sidney crawled out of a Moon hole and cautiously stepped up behind Joe and the Captain. They began talking through their language Ungarbeler. "Moon Earth Men, could—could you help us?"

Joe and the Captain jumped, whirled around and came to their knees to face with the two little Moon Men. "Captain, tell me quick that I'm not seeing what might be Moon Men, and did they just say something?"

"We are Moon Men and we did say something...could you please help us?" Well, the two little, green Moon Men looked so pathetic that Joe and the Captain so got over their astonishment and leaned down so they could get a better look at Gurney and Sidney.

"How can we understand you fellows?...Oh, we have your language Ungarbeler, Mr. Moon Men, but would you help Gurney and me?...Well, that depends on what you need...Gurney and me are supposed to get 6,000 Sosep from our Leader to build his Moonmitter with...we can't find them and our Moon Soldiers will bleep us with the ray gun if we don't bring them back!...What happens when you get "bleeped?"...We aren't anymore. gone...done for!...Well, what are these Sosep? Is that what your Leader makes his Moonmitter out of?...No, that is made out of Moonstone but we don't know what Sosep are...they just told us not to come back until we had 6,000 of them."

"Hey, Captain," whispered Joe, "these must be the Moon Men, or whatever you call them, from the way they act...Yeh, they are kinda cute too—for Moon kids... 'Spose we can help them, Captain?...We can't...Let's take them back to the Station and see what the Intelligence can do...Yeh!"

Joe and the Captain marched off with Gurney and Sidney to the Space Station. Needless to say they caused quite a commotion but they were so cute everyone liked them. After a session with Intelligence, Gurney and Sidney were taken to the Decoding room. "Any answers yet, fellows, on what Sosep could be?...Not yet, Joe...Hey, wait a minute, maybe this is it...try reading this backward, p-e-s-o-s, yeh pesos!...Maybe it is the kind of money they use or something...Gurney, Sidney, do you have any money with you?...Only this coin, Joe...Yeh, Captain, look, it says "Sosep" on it...Your problems are over, Gurney and Sidney...Your leader wanted 6,000 coins like this to buy the Moonstone so he can build the Moonmitter...Oh, boy, oh, boy, Gurney, we're saved! We're saved! Now they won't bleep us. Yeh, except we only have one Sosep, we need 6,000. that's an awful lot, isn't it, Captain?...Yeh, I'm afraid

so, but wouldn't all your friends and neighbors give their Sosep for the Moonmitter?...Sure, we'll go ask all of them...would you come, Joe and Captain?...Certainly, we've always wanted to take up Sosep for a Moonmitter."

After the door to door drive was made, two excited but tired Moon Men (kids) along with Joe and the Captain counted 6,541 Sosep. "Now, TAKE US TO YOUR LEADER!"

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Editor's Note: Gurney and Sidney are much like National Brethren Youth—we are looking for \$6,000 to buy a radio station in Argentina for our leader, Jesus Christ! Let's get those 6,000 Sosep before we get bleeped! (Oops, I forgot we aren't on the moon.)

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

BEYOND BELIEF

THE RANCHER laid his dusty Stetson on the fender of the preacher's car. "I believe in Christ. I love Him and I'm going to try to do what He wants me to. Isn't that enough?"

"No, not enough," said the preacher, quietly.

"You mean I've got to stand up in front of all the other folks and say out loud what I believe?" The rancher was a shy, slow-spoken man, one who disliked to draw attention to himself. Just thinking about such a public declaration made the sweat stand out on his face.

The preacher saw it and understood. But he pressed him nevertheless. "By making your decision known, you will put your influence to work for Christ."

This happened in New Mexico. But it could just as well have been in Brazil or Pakistan—or in your church or my church. And instead of the rancher, it could have been you or me. Making the decision to be a Christian seems to be an intensely personal and intimate act. Then, all of a sudden, we are encouraged to announce our decision as publicly as possible! We are embarrassed; we don't feel ready to go so far. Maybe, like the rancher, we pick up our hat and walk away, muttering: "I believe. Isn't that enough?"

Belief in Christ means belief in His Way, and that is why a secret resolve is insufficient. For Christianity is not a secret religion. It is a religion of fellowship, of witness, of good news. None of these things can be accomplished by keeping our belief quietly to ourselves.

Fellowship means sharing; witness requires standing up to be counted; good news demands telling. That's the kind of faith Christianity is. Christ does not offer Himself only to a few mystic-minded initiates. He is "good news" for all the world—news too good to keep to ourselves.

There are many ways in which each of us, according to talent, temperament and opportunity, can continue to bear witness. Beginning with the expression on our faces, the tone of our voices, and extending into our

activities and choices, our lives can be a constant confession of loyalty to Christ. In the way that is natural to us we will share our convictions, strengthening fellow-believers and opening the doorway of faith to those still without.

Belief is not the end of the Christian's road. It is the beginning.

INCENTIVES

By Paul M. Freiburger

The Parent Arch: A temporary arch is built over a wooden frame to hold the concrete or stone masonry until it sets well. Then the frame is taken down and the arch stands for centuries. Parents are the temporary wooden frame on which their children lean until character is formed. And the children almost invariably will take form and size set by the frame! If there are flaws in the frame they will show up in the children; if the frame is well done, the arch will show it later on. Think it over well, father and mother, and consider your direct responsibility to your children and to your God. As is the mother, so is her daughter. As is the father, so is his son.

Crime Is a matter of character, not of pathology. What delinquents need is not psychiatric treatment after the trouble but adult leadership before. We need to substitute old-fashioned will training for modern impulse coddling. We need more emphasis on self-discipline and self-control. In general, most juvenile authorities agree with Dr. Abraham A. Low, associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Illinois medical school. Most of them place the blame directly in the **home**, with the **parents** for their lack of disciplining themselves and their children, and for the lack of true love parents show their children.

A Certain Judge once addressed fathers on training and preparing children for citizenship, and what he said made many a father and mother wince. He said, "You know why your sons are not in Sunday school and church? Because you fathers are not there."

Horror Stories: Television and radio horror stories tend to bring to the youthful mind the baseness in humanity which can only be controlled through proper teaching. If the child is fed more human baseness than human virtue, it is more than likely the former will make the most lasting mental impression. You cannot teach crime and the Bible at the same time. You cannot make a hero of the Devil and have children accept the teaching of the Savior.—**From Crusade for Children.**
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A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

Our Father, we ask thy blessing
On children everywhere.
Thy way be shown
Thy will made known
To them through Christian teaching.
Give them this day their daily bread
And surround them with love
To feed their deeper hungers,
But deliver them from the evils
That destroy their souls and bodies,
And bring to them thy kingdom
With its power, And its glory
For children—Amen.

—Alice Goddard

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CHURCH MEMBERS

When you come to church, do you cultivate an eye to detect the stranger? He is always there. He does not always have the nerve to hunt you up and introduce himself, and so it is your privilege and duty to approach him.

If each one of us would do this much, what a reputation our church would have for its friendliness!

Let us study the art of making the stranger feel at home with us.

—Selected

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The call which comes from Christ always is a call to a higher service.

THE GREAT DESTROYER

About one ounce of alcohol in a driver's body increases his chance of being involved in an auto accident by more than 1,000 per cent. This statement was made by Dr. Herman A. Heise of Milwaukee, Chairman of a sub-committee of the American Medical Association studying the effects of intoxication. Dr. Heise went on to say, "If alcohol could be divorced from driving, possibly half of our 40,000 doomed to die each year on the highways could live and half a million more could be spared from painful and crippling injuries."

The record of alcohol as a cause of accidents in other respects and as a destroyer of property is equally tragic. It is the main business of government to protect life. One of the ways in which life, health, the pursuit of happiness and property need protection is from the ravages of alcohol. If those who drink imposed these penalties only upon themselves it would be no concern of government, but when the loss of life and health and crippling accidents fall more heavily upon the families of those who drink and upon their innocent victims and the taxpayers who have to bear the burden, it becomes a matter of general concern.

Thoughtful Americans will continue to study this problem in the hope of finding a way to deal effectively with it.

—Christian Economics



SUNDAY LOYALTY

Beware the Sunday you decide

You need not go to church

That just a single absence will

Not leave you in the lurch,

Because it only takes one time

To weaken your defense

Against the possibility

Of cold indifference.

One Sunday missed, and you may find

So careless and so free

Another absence will occur

Then maybe two or three.

And then, before you know it, you

Are staying home each time

Another Sunday morning comes

And church bells ring or chime.

Unless you have a real excuse

Too ill or old to go,

Do worship God each Sunday in

The church and faith you know.

* * *

TRUST

Build a little fence of trust

Around today;

Fill each space with loving work

And therein stay;

Look not through the sheltering bars

Upon tomorrow,

GOD will help thee bear what comes

Of joy or sorrow.

—Mary Frances Butts

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THE SHAPING OF LIVES

Obviously, Christianity's conflict with other ideologies in the world is facing a showdown. Many decisive battles are now being fought in the minds of new literates whose beliefs will be shaped by the kinds of books put into their hands. It is here that destiny rests.—Harold B. Street.

World Wide Evangelist.

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The Editor's Pulpit

"Again And Again!"

WE HAVE NOTHING BUT PRAISE for international leaders who are deeply concerned about world peace, and who are earnestly seeking to prevent the holocaust of nuclear war. As "peace-loving" Americans, we join forces with other nations, whose leaders, like ours, desire to live together in peaceful co-habitation. Under democratic principles, which in foundation, are Christian principles, this is reasonably possible.

However, the picture is not a bit rosy at the moment; what has been said on this page from time to time (and has been said in other places, too), is, that you can't do business with the Communists. No matter how much "peace-loving" nations seek and desire to live without war, there is always the threat of war from those who do not share our ideas of living together. This has been demonstrated most recently by the nefarious actions of democracy's prime thorn in the flesh, Nikita Khrushchev of Russia. "Peace" for him is only at his price—the price of servitude and exploitation of all other nations—the United States, we feel, being his chief target.

"Peace-loving" diplomats appear to be at a loss as to how to cope with this human who seems bent on conquering the world. To keep him in the UN is to stymie that organization's work; to encourage him to leave, is to at once divide the world into two armed camps. Neither solution appears to add any encouragement to the continuance of world peace. It points up that if any bargaining is done over the peace table with this frustrated, insecure human called Khrushchev, it will be to his gain and our loss, or there won't be any bargaining at all.

Certainly, man has tried to effect world peace. No greater man-made cooperative organization has ever been formulated than the United Nations. Our nation, and others are pouring millions of dollars of the taxpayers' money into its operation. No one can question the success of the UN from the standpoint of bringing about an enlightened understanding among nations, the distribution of food and medical supplies to underdeveloped areas of the world, nor the efforts made to settle disputes among nations.

For the UN to continue to do its job, everyone involved must be willing to want a satisfactory solution, and to abide by the solution decided upon. Let one member nation desire to inflict its will on the others, and the whole program of "living together" breaks down. Here, perhaps is the weakness of the UN. No matter how much the nations want to live and work together, if one nation is unwilling to abide by a cooperative agreement, trouble lies ahead. Here, in brief is the present picture which is causing so much unrest, for Khrushchev and his henchmen do not want cooperative peace—only a "peace" in which Communist warlords control everything.

Most of the UN activity is based on man's desire to cooperate with his neighbor. It is not altogether Christian, nor is it altogether pagan. It is a composite plan of Christian principles and pagan ideas toward God. It can work only to a degree. It can change men's rules of living together, but it cannot change their hearts. And no man can truly sit down with his brother in the flesh and be at peace with him unless his heart is changed.

The Key Factor in the change of heart so badly needed, and the one which is being overlooked today, is Jesus Christ. He can change men's hearts and create within them hearts of love. The age-old solution given by the Lord can surely work today. It can change the lives of people by a change of heart; it can cause God to step in and intervene for people who desire to live in peace. Enemies can be destroyed in a moment by God in response to obedience to His commands by His people. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:14). W. S. B.

The world is in total ignorance of power that operates in and through the Christian believers.

The outward will only be right if the inward disposition is pure.

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LOOKING IN AT ROSARIO, ARGENTINA

(from Kenneth Solomon's letter)

September 23, 1960

Dear Family and Friends:

Good morning! Here I am in my cozy, dry office as the first of the spring rains fall on the sidewalk and street right outside my door. It is a welcome rain, for it has been some time since we have had a shower, and things were quite dry. I hope Mr. Varela and Mr. Horn, the two men who stayed in the tent last night to guard it had no trouble.

The first downpour was quite hard, with an accompanying wind. The tent is located just four blocks from here, and they do have the jeep there in order to come to the house for breakfast so I guess they are all right.

The trees that line our street are mostly sycamore trees, and the city recently trimmed them all, but I see that they are budding forth with their new spring-green foliage. The grapevine over the large back patio area is budding also. Jan just called, "A la mesa," which, in English, means literally, "to the table"; so breakfast must be ready. I shall be back soon.

Now the rain has stopped. The men tell me that since the tent is lower than the street level, there was about a foot of water there this morning when it came down so hard. Up until today, it has been nice spring weather for the meetings. I hope it clears up and dries off some or we will have poor attendance tonight. Most of those who come live in the part of the barrio that does not have paved streets; so they do not venture out much when

there is rain. Until now, we have had the tent full of people each night and have had some decisions. The 27-year-old youth who is preaching really has a message and speaks quite eloquently in Spanish. He is humble and sincere—a dental mechanic and a bachelor. We are quite fortunate to have him for the first three months of evangelistic campaigns in our churches. He was able to get three months leave of absence from his second job which is in a factory. We don't know who will be preaching during the last three months, but the Lord will provide as always.

My part in this local campaign is the "Cruzada a cada hogar"—the every-home crusade. We have so few who can go out to make these calls because so many of our members are elderly, and the few youth we have are working. Therefore this "gringo" pastor has been forced to have faith that God can even use one who does not speak the language perfectly for His honor and for the salvation of the lost. Before I had only gone out with another person—a national—and the other person did most of the speaking. We did it this way, thinking that the persons who have never had contact with the evangelical church would respond much more rapidly to the invitation of their own people. However, after much prayer and a sense of the Lord's approval in the venture, I began carrying on the door-to-door visitation alone when there was no one able to accompany me. The Lord has blessed in a wonderful way, and there are very few who re-

PERIPATETIC SECRETARIES

The past several weeks have found the Missionary Board general secretary and associate secretary (Berkshire and Long) covering much territory in the interest of the missionary program. Berkshire attended the Central District Conference at Waterloo, visited Lanark and Milledgeville, Illinois, then stopped for a conference with Henry Long of the General Brotherhood Board, in Elgin, Illinois.

Dale Long made contacts in Berea College, Oneida Institute, and the Council of Southern Mountains, in pursuing the study of Kentucky Mission work, complying with the Missionary Board's wishes. He visited Lost Creek and Krypton also; then stopped at Newark, Ohio. After one day back in the office, he took off for the Mid-West Conference at Falls City, planning to stop enroute in Wichita, Kansas, to make inquiry into property interests of the Board. He hopes to stop at Lost Creek and Krypton again before returning to Ashland.



NEW PROPERTY
IN VICTORIA, ARGENTINA

In Argentina, many new churches are started in buildings such as this new Brethren Church property in Victoria, Argentina.

refuse to receive the Gospel tract and special invitation to our meetings.

El lechero—the milkman—just pulled up out in front with his two-wheeled, horse-drawn milk wagon. He has in it large cans of milk from which he ladles out to each customer the quantity of milk they desire. These carts are highly decorated and ornately painted. However, we buy from another lechero who sells pasteurized, bottled milk. I think it is worth the few extra pesos to have the security for the children.

In this the second largest city of the Republic there are more than 500,000 inhabitants and with only 50 evangelical groups working to evangelize this vast city. The majority have long since left the Roman faith of their ancestors for one reason or another and so are without a church contact. There are many professed atheists, some communists, and many who have turned to the cults of spiritualism, testigos de Jehova (excuse me—Jehovah's Witness), etc. There are many who are looking for something and are willing to respond to the Gospel, but they have to be found, and we have so few to go to seek these lost souls where they are. That is why this every-home crusade is so very important. We are taking the addresses of all who receive us well so that we may carry on a follow-up ministry. Please continue to pray for this evangelistic outreach in this community.

Yours in His service,
Ken Solomon

Missionaries' Address

Anyone interested in writing to the Krafts, who are in school at Hartford, will perhaps be glad for their address:

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ORDINATION SERVICE

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County Line Brethren Church

ORDINATION SERVICES for the Pastor of the County Line Brethren Church in Indiana, Rev. Charles Perrin, will be held in the church the afternoon of October 30th.

Time of the service is 2:00 P.M. Brother William Thomas, Pastor of the North Liberty, Indiana, Brethren Church, will be in charge of the service and will give the ordination sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

Helen Gillis, Secretary.

COMING EVENTS

MAURERTOWN, VIRGINIA. Evangelistic Services—Oct. 17-30—Rev. William H. Anderson, Evangelist; Rev. Robert L. Hoffman, Pastor.

NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA. Homecoming—Oct. 23—Afternoon program in charge of the Mennonite Crusaders' Quartette from Shippshewana. Evangelistic services—beginning Oct. 24—Rev. Percy C. Miller, Evangelist; Rev. W. E. Thomas, Pastor.

BURLINGTON, INDIANA. 50th Anniversary and Homecoming—Oct. 16; Fall Revival—Oct. 24-Nov. 6—Rev. Spencer Gentle, Evangelist; Rev. Elmer M. Keck, Pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO (Park Street Brethren). Evangelistic Services—Nov. 6-13—Rev. Harold E. Barnett, Evangelist; Rev. Phil Lersch, Pastor.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Revival Services—Nov. 6-20—Rev. J. G. Dodds, Pastor-Evangelist.

OAK HILL, W. VA. Evangelistic Services—Oct. 18-30—Rev. C. A. Stogsdill, Evangelist; Rev. M. W. Dodds, Pastor.

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SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT LAYMEN'S RALLY

St. James, Maryland, Brethren Church

Business Meeting — 5:00 o'clock

Banquet — 6:00 o'clock

Time of meetings, E. D. T.

Speaker: Jim Resh, of the Union Rescue Mission, Hagerstown, Maryland

Asking God for things we want, for personal benefit, is begging; but asking God for things we need for His glory is praying.

Moderator's Address

1960 Southeastern District Conference

OUR WORLD LEADERS are in a continuous uproar. Almost every time we hear a news broadcast, or read a paper, we are confronted with chaos and confusion in almost every part of the world.

The Bible says: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet" (Matthew 24:6).

Numbered with the denominations of the world is the Brethren Church. This work is active from coast to coast, and our Missionary Program extends from our Mission Churches in the United States, to West Africa and South America.

The Brethren Churches in this district, listed as the Southeastern District is a part of this International Program.

The scriptures tell us that "the end is not yet." This means that we must work until the end of time. The scripture tells us in Matthew 28:20 that He will be with us until the end of the world.

We need to have a burden for the lost as we have never had; we must pray and preach the Gospel as we have never preached it before. Where does the responsibility lie? Is it the World Missionary Program of the Church, the National Program, the Local Program, or the Individual? I am convinced that all the phases of the work are important, and a must, and are essential to the winning of souls to Jesus Christ. However, the individual's responsibility to God and the Church is first. Without the individual, there could not be a Local, District, National, or a Missionary Program. Each person must realize the importance of living a life before God that is a life of dedication.

Romans 12:2 tells us that "we are not conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our mind." We have given our lives to Christ, and He is our King and Leader. We have a new desire, a new goal, a new life to live. There has been a change, and the old man has been put off. If a person has been converted, their lives will show it. There will be a song in your heart and a spring in your step, and there will be joy that is unspeakable and full of glory!

Our forefathers here in the Southeastern District had a vision. They knew the power of prayer. As the result of their enthusiasm we have churches in this district today. We talk of the hardships they endured, we speak of their faith in God and the Church. I believe we ought to do more than talk about it. We ought to be inspired by it, and then begin to move for the cause of Christ. Our forefathers prayed and worked, that we might have a church to reach those outside of Christ. What is your vision for the future Southeastern District? Will there be a fundamental, progressive program of expansion? As the individual vision expands, so will the District grow.

My next concern is that of the Local Church. How much of a program is being promoted in the Local Church? Some churches have the attitude: "We're here in our little group, and they know we're here. If they want to come they will." Also, there is the Board Member who says: "We've always done it this way and got along fine, so I can't see any reason for changing now." Consequently, the Church stays in the rut it's been in for the last thirty years, and a rut leads to an open grave.

Then there was the lady who said to me: "Now preacher, our church will always be small, because our teaching is different, and you know how it is." No, I don't know how it is, and this is the perfect excuse many Brethren use for pure laziness. So they don't visit, they won't work, they won't pray, they have no vision. And between the don'ts and the won'ts the vision dies, and the Church becomes Spiritually dead. The Bible tells us to work while it is yet day, for soon the night cometh when no man can work.

Now, what should the Local Church Program consist of? First, the Prayer Meeting should be a must. Every church should have a Prayer Meeting. Every member should count it a privilege to attend, especially the Church Officers. How do you expect the others to attend if the board members do not? It has been said, "The chain is no stronger than its weakest link." If the Prayer Meeting is the weakest link, then the church is spiritually weak. It is a disgrace to the Southeastern District to look at our Statistical Report and see that out of the fifteen

Growing in Grace, Gifts, and Godliness

Rev. Robert Madoski

churches reporting on Prayer Meetings, only four reported having one, and eleven did not report any Prayer Meeting Service. There is no excuse for a church not having a Prayer Meeting.

The Missionary Program is also a must in the Local Church. Let not our Missionary Emphasis become routine. Let us not give to Missions just because we do it every year. The personal interest should be stimulated. I know that in this District we realize the importance of the Missionary Program, because several have gone into the Mission Field from this area. Let us pray that others will be called into this service. The Southeastern District W. M. S. is to be commended for their Missionary concern, and their interest in the Waka Chapel. May our vision be greater as we hear our Brother Byler speak here at Conference, and in our churches on the Brethren World Mission Program.

The Brethren Youth Program is another must in every church. I realize we need the Adult Program. It is to be the backbone, while the Youth Program is the future church. Show me a church without a Youth Program, and I will show you a church that is stalemated and spiritually weak; and unless a reawakening occurs, someday the church will be dead. On the other hand, show me a church with an active Youth Program, and I will show you a progressive church, alive, and active in the Lord's work. Our churches today need a spiritual Youth Program.

Every church, in addition to the regular Brethren Youth services, needs a mid-week prayer service for the young people. In addition to the spiritual program there should be the social program. We have young people in our District that carry a real testimony for the Lord. They have been converted, and are living for the Lord. Then there are others who say, "I must be popular, I must go the way of the crowd. Everybody's doing it and I must go along." The question is asked, "must I stand alone?" I'll tell you one who stood alone. Noah did. Daniel and the Hebrew children did. We have Brethren Youth who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Master of their lives, and yet in school they lie, cheat, use profanity, dress indecently, and are ashamed to carry their Bible

in public. They can't lead a soul to Christ, they can't pray; and it is largely the fault of some of the adult leaders.

The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5:22: "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

Let us now consider the importance of the adult leadership of the Church. Some of our adult leaders are more interested in promoting the tactics used by the bar-room girls of the roaring twenties than the winning of souls to Christ. I believe our leaders need to be consecrated to God and the Church. Also, there are the grounded and rooted voices of authority that have been in the Church for years. Before anyone makes a decision, they must have it approved by these voices of authority. If they go along with your idea, so will the rest of the Church. The people of the Church bow to these individuals. Now, if you don't, these dictators will get their feelings hurt and leave the Church. Well, they might just do that! Dwight L. Moody once said: "It doesn't hurt the tree to give it a good shaking and lose the rotten apples."

Let us not forget the faith of the real Christian leaders that we have in our churches. There are those who carry a real testimony for the Lord. They are ready to work when duty calls. It is a real joy to work with these people. They are a real asset to the minister. These men have the vision our forefathers had. These men and women will be long remembered in the local churches. May we pray that God will give us more dedicated leaders that we may continue to move forward for Him. The Bible tells us in the second chapter of Acts, some important facts concerning the first church.

1. **It was a Church of Teaching.** I believe that teaching is important in every church. Along with the Biblical Teaching we need the training of future leaders.

2. **It was a Church of Prayer.** As we mentioned, Prayer is a must. If we expect future dedicated leaders, and new churches, we must give first place to the power of prayer.

3. **A Church of Miracles.** Yes, our God is a God of miracles. The blind are made to see, the sick restored to normal health, but the greatest of miracles is when

a soul comes to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that "the Lord added to the Church daily, such as should be saved."

4. **A Church Working Together.** As an individual we should support the entire denominational program of the Church. We not only support with our finances, but also with our conversation and our actions.

5. **A Church who supplied the needs of their fellow-man.** Many people today are in dire need materially as well as spiritually. The Christian should be willing to share with others the blessings which God has so graciously bestowed upon him. I believe that the first Church set the example for us when "they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need." This was not done in selfishness, or to be seen of men, but that God might be honored and glorified.

6. **A Church of Fellowship.** "...and they continued daily with one accord." When the people of the church gather together it should not be only to discuss the short-comings of the Church and therefore destroy its testimony, but rather, let us share our blessings and have fellowship one with another.

With these thoughts in mind let us consider the "going out" of the local church. Jesus told Peter to "launch out", and this brings us to the District Program.

To "launch out" we must have faith and be willing to sacrifice hours for the Lord. I am reminded of the men of past years who gave us the locomotive, the electric light, the automobile, and many other conveniences we enjoy today. We have these because someone had faith and was willing to launch out. These were men who were dissatisfied with present circumstances, and were willing to launch out or "jump"; this is an act of faith.

Instead of putting larger and better wheels on the stage coaches, they were changed to iron, and the railroad went into action. Instead of bigger and better wicks on the lamp, electricity became a reality. In place of the horse-drawn buggy, the self-propelled buggy became the popular means of transportation.

Today the Church must launch out in the same manner. Instead of being satisfied within our own four walls, there must be a vision for those outside of Christ. If it is the Missionary Program, it involves prayer, giving of finances, or even going. If it is a student preparing for the Ministry, it may mean your encouragement. If it involves a new church, it may mean your time and talents as a Layman or Minister. We ought to pray every day that God will give us a burden for lost souls as we have never had. May we not be satisfied to sit, but to launch out as He calls.

As a part of the Southeastern District, the Washington and the Hagerstown Churches are to be recognized and commended for their expansion programs. Also, the promotion efforts of the work in Lost Creek, Kentucky are to be recognized and commended. I realize there are other developments in the Southeastern District, but these stand out in my mind at the present.

The District ought to continue to progress. We need to give serious consideration to the possibility of a new work. A new work will help to draw our District closer

together, and give us a greater vision. My prayer is that this will become a reality within the next few years.

I believe there are some definite needs within the Southeastern District, and my recommendations are as follows:

1. Realizing the need for a greater spiritual awakening in the Southeastern District, I recommend that each church member examine their spiritual life, and strive to be a better living example for God and the Church.

2. That the Southeastern District go on record as pledging full support to the program of the Central Planning and Co-ordinating Committee.

3. With the need of an expansion program in mind I recommend that the Southeastern District Mission Board be instructed to explore the possibility of a new work in the District, and report their findings to the 1961 Conference.

4. That a committee be appointed to study the Southeastern District Constitution and bring it up to date for printing, including suggested changes (if any) and present it to the 1961 Southeastern District Conference.

"...let us have Grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Heb. 12:28) Going forth with the Bible in our hand, and His word hid in our heart we have a message to take to a lost and dying world. Let us go in His name, that others may hear and know the power of God.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?

"God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" II Tim. 1:7.

BECAUSE WE ARE CRITICAL, too frequently, that others are Christians in name only; it may be well to examine ourselves whether we really live our profession. Our text might serve as a basis for such a study. Christians should have:

Humility—towards God. He is our Heavenly Father, and He is our King. We live by derived power, not by self-effort. We are His men; all we accomplish He does through us. "We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us."

Love—towards others. We are not truly converted until God has given us a heart of love towards other people. Compassion for all, love for each one of them. Sometimes we think of someone who has done us injustice or harm: how can we love such a one? We might try praying for such an one, holding him up before God.

Discipline—toward ourselves. Our tongues are God's to use. Our hands are His to use. Our eyes are His to see through. Our feet are His to move with. My mind is His to think with. My heart is His to love with. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, His Spirit.

Fellowship—towards all other Christians. Christ needs a pattern and proof of community of Spirit. Christ willed it so through the Church, His Body. Christians are no more "on their own"; they are Christ's, bought with a price. Have we been born again?

NEWS FROM OHIO BRETHREN CAMP BETHANY

Interest in Camp Bethany Grows

Camp Bethany continues to grow in the hearts of Ohio people. Visits to the camp from all over Ohio are frequent. Organizations sponsor projects for the camp, and support has been good. Ohio Brethren have shown that they want Camp Bethany and that they want it to grow in value. This value is shown best by the fact that many young people found Christ as Saviour this year, while many others re-dedicated their lives. In addition many found that the Lord was calling them to Christian service. Ohio Brethren can be thankful that they had the vision to purchase and develop Camp Bethany. God has truly blessed in all things.

Visit the Camp

Make plans to visit Camp Bethany this fall. Only by

a visit can you know why so many are enthusiastic about the camp. Plan this fall to see your camp. Routes 39 and 3 east of Loudonville are marked with Camp Bethany signs. "Come Before Winter."

Camp Bethany available for retreats and picnics

Many Brethren groups are using the camp for retreats and picnics. The Camp Board extends this invitation to all Brethren. If you are interested in using the camp before November contact Mr. Elmer Frank, Rt. 1, Lakeville, Ohio, after that date, Charles Munson, 616 Park St., Ashland, Ohio. There is no charge for the use of the camp, but we do encourage free-will offerings on the part of groups and individuals.

Ohio Brethren Camp Board



Looking north over the lake to the buildings at Camp Bethany makes an imposing view for an Ohio camper. Some 233 Brethren campers enjoyed this scene in the 1960 season, plus 138 campers from several other Christian groups.

COMING EVENTS

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CENTER CHAPEL, INDIANA. Revival Meetings—Oct. 24-Nov. 5—Rev. John Mishler, Evangelist; Dana Hartong, Pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Harvest Home—Oct. 23—Rev. H. I. Rowsey, Pastor.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (Ardmore). Homecoming and Mortgage Burning—Oct. 23—Rev. C. William Cole, Pastor.

CANTON, OHIO (Trinity). Revival Services—Oct. 16-23—Rev. Ralph E. Mills, Evangelist; Rev. Robert L. Kepingler, Pastor.

LOUISVILLE, OHIO. Revival Services—Oct. 17-30—Rev. Smith F. Rose, Evangelist; Rev. L. V. King, Pastor.



What's Doing in the Churches



Mansfield, Ohio, Brethren Burn Parsonage Mortgage

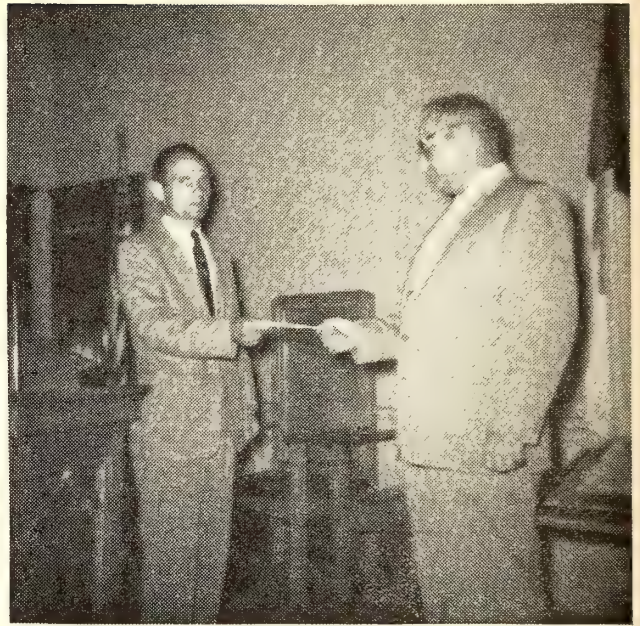
We would like to take this opportunity to let the Brethren know of the work the Lord is doing in Mansfield. We moved here as Pastor in September 1959, from The Calvary Brethren Church in New Jersey. We found the people here were rather depressed and discouraged from the effects of the past several years and the fact that having had student pastors, who upon graduation from the Seminary would decide that the pastures were greener somewhere else and would move on to other



Moderator Curtis Flood (left), shakes hands with Speaker, Dr. Glenn L. Clayton, President of Ashland College, following the Parsonage Mortgage Burning Service at the Mansfield Church.

fields, leaving the church without the guidance they had come to depend upon.

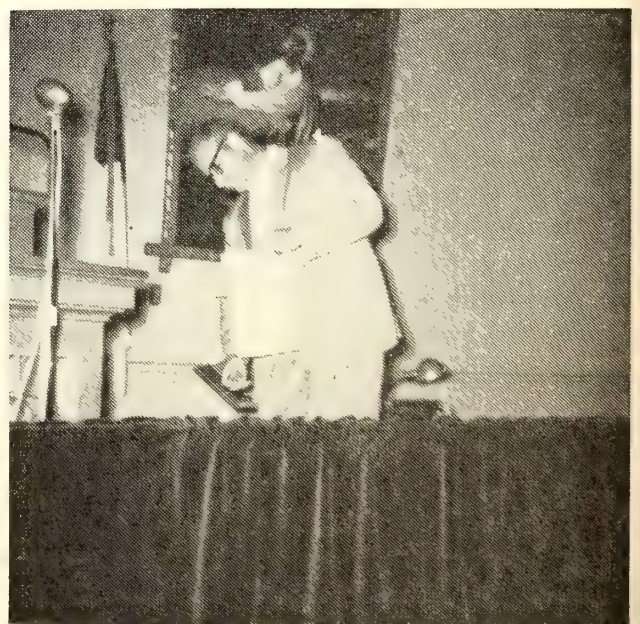
Several left the church as they felt that there was very little hope for the church here. But of those we had left to work with we found that there was a faithfulness that bespoke better things. And today their faith in the church is being fulfilled. The church here is going forward. God is with us in the work and we find we have many workers with a desire to do things.



Joe Gleisinger, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Mansfield Church, (left) presents the paid-off Mortgage to Moderator Curtis Flood.

In the fall of 1959 we had Rev. Charles Munson with us for a week of Bible Lectures. These were well received and helped to establish the people more firmly in their convictions. Then this spring Rev. Claude Stogsdill of West Alexandria, Ohio was with us for two weeks in an Evangelistic Meeting. Much good was accomplished in this service and since that time we have been privileged to baptize and receive into our membership two young people and one married lady who are taking an active interest in the church. These I believe are part of the fruits of the Evangelistic Meetings.

Our Sunday school presented the Christmas Program. The Junior Church has demonstrated their talents to us



Moderator Curtis Flood burns the Mansfield Parsonage Mortgage. The parsonage is located at 508 Bowman St., in Mansfield, Ohio.

a couple of times and then the Sunday school conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School that was successful in spite of the devil's tricks to break it up. Our school advertized that all were welcome to come and as a result we had 17 colored youngsters among our 60 pupils. We are in a mixed neighborhood and we feel we have a responsibility to all around us.

Altogether we feel that much good has been accomplished here and we are looking forward to building a new building in Mansfield, and hope that the one we have can be used as a Brethren Mission for this area.

On Sunday, July 3rd, the Mortgage for the parsonage was burned, as it had been paid off just a couple weeks before. There was much rejoicing and Brother Glenn L. Clayton, our Guest Speaker for the occasion, in speaking of the accomplishment of this project, said we should look upon it as a milestone and not a stopping stone. He challenged the church to strive toward greater projects in the strength of the Lord. In the pictures he is shown shaking hands with the Moderator of the church, Mr. Curtis Flood. Mr. Joe Gleisinger, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, of the church is shown presenting the paid-off Mortgage to the Moderator. And the Moderator is shown burning the Mortgage. Rejoice with us as we look forward to greater work for the Lord here in Mansfield.

Wilbur L. Thomas, Pastor.



WAYNE HEIGHTS BRETHREN CHURCH WAYNESBORO, PENNSYLVANIA

Following the death of Rev. N. V. Leatherman, July 16, pastor of the Wayne Heights Brethren Church, we were asked by the church to be the Interim Pastor. Our home being just outside of Smithsburg, Maryland, and just some 12 minutes away from Wayne Heights, it was very convenient all around. A short period before Rev. Leatherman's death he had asked us to assist in the ordination of Austin Sachs to the office of Deacon. This was done. Not having seen this reported in the *Evangelist*, we now do so. Mr. Sachs is now the efficient superintendent of the Sunday School.

Not being a stranger to the work at Wayne Heights, having spoken there frequently, and practically a neighbor to Rev. Leatherman since last March until the time of his death, we felt very much at home with the fine people there. Rev. Leatherman has done a fine piece of work in leading in the erection of the beautiful church and erecting his own home which now has been taken over by the church for a parsonage. Mrs. Leatherman continues to live in the parsonage as she makes her new adjustments to life.

The people are very appreciative, and are good listeners. They are determined that the work shall go on and continue to grow. From numerous expressions made to us, they are well pleased with the attendance for both Sunday School and the worship service. We can say that they are good listeners and a help to the preacher. It has been our privilege to receive into membership since taking over, two who are active. One is the splendid teacher of the Men's Bible Class.

The leaders are putting their shoulders to the wheel and have planned various activities for the church and

the Sunday School. Before this appears in print, they will have entertained the W. M. S. of the District in the Rally, also the Laymen and the Ministers.

This church, as is no doubt known to many, is located on historical ground as far as the Brethren are concerned. From its location one may view the Mack Farm where the first Macks settled when they came from Germantown, and where the stone-walled cemetery is located where was buried John, brother of Alexander Mack, Jr. Many of the Mack descendants live and prosper in this section of the U. S. A. where they first located so many years ago. The writer feels especially honored to be able to serve among so many who are descendants of the Father of the Brethren Church, and his relatives more or less distant.

Freeman Ankrum,
Smithsburg, Maryland



SARASOTA, FLORIDA

It is always a joy to report advancement in a church, and particularly when such advance has to do with the so-often neglected mid-week prayer services. So this short "Flash" from one of the "new" Brethren Churches is the reflection of such a joy.

The return of the Fall Season impulse in church work finds its expression in the Sarasota church in the great interest which is being found in the Wednesday night prayer and Bible study service. Immediately after the return of Brother Hamel from our General Conference at Ashland the trend began. It started with an attendance of 14, then advanced to 21, on to 27 and then last night (September 28) arose to 35. Of this 35, nineteen have not been regular attendants at the mid-week services. Many of these are new members of the church—local folk who have come into membership since our new pastor has taken charge of the pastorate. Brother Hamel is using the new Brethren book, "Our Faith" as the basis of our studies in the Word.

F. C. Vanator.



PARK STREET BRETHREN CHURCH Ashland, Ohio

The following "thumb-nail sketches" will acquaint the readers with those activities engaged in by the Park Street Brethren Church in recent weeks. It is our hope that these ideas might be helpful as well as informative to all.

RECEPTION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: After special invitations by letter and announcements to both upperclassmen and incoming Freshmen, a reception for these students was held between Sunday School and Church on September 25th. Eighty-five students responded to this opportunity to meet members of the church families and vice-versa. All of the Brethren Students were assigned by "two's" to church families in what we are calling the Church Adoption Plan. These families will encourage their "adopted" students to be

faithful in church attendance, invite them to Communion, and invite them for visits in their homes during their college life. This is another step in hoping to provide a "church home away from home" for students at Ashland College.

BAPTISM AND PASTOR'S CLASS: A Baptismal Service was held on the evening of September 25th for seven candidates. Five of these were children and, joining with the thirteen children baptized last Spring, will form the membership for the Children's Pastor's Class beginning by mid-October and lasting about eight weeks. In this class these new church members will learn about the basic doctrines of the Bible and the ordinances of the Brethren Church.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT: Attendance has more than doubled in the Adult Pastor's Class and Prayer Meeting since beginning the studies in the Brethren Manual of Instruction entitled, "Our Faith," presented at Gen-

eral Conference. In addition to the High School Prayer Group and the Children's Bible Class, a Nursery was added so that more parents might attend this period of study.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS: Under the direction of the Christian Education Committee, the fall course, "Jesus, the Teacher," is being taught by Dr. Bruce Stark of Ashland Theological Seminary. It began on September 26th and will continue for six Monday evenings. On three of these nights there will also be a "methods course" of one-half hour for the Children's Department's Teachers. Regular participation over the past few years in these courses outlined by the National Sunday School Board has greatly increased the effectiveness of our Sunday School in every department.

COMMUNION: Two three-fold Communion services were held on October 2nd, one at 4:00 and the other at 7:30 P.M. This eased the overcrowded condition in our

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

We, as Protestants, believe that Christian citizenship carries with it a duty to uphold freedom of religion, and the separation which guarantees that the State does not control the Church. These are major tenets in our Protestant heritage, and in our heritage as Americans.

We must be careful that we do not lose these heritages. Because we believe in them completely, almost to the point of emphasizing freedom from religion and separation of State from religion, we often fail to protect them as we should. For instance, we often fail to make certain that men who seek public offices are genuinely Christian. We tend to feel that if we inquire too closely concerning a candidate's faith, we are violating the principle of religious freedom.

But as Christians we cannot afford to ignore this question. As Roy Pearson said in a December issue of *Christian Century*: "If a man's religion is relevant to the life he lives on earth, it is also relevant to his politics; and if it is relevant to his politics, if it shapes his ideas and controls his actions, if it provides him with his final standard of judgment in his difficult decisions—then his religion is no less legitimate a subject for investigation than any other portion of his record." The absence of a guiding faith in the make-up of a potential leader is equally as much a concern of any Christian citizen with the welfare of his country at heart.

If a Christian faith that does not believe in freedom of religion is the guiding influence in the life of the candidate, that fact, too, is of concern to the citizen, for if the candidate lives by his faith, it will mean loss of freedom to most Americans. These things are involved in any deep consideration of Christian Citizenship. These are truths well known to the founders of this country; let us make certain that both we ourselves and those who serve this land in our day are fully as devoted Christian citizens.

basement and made it possible for more members and college students to attend comfortably. Also it afforded more opportunities for those with "time conflicts" to attend.

BUILDING EXPANSION: Dr. William Leach, building consultant from Cleveland, Ohio, will be with us for a three-day study session on October 22, 23, and 24th. It is very evident that some alterations need to be made, for recently 43 children were crowded into our Nursery

and Beginner rooms. Dr. Leach will help us determine our needs more specifically and advise us concerning the need of an addition to the church.

EVANGELISM: Rev. Harold Barnett of Lost Creek, Kentucky, and the Riverside Christian Training School will be our speaker for a week of special meetings from November 6-13th. We anxiously await his coming.

These are some ways our church is attempting to "Venture With Christ" this year.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, COOPERATIVE BRETHREN CONDUCT THIRTY-FIRST CONSECUTIVE ANNUAL DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



THE COOPERATIVE BRETHREN CHURCH of Columbus, Ohio, held its Daily Vacation Bible School from July 11th to 22nd. This was the thirty-first consecutive year we have conducted a Vacation Bible School here in Columbus. Our total enrollment was 85, with an average attendance of 77. We have had very good regular attendances throughout the two weeks of our schools. This year, 60 had a perfect attendance record.

On Friday evening, July 22nd, we gave our closing program to a large and appreciative audience. As a part of the program, colored slides were shown of the various activities of the school.

We have afternoon sessions also for the primary and older boys and girls who wish to work on various handicraft projects.

Our Vacation Bible School is a big event in the lives of the children of our Sunday School and Church community. We are truly thankful for the prayers and assistance of all who make it possible for us to have Vacation Bible School year after year. We ask a continued interest in your prayers for the work for the Lord here in Columbus.

D. R. Murray, Pastor.

"God in heaven hath a treasure,
Riches none may count or tell;
Hath a deep eternal pleasure,
Christ, the Son, He loveth well.
God hath here on earth a treasure,
None but He its price may know—
Deep, unfathomable pleasure,
Christ revealed in saints below.

"Oh to be but emptier, lowlier,
Mean, unnoticed, and unknown,
And to God a vessel holier,
Filled with Christ and Christ alone!
Naught of earth to cloud the glory,
Naught of self the light to dim,
Telling forth His wondrous story,
Emptied to be filled with HIM."



GO, LABOR ON

Go, labor on; spend and be spent—
Thy joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still?

Go, labor on: 'tis not for naught,
Thy earthly loss is heavenly gain;
Men heed Thee, love Thee, praise Thee not;
The Master praises—what are men?

Toil on, faint not, keep watch, and pray,
Be wise the erring soul to win;
Go forth into the world's highway,
Compel the wand'rer to come in.

Toil on, and in thy toil rejoice,
For work comes rest, for exile home;
Soon shalt thou hear the Bridegroom's voice,
The midnight peal, "Behold, I come."

—Bonar

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF GRACE accompany salvation by grace (Eph. 2:8-10). We are "redeemed to render;" "saved to serve" (Phil. 2:12,13). To know our Lord's will, and then not do it means punishment (Lu. 12:47,48). Faithfulness to the "doing" of our Lord's will means blessedness (Lu. 12:43,44). The motivation for the doing of Christian duty will be tested (I Cor. 3:12-15). Remember that judgment must begin at the house of God (I Pet. 4:17). Let those who suffer according to the will of God (I Pet. 4:19) have comfort in the promised compensation that awaits them (Rev. 3:10,11). God's rewards are based upon faithfulness and not upon ability (Matt. 25:21,23). But He expects everyone to live up to his own God-given ability (Lu. 12:48). Nothing will escape the all-knowing judgment of our Lord (I Cor. 4:5).

"Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe." Paul labored continually to pay the debt that can never be paid (Rom. 1:14,15). He not only labored for sinners but he also labored for the churches (II Cor. 11:28). The saved have the greatest task on earth to do (Jn. 20:21).

"Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!
The earth with all its fullness is the Lord's;
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime."

When Jesus said, "Son, go work today in my vineyard," (Matt. 21:28), He expected every believer to do just that very thing! He virtually said to His servants, "Occupy till I come" (Lu. 19:13). He did not want us to be "ashamed before Him at His coming" (I Jn. 2:28). We

Christians will have to give an accounting of all that we do (II Cor. 5:10). He wants us to have an "abundant entrance" into His everlasting kingdom (II Pet. 1:11). The glory of the saints will not all be the same (I Cor. 15:41,42a). Christians will be accredited for right doing and they will also "suffer loss" for not doing and for wrong doing (Col. 3:23,25). The Christian who is not fully surrendered to God and His will, will have to face that stubborn lack (Rom. 14:10). If we are unforgiving we can expect to be delivered "to the tormentors" (Matt. 18:34,35), so our Master informed Peter (us). If we fail to forgive, our own forgiveness from God will be cancelled (Matt. 18:32-35).

Too often we glory in the work of another for Christ but have no work of our own (Gal. 6:4,5). Like Peter we may be quick to see what others ought to be doing for Christ (Jn. 21:20-22). It is not spiritual wisdom to think merely of remuneration (Matt. 19:27). Nevertheless, Jesus taught that it pays to serve Him (vs. 28,29). His service renders the only sure and permanent reward (Heb. 10:23; Dt. 7:9). Let us "look to ourselves" (II John 8). Let us not be "weary in well doing" (I Cor. 15:58). Let us be cleansed by the anointing of the blood (Lev. 8:23) for the hearing of the ear (Jn. 10:2b), the work of the hand, and the walk of life (Psa. 24:3-5). Let us "receive power" (Acts 1:8) for doing.

Lesson

Comments

by

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Lesson for October 23, 1960

OUR NEED OF GOD

Lesson: Psalm 42

"I need Thee every hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.
I need Thee every hour, In joy or in pain;
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.
I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee
O bless me now, my Saviour—I come to Thee!"

(Annie S. Hawks)

EVERYONE WHO senses his own insufficiency feels the need of God. The writer of Psalm 42 must have felt this way when he expressed his earnest longing for the living God.

The Psalmist expressed his need of God by his intense desire and thirst for God:

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (vs. 1-2).

How vivid is the Psalmist's description of his desire for God! He paints a scene familiar to the people of his day—a scene so clear that it cannot be misunderstood

"Here is a deer in a barren, waterless land, parched and desperately thirsty, longing for a flowing stream. The heart of the Psalmist, lonely and parched and perhaps a little afraid, longs for God in the same way. This isn't just a vague, intellectual longing, a 'sometimes-I-wish-I-could-be-sure-of-God' sort of thing; it is a deep, throbbing longing for communion with God, for fellowship and intimacy with Him. It is a part of the experience of men" (Frank S. Mead).

Have you ever felt like this about God? Do you feel you need God so much that you could not live without Him? The Psalmist did!

"The object of the Psalmist's desire was the living God. His great longing was not for his home, for earthly gain and material good, nor even simply the Temple and its service; it was for the conscious sense of the presence of God and for communion with God" (W. S. Hottel).

The Psalmist needed God because of the presence of scoffers who denied God:

"When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'... Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, 'Where is thy God?'" (vs. 2, 3, 9, 10—R. S. V.).

All around us are those who try to shake our faith in God. When trial and adversity come our way they suggest that God no longer loves us or cares. We should not listen to them! Trouble and affliction only cause us to see how much we really need Him!

"The Psalmist was in continual sorrow, a sorrow so great that his tears took the place of his daily food. This was a continuous grief—'day and night'... And what aggravated his sorrow was the reproaches of his enemies. They reproached him with being forsaken by his God. These enemies were inhuman heathen, who were ignorant of God and godless, whose taunt added bitter ingredients to his cup of sorrow" (Hottel).

In spite of the Psalmist's inner qualms and doubts, he was confident GOD was his only hope:

"By day the LORD commands His steadfast love; and at night His song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life... Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God" (vs. 8, 11—R. S. V.).

This is not a Psalm of dismay or discouragement! True, the writer had moments of doubt and despondency. But in the end his faith lifted him from the slough of despair to the mountain of hope.

"In verses 8 to 11 the feelings and the faith of the Psalmist ebb and flow; now he is sure of God, now he is not. Now God is his rock; now his enemies seem to have won over God. But, in spite of all this, 'I shall yet praise Him.' That is faith at its highest" (Mead).

Have you ever experienced doubt as did the author of this Psalm? Surely every Christian, at one time or another, has asked "Why?"

"It is no disgrace to have our doubts and our wonderings about God... It is no disgrace to ask 'Why?' in the face of disaster; that word occurs ten times in Psalms 42 and 43!... Doubting is no sin; giving way to doubt is" (Mead).

May we be able to pray with the poet:

"I look to Thee in every need,
And never look in vain;
I feel Thy strong and tender love,
And all is well again:
The thought of Thee is mightier far
Than sin and pain and sorrow are."

(Samuel Longfellow)

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

WHY A TEACHERS' AND OFFICERS' RETREAT? PLANNED, PURPOSEFUL PROGRAMS

A FUNCTIONING CHURCH is made up of many departments and organizations. Each should have a program. Many unrelated programs cause confusion and unnecessary overlapping. To correlate these programs, and to reduce overlapping to a minimum, it is mandatory at some time that those involved sit down to think and to plan. This is why an Officers' and Teachers' Retreat for the over-all study of the church is very important.

Once a year, preferably early in September, all board members, church officers, and all teachers and officers of the Sunday School, should spend a day in planning and proposing programs. A full day is needed to allow ample time. It is wise to get away from the home base so all can objectively look at what is being done in and through the entire church program. This provides an opportunity to take inventory as to why we do what we do, and to learn how it can be done better. The very best speakers and specialists in the respective fields should be invited.

It is wise to adopt a church program for the fall, covering twelve months. This provides for setting aside whole months for specific emphases. For example, October could be training month; November, men's month; January, youth month; March, Sunday School contest; April, evangelism; May, loyalty; June, promotion, etc. Thus, there could be objectives stressed each month. Programs for all organizations and departments should be correlated. Such planning enables the church to be working toward common objectives so as not to divide the interest of the families or organizations.

A variety of interesting programs provides greater participation on the part of the various boards, Sunday School departments or classes and at the same time, all members become conscious of the over-all program of

the entire church. This helps to strengthen the feeling, "This is our church and Sunday School."

One of the greatest benefits of the Annual Planning Program is that a church cannot stay in a rut when purposeful programs are planned, presented, talked over, and adopted by vote: A year's program helps to avoid so-called "seasonable slumps." There is always something going on of special interest to all. This tends to strengthen the church while separate programs and divided interests tend to weaken a church.

Get away for a day to study, to plan, to propose and to pray. Churches that have these Annual Officers' and Teachers' Retreats are churches that are growing and going. Plan now to plan.

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The above article was written by Dr. Elmer Palmer. Dr. Palmer is pastor of the Judson Baptist Church, Oak Park, Illinois.

World Religious News in Review

COMMUNISTS STRIKE VIETNAM MISSION STATION

DANANG, Vietnam (EP)—Twelve armed Communist guerrillas attacked the jungle station of missionaries with the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade here, killing the Christian chief, kidnapping his grand-daughter and leading a National Vietnamese preacher into the jungle with a rope around his neck.

The Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Smith, who reported the news, said that four other Communists entered the guest house for traveling aborigines, and threatened a Vietnamese woodcutter with violence if he continued working for Catholic priests who were exploiting the timber for their ends.

The kidnapped chief had been living in a village of five houses 200 yards off the main road. Four Communists entered his house and commanded him to follow them. He refused, so they tried to kill him. Their pistol would not fire, however, so they twisted his neck until he died.

The Smiths rushed to the village when they heard the news, found the wife of National Pastor Thanh Hiep overcome with grief, but desirous of getting a minister as soon as possible to carry on the work in her husband's place.

SOCIOLOGIST SAYS U. S. CATHOLIC POPULATION WILL DOUBLE IN THIRTY YEARS

A Notre Dame University sociologist told a recent convention at Fordham University that the Catholic

population of the U. S. is "growing minimally twice as fast as the general population." He said it will double to more than 86 million in 30 years, and noted that while the general population increased 16.6 per cent between 1950 and 1959, the number of American Catholics had risen 35.8 per cent.

"The Catholic population," said Dr. Donald N. Barrett, "is growing almost three times as fast as the numbers of sisters and seminarians. It is growing twice as fast as priests and almost four times as fast as parishes."

Dr. Barrett maintained that if the Catholic population in the U. S. continues at this present rapid pace, important changes in Church organization and personnel would be required. There must be a great increase in the number of Catholic colleges, high schools and elementary schools, he said, and if the present decline in the number of Catholics going into convents and seminaries continues the Church will have to enlist the services of lay people in new and broader manners. (EP)

GOING TO CUBA?

The U. S. State Department has released the following statement regarding Cuba:

"During recent weeks and in the light of certain conditions now existing in Cuba, the Department of State has received a number of inquiries from American citizens asking whether they might expect to encounter

undue hazard or inconvenience if they were to travel to that country.

"While travel facilities at this time remain fully available, the Department nevertheless desires to warn American travelers that they should take particular care while in Cuba to avoid activities or statements which might be construed by Cuban government agents to be of political nature. They should take care, also, to have their travel documentation in order and to avoid infractions of emergency laws or new regulations such as those relating to currency controls, unauthorized use of cameras or visits to restricted areas within Cuba. It is further pointed out that all travelers to Cuba are invited to make known their presence to the Embassy in Havana or to the Consulate in Santiago."

PRIESTS' CAROUSAL HALTED

Irish priests with a whim for an occasional bet at the dog races or a draught of liquor were hit by a new regulation of the Roman Catholic Church: beginning Nov. 1, the edict said, there will be no more drinking in hotel lounges and bars; dog tracks and horse races are off limits; and there will be no more owning greyhounds or race horses. (EP)

NEW ORLEANS CHURCHES 'INTEGRATED'

NEW ORLEANS (EP)—"Six or seven" churches were successfully "integrated" by Negroes here on Sunday, Sept. 11, and there were indications that Negroes would plan to attend other white churches in succeeding weeks.

A white spokesman who accompanied the Negroes declared, "We were planning to leave if the ushers had asked us to." He added, "We want to find out which churches are ready and willing to establish fellow-

ship with all individuals, regardless of race."

The Negroes were greeted "very warmly" by most of the churches integrated today, he said.

The specific churches were not named to "prevent embarrassment to them." It was known, however, that denominations involved were Methodist, Baptist and Roman Catholic.

NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT ENDORSES MISSION HANDBOOK

LAGOS, Nigeria (EP)—Officials of Nigeria's predominantly Muslim-staffed Ministry of Education have publicly endorsed the Sudan Interior Mission's new **Handbook for School Managers**.

In a note to the country's education officers, the ministry's permanent secretary wrote: "I strongly urge that anyone concerned with the administration or inspection of primary education should possess a copy."

This wholehearted endorsement, Protestant leaders say, is an indication of the regional government's confidence in the mission schools which are responsible for 35 per cent of the education of the region's 18 million people.

The Federal Prime Minister stated in the House of Representatives several months ago that "missions can look back with satisfaction on many notable education successes." Dr. E. E. Esua, secretary general of the Nigerian Union of Teachers, reportedly a Christian, has said that "through Christian education the whole standard of life and conduct of the people has been raised. There is scarcely a leader in Nigeria today who does not owe at least part of his education to the church."

FAMILIAR NOTE: CHURCH CONSTRUCTION STILL ON RISE

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—For the first time in history, church construction in the U. S. has exceeded \$90 million in a single month.

The record was reached during August, when U. S. Census Bureau totals showed a high of \$94 million.

This exceeded by \$4 million the single-month record (\$90 million) set in August, 1959, and topped the July totals by \$6 million.

Church construction for the first eight months of this year totaled \$659 million. While this was slightly

below the billion-dollar-a-year level predicted for 1960, it was still eight per cent ahead of the same period a year ago.

BIBLE SCHOOLS CHARGED WITH MISREPRESENTATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The Federal Trade Commission has charged three affiliated concerns in Rockford, Ill., with misrepresentation in selling correspondence and home study courses in Bible, theology and philosophy.

Its complaint cited The Colonial Academy, Inc., The Pioneer Theological Seminary, and National Association of Bible Schools, Inc., all of 122 Concord Ave., Rockford. Also named were the concerns' officials, Verna L., Carl C., and Robert J. Hansen.

The FTC alleged that respondents have falsely represented in advertising and otherwise that Colonial Academy and Pioneer Seminary are non-profit residence schools with trained faculty to teach accredited undergraduate and graduate courses in Bible, theology and philosophy. Actually, its complaint charged Colonial and Pioneer are corporations engaged in the sale for profit of correspondence and home study courses and diplomas.

The complaint maintained that the National Association of Bible Schools is not a recognized accrediting agency for Bible schools, but a corporation organized by the individual respondents to accredit their own correspondence schools for the purpose of attempting to give them respectability. It further asserted that respondents' honorary diplomas are not conferred for educational or ministerial achievement, as claimed, but are given to anyone willing and able to pay for them.

Respondents were granted 30 days to file answer to the complaint.

ON BARTENDERS AND CLERGYMEN:

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP) — It probably will come as no surprise, but ...the United States has fewer clergymen than it has bartenders.

Bartenders? 193,467.

Clergymen? 167,471.

These not-so-startling-but-thought-provoking statistics are contained among many others on occupations and professions in the annual edition of the Statistical Abstract of the United States, published by the Census Bureau.

RUSSIA IN NEW DRIVE AGAINST 'RELIGIOUS SUPERSTITIONS'

MOSCOW (EP)—Pravda, official organ of the Communist party, has announced a nation-wide campaign against "manifestations of bourgeois ideology"—including "religious superstitions."

It called for a "crushing blow to the private property trends, lack of political interest, to remnants of nationalism, religious superstitions and other manifestations of bourgeois ideology."

"A very important place in ideological work," it said, "must be given to the thorough explanation of peaceful Leninist foreign policy of the Soviet Union to the struggle against revisionists and dogmatic and left-wing sectarian deviations."

EXAMPLE OF RISING CHURCH COSTS

NEW YORK (EP)—Have church decorating costs gone up? Anyone who doubts it should consider the experience of Holy Cross Catholic Church in New York City.

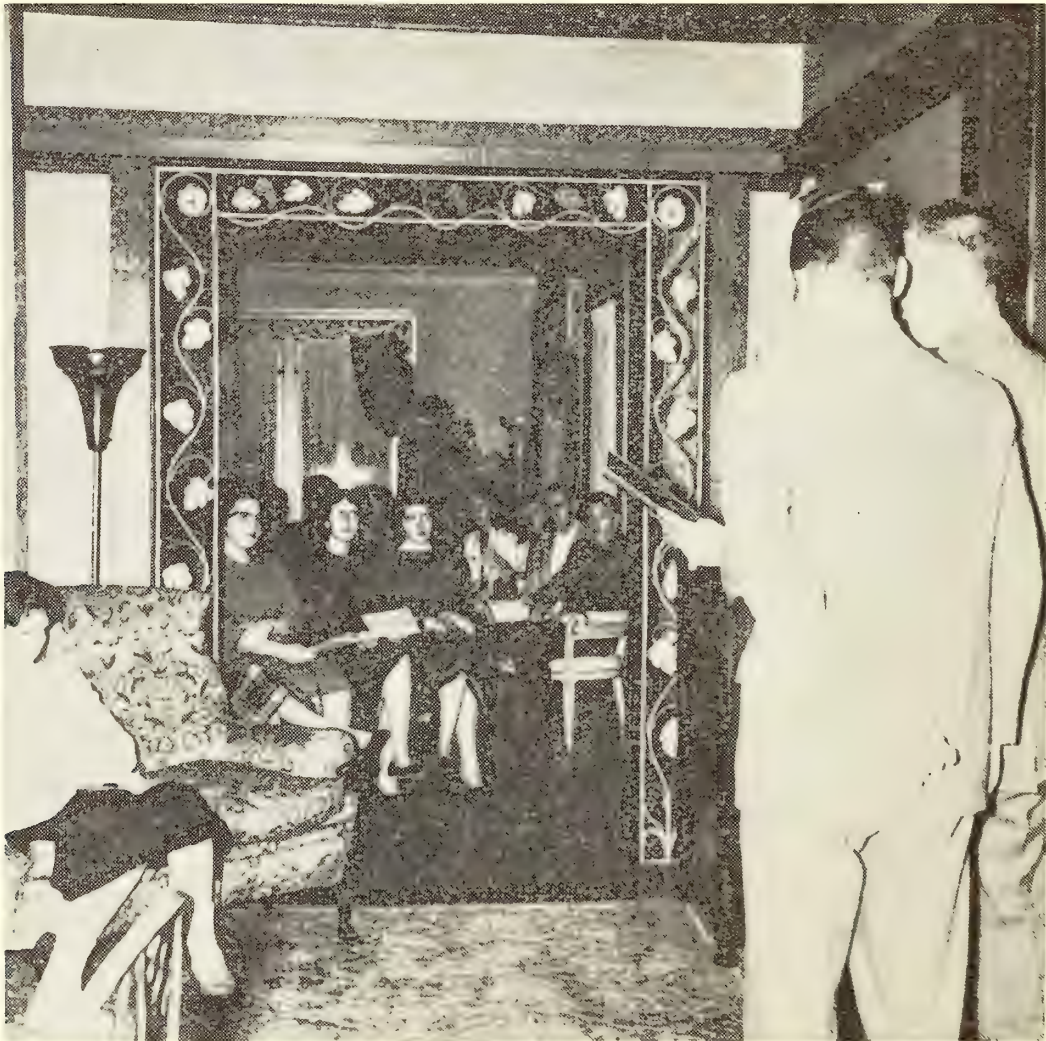
A recent redecorating job on the 108-year-old church cost \$30,000—and this was just \$10,000 more than the original cost of the land, the church, school and rectory all combined.

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**NEWS FROM
BRETHREN YOUTH**
Marlin McCann, Youth Director

Tongue Twister: A BIG BLACK BUG SPIT BLACK
BLOOD ON A BLACKBOARD.

PIC OF THE MONTH!



**BRETHREN COLLEGE DAYS
ASHLAND COLLEGE CAMPUS
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N. E. OHIO JUNIOR B. Y. C. RALLY
OCTOBER 22, 1960
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NOTICE:

Southeastern District Youth Rally
Maurertown, Virginia
November 12, 1960
Time: 3 o'clock to 8:00 o'clock
Theme: "Channel BYR Presents"
Speaker: Mr. Walter Wertz,
Conemaugh, Pennsylvania

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

NUCLEAR POWER — GOD'S POWER

DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, in his book, "Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy", tells the legend of Prometheus, who sought to steal the secret of the fire of the gods and was chained to a rock the rest of his life as punishment. "Our generation," says Dr. Kissinger, "has succeeded in stealing the fire of the gods and is doomed to live with the horror of its achievement."

In such a time as this, we have the age-old, but abiding call from God: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The Call: "If My people. . . will pray. . ."

We have little power apart from prayer, but all power is available to us through prayer. Will you, wherever you are, dedicate some time each day for this year, to pray? We, His people who have been called by His name, will be drawn closer to each other and closer to Him, and closer to His power.

The Conditions: "If My people. . . will humble themselves and turn from their wicked ways. . ."

To be humble is not easy. Secretly, do we not pride ourselves that we "are not as others"? What wicked ways? Selfishness, an unforgiving spirit, disobedience, neglect of God's word, even neglect of prayer. All these, we must remember, describe us. The clear condition is for us—not the world, but God's people—to turn from their wicked ways.

The Sure Victory: "...I will forgive their sin and heal their land..."

Through nuclear power, God has given us the means within our own hands to destroy ourselves—or to live abundantly. We can face such awesome responsibility only "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways..."

Selected.

Items of General Interest

ST. LUKE, VIRGINIA. Brother Robert Hoffman was the scheduled speaker for a week of services in the St. Luke church the week of September 26th.

BETHLEHEM, VIRGINIA. Pastor John Locke notes that at a special service in the Bethlehem church, Miss Carolyn Logan told of her experiences as a volunteer worker in Sardinia, Italy this summer, and Miss Linda Logan told of her summer work at the Krypton Mission.

MASONTOWN, PENNA. Two new members were added to the church, making, according to Brother David L. Ramsel, six new members during the past several weeks.

Dr. J. Raymond Schmidt was the speaker in the Masontown church on October 2nd.

NORTH GEORGETOWN, OHIO. Pastor Richard Allison notes the baptism and reception of six new members on September 18th.

LOREE, INDIANA. Brother W. E. Thomas has been holding evangelistic services in the Loree church, assisted by Brother Austin Gable. The services began on October 2nd.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. Three new members were received by baptism on September 25th.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Six new members were received into membership of the church on September 25th.

SOMEONE'S WATCHING

Leaders in church work must be above reproach in their conduct at work, at home, and at church. They must ever be alert to their actions because they are known as church workers and Christians.

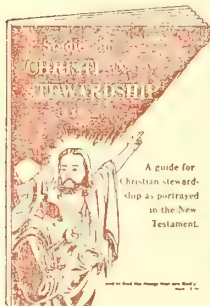
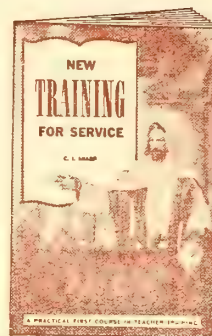
They are expected to be above the average person in their daily living, and most of them are. But occasionally a church worker inadvertently does something that attracts attention—and causes others to falter. Since church leaders are watched and their examples followed, they ought to be ever mindful of the places their feet walk, the words their tongues speak, and their companions.

—Belevue Baptist

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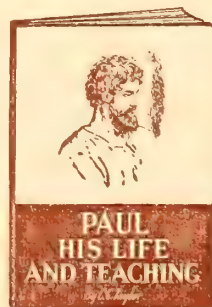
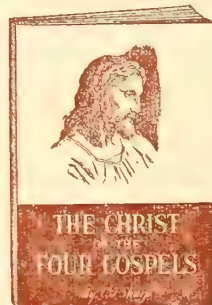
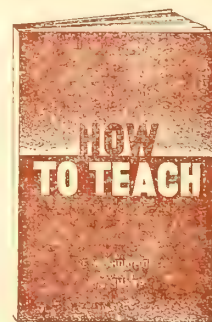
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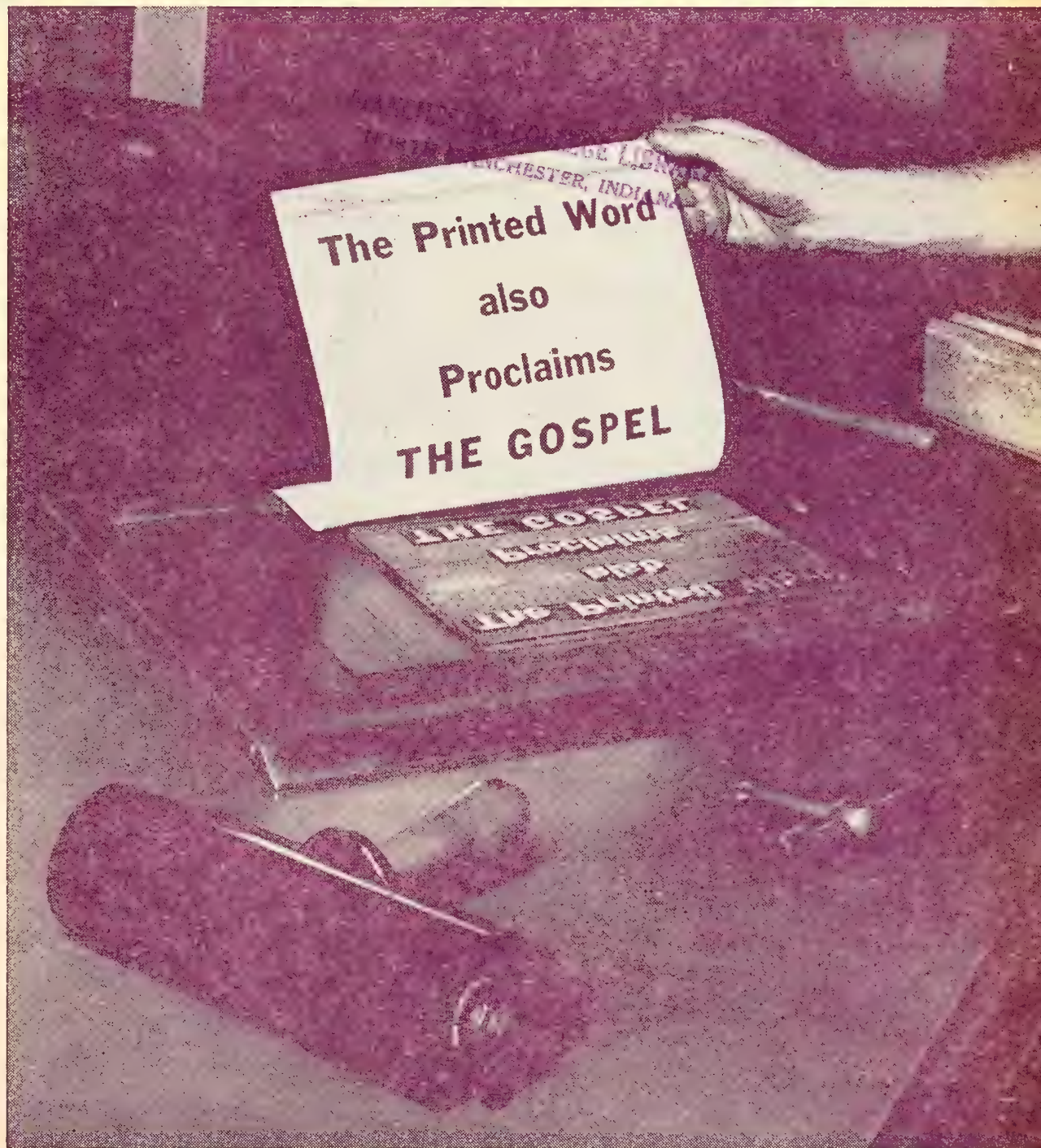
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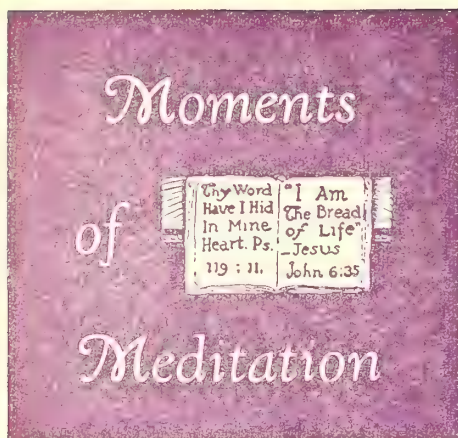


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ALL THINGS...FOR GOOD

By Mary R. Simcoe

He said, "All things," not some things
Are working for our good.
Though hidden now and all unknown,
Their blessed working shall be shown.

We may accept the joyous
And feel this worketh well,
But if the sun should always glare
What fruits would plant or orchard
bear?

God has His ways of working,
Perfect and always right.
He's not a despot off somewhere,
But watching with a father's care.

Oh, yes, "All things are working!"
The sweet and bitter, too.
The dark and bright, the shine and
shower
Are guided by His love and power.

* * *

THE SURRENDERED WILL

"The Holy Ghost...given to them
that obey" (Acts 5:32).

The surrendered will and life is
the great secret of receiving the Holy
Ghost. All turns upon this. We may
deal with individual sins, and we
may cry to God for the filling of the
Holy Ghost, but unless there is total

surrender to God at the center of
our being, unless we yield ourselves
to God, nothing is likely to come of it.
Many have longed, and prayed, and
agonized that the Holy Spirit might
come upon them, but He came not.
There was no yielding of self to God!

And then they have yielded them-
selves to God. They have bowed their
faces and said: "O God, I yield, I
give myself up utterly to Thee. I
place myself unreservedly at Thy dis-
posal. I hold nothing back, and I hold
back from nothing that Thou biddest."
and, as they have bowed, the Holy
Ghost has fallen upon them.—R. A.
Torrey.

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JUST ANYTHING

A minister was in a bookstore one
day when a woman came in to buy
a book. When asked as to the kind
of book she wanted, she replied, "Oh,
just anything." So the clerk handed
her a worthless story. She rapidly
glanced through the book, and then
said, "That looks good. I will take
it."

A half hour later the minister was
in the meat market when that same
woman came in and demanded a
steak. She scornfully refused the first
cut and the second that were offered,
insisting rather loudly upon "the best
that you have." When she finally re-
ceived and paid for a most expensive
cut, she announced for all to hear, "I
am particular about what I eat."

Is it not too frequently true that
many people feed their bodies upon
the best, while their mind and soul
are fed upon "just anything"—worth-
less and pernicious though it be?

If we would grow spiritually we
must read, first of all, the Word
of God, next the most spiritual books
we can find—books that contain rug-
ged truths and uphold holy stand-
ards.—Selected.

LOOK BEYOND

Rev. H. E. M. Snyder

"Looking unto Jesus" (Heb. 12:2)
When in trouble and despair,
And you're pressed with anxious care
When you've given up all hope,
And you've reached the end of the
rope,

Look beyond!

Incidents happen you can't explain
Mysteries deepen and knot the skein
But, though your wounds may moun-
to seven,
Christ will heal them all in heaven
Look beyond!

Diamonds in the rough are we;
Cut and polish us must He;
Yield your life to His kind will;
Worry not, my child, be still;
Look beyond!

Child of God, remember this:
Not one thing can go amiss;
When your life is in God's hand,
He will make it like His plan;
Look beyond!

Clouds will pass away at last;
Brighter days are coming fast;
God will shout to storms: "Adjourn!"
Sun will shine, and joy return;
Look beyond!

There—death meets its last defeat
There—our loved ones wait to greet
There—our wounds forever healed
There—our Saviour's face revealed
Look beyond!

—Gospel Herald.



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The Editor's Pulpit

Protestant Press Month

EVANGELICAL PUBLICATIONS are, this month, giving special emphasis to the power and the value of the printed page. October, annually, is the month for this emphasis, and, this year, for the Brethren, such emphasis is very timely. In a few short months, we will be launched on what can easily be called, the greatest Venture With Christ in Brethren Publications.

Only the uninformed and the completely disinterested persons can disregard the power of the printed word. Much emphasis has been given in recent years to the dynamic impacts which the new media, radio and television, were making upon the minds and lives of people. Yet as much as these avenues of communication have risen in power and influence, they have not in any way lessened the power of the printed page. In fact, total newspaper and magazine circulation continues to mount. People seem to be reading more today than ever. The important question this month is: "What are they reading?"

Here is where the Christian publication comes in for consideration. Every ungodly force in our country and in the world is using the printed word to influence people. Communism is forcefully placing in the hands of the world's teeming population the most expensive and the most attractive literature that can be printed, supporting their cause. And that at a fraction of its cost. Our newsstands are flooded with cheap, trashy, lust-inspiring literature to feed the depraved minds of men and women. What are we Christians doing about it? What are we Brethren doing about it?

Our Brethren leaders have not been asleep on this matter. To better serve the Brethren, and to better spread the message of the Gospel, new steps have been taken. Your church paper, **The Brethren Evangelist**, will take on a new look and a new format the first of the year. This will be a giant step toward becoming what we trust in the not-too-distant future, will be a first-class Christian family magazine for the Brethren. By the cooperative efforts of our various publications, in uniting them into one magazine, **The Evangelist** will, this January, become a church paper worthy of the highest respect and usage by the Brethren.

What is needed now is the full support by each local Brethren church. In view of the tons of poisonous literature which pour into our homes each year in the guise of daily and Sunday newspapers, national weeklies, etc., it is not too much to expect each Brethren home to receive **The Evangelist**. For many homes, it represents the **ONLY** piece of Christian literature to ever enter the family circle. Remembering that everything we read has its lasting influence upon us, can we deny to our church members, or to ourselves, this wholesome Christian literature each week?

The ideal is, of course, as many of our churches are doing—100% coverage of the membership with **The Evangelist**. This is the ultimate, and until such a time as all of our churches join in this plan, there is still work to be done by local church leaders and pastors. There is also a more important related need to be met, and that is to promote **The Evangelist** among the members of the church. To subscribe to **The Evangelist** (100% or otherwise) is one thing; to encourage the reading of it, and the use of the materials therein, is something else. Since, in **The Evangelist**, we are seeking to promote the church program, and to present materials for the enrichment of devotional life and spiritual growth, it is well to have attention called to the magazine from time to time in the services of each church. If necessary, in homes where it is not usually read, a phone call or a visit by some church leader, in which attention is called to a particular article or feature in the magazine, might prove to be a turning point in that family's interest in **The Evangelist**.

Promotion of **The Evangelist** on the local level will do much to guarantee its success as a church paper. In this, Protestant Press Month, on the eve of a great, new Venture With Christ in Brethren Publications, we find an excellent time for all Brethren to focus attention on the publication of our church paper.

Considering that the whole program of the Brethren's witness to the Gospel of Christ rests on what happens to the printed page, we can do no less than support our new publication program 100%! W.S.B.

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PRESENTING CHRIST AT KRYPTON

James Sluss

DURING the past summer I had the opportunity of serving the Lord at our Brethren mission station in Krypton, Kentucky. As I write to the brethren about the work at Krypton, I would like to refer to the message which Paul wrote to the Corinthians concerning his work at Ephesus. This is what Paul said:

For a wide door of opportunity for effectual (service) has opened to me (there)—one great and promising—and many adversaries. (I Cor. 16:9 Amplified N. T.)

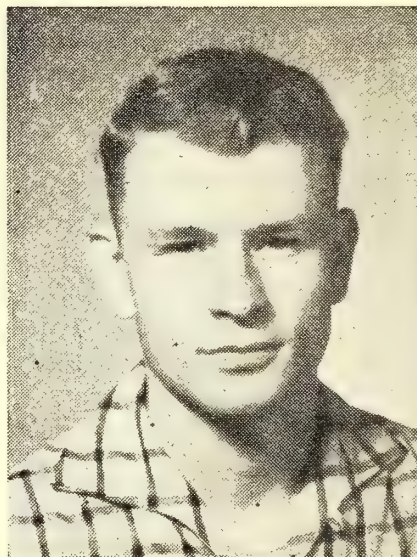
In Krypton I found that a wide door of opportunity for Christian service was open to me. Immediately I began to realize this, as the Brethren Youth Crusaders and I helped Margaret Lowery conduct five weeks of Bible school in Krypton and in three other locations farther up in the mountains. Through these Bible schools we had the opportunity to reach approximately 130 or more boys and girls with the Gospel.

Still more, when I viewed the physical and spiritual needs of these people and realized my obligation to prepare my heart with a message which through the Holy Spirit would meet their needs, I understood how wide was the opportunity of service. Here a real opportunity was offered through the various Sunday school and church services as well as through the services held for the sick and aged.

It was uplifting to see that in some ways this was being accomplished, as we experienced the eternally precious harvest of one who accepted Christ as Saviour and another who re-dedicated her life. This truly was an outward indication that the Word of God has been and is continually being planted in the hearts of men by the Holy Spirit, through Krypton's only missionary worker, Margaret Lowery. She has accepted the challenge of this wide door of Christian service. But, as I witnessed, this door of opportunity leads to tasks too huge for any one person to handle adequately. There is so much to be done.

Also there are many adversaries, as was the case with Paul's work with the Ephesians. Satan's presence can be felt as he tries to shatter the Lord's work. This is very evident as one observes the indifference of the people to the daily living of the Gospel. But in spite of the power of Satan, I can say with assurance, the work at Krypton is great and promising as was the work with the Ephesians.

As one first glances at the town of Krypton, he would not think this could be said, for he can no longer see this town as it once was with its 1,000 people engaged in mining. Instead one must view a vacated mining town



James P. Sluss (Jim) is a senior pre-seminary student at Ashland College. He spent the entire summer at Krypton, Kentucky, bringing messages at the church services, taking charge of the Sunday school at Dunraven, and helping in various phases of the missionary program. We hear by the grapevine that this "Man Friday" for Miss Lowery enjoyed the summer's work very much and was quite well received by the people at Krypton.

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with only a dozen homes left in use. But there are still men and women, boys and girls in Krypton and in the surrounding hollows who need a salvation which will change their lives. There are still Christians who need to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The door of opportunity is wide to spread the Gospel in Krypton; the work is great and promising. Satan has his adversaries working to close the door, and there is a challenge for someone to help keep the door of opportunity open. I pray that soon someone will hear the call of the Lord to help with this work.

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MISHAWAKA TURNS GROUND

The Reverend C. A. Stewart conducted the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Mishawaka Brethren Church on Sunday afternoon, October 9. A group of seventy-five people, representing several of the nearby Brethren churches, were present to participate in the ceremony.

Official representatives from the Indiana District Mission Board and the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church brought greetings. Several of the Indiana Brethren pastors shared in the program.

Pastor Stewart called the people to a complete dedication of their lives before proceeding to dedicate the ground upon which the church is to be built.

The Mishawaka congregation, which has a total of 23 members, raised approximately \$1,600 for their building fund during the morning service.

Regular Sunday services are being held in the North Side School which is located on Route 20 and within a few blocks of the church site.

The Ten Dollar Club receipts from the current call will go toward the construction of this new church.—W. C. B.



ELDER RALPH E. MILLER, SR.

ELDER RALPH E. MILLER, SR. passed to the life beyond on Tuesday, September 20, 1960. He had been ill for more than two years with a malignancy of the bone called multiple myeloma. Brother Miller was born July 19, 1902. He was a member of the National Brethren Ministerial Association since 1947, and served Brethren pastorates at Mexico and College Corner, Indiana. Services for Brother Miller were held on September 23rd at the Lincolnville E. U. B. church, with Dr. K. K. Merryman, and Brother Glenn Grumbling officiating. Interment was made in Center Grove Cemetery. Prayers and assurance of the promises of eternal life in the blessed hope in Christ Jesus, our Lord, are made in behalf of the loved ones who remain.

COMING EVENTS

BURLINGTON, INDIANA. Fall Revival—Oct. 24—Nov. 6—Rev. Spencer Gentle, Evangelist; Rev. Elmer M. Keck, Pastor.

NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA. Homecoming—Oct. 23—Afternoon program in charge of the Mennonite Crusaders' Quartette from Shipshewana. Evangelistic services—beginning Oct. 24—Rev. Percy C. Miller, Evangelist; Rev. W. E. Thomas, Pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO (Park Street Brethren). Evangelistic Services—Nov. 6-13—Rev. Harold E. Barnett, Evangelist; Rev. Phil Lersch, Pastor.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Revival Services—Nov. 6-20—Rev. J. G. Dodds, Pastor-Evangelist.

CENTER CHAPEL, INDIANA. Revival Meetings—Oct. 24-Nov. 5—Rev. John Mishler, Evangelist; Dana Hartong, Pastor.

WATERLOO, IOWA. Harvest Home—Oct. 23—Rev. H. H. Rowsey, Pastor.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA (Ardmore). Homecoming and Mortgage Burning—Oct. 23—Rev. C. William Cole, Pastor.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT LAYMEN'S RALLY

St. James, Maryland, Brethren Church
October 22, 1960

Business Meeting, 5:00; Banquet, 6:00
Daylight Time

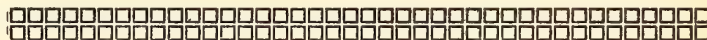
Speaker: Jim Resh, of the Union Rescue Mission, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Items of General Interest

LOST CREEK, KENTUCKY. David Earl Barnett made his appearance at 11:26 P.M. on September 21st, in the home of Brother and Sister Harold E. Barnett of Lost Creek. David weighed in at 8 lbs., 14 oz., and is adored by the three other children, according to a card received recently. Congratulations to the Barnetts on the new arrival.

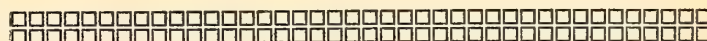
VINCO, PENNA. Brother D. C. White was guest speaker in the Vinco pulpit at morning and evening services on October 2nd.

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NOTE TO PASTORS AND CHURCH SECRETARIES

Copies of the new edition of the Manual of Procedure of General Conference have been mailed. In churches having pastors, two copies were mailed to him; one for the pastor, and one is to be given to the church secretary. One copy was mailed to the secretary of churches not having a pastor.





What's Doing in the Churches



PLEASANT VIEW (W. VANDERGRIFT) BRETHREN CHURCH

It was the writer's privilege to serve with the Pleasant View Brethren Church, for the two weeks, August 29th to September 11th, and their capable and aggressive Pastor, Rev. James I. Naff, in special services. The fifteen messages were devoted to a chapter-to-chapter study of the Acts of the Apostles.

In only a few instances, we were told, did any "unsaved" persons attend, and there were no "visible" conversions or reconsecrations. But, "the faithful" of the church were persevering in their attendance. Several assured us that they had received information and inspiration from this repeated and closer study of the one historical book of the New Testament. The average attendance for the thirteen evening services was thirty-eight. Every service, the choir brought an inspirational praise period with special numbers, which were greatly appreciated.

That the spiritual life of the Church has been pulsating was evidenced by the baptism, on the Sunday afternoon the series closed, of five young people, who had previously made their public confession and acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. They were a teen-age brother and sister from two families and a young wife and mother. The fortnight of services closed with the three-fold Communion services in which twenty-two sisters and nineteen brothers participated.

It was this Pastor's third opportunity to fellowship with the Vandergrift Brethren in revival and evangelism services. And—what progress they have made since 1948! A modern and ample, yet conservative edifice is being completed on Kepple Hill, a splendid exclusive residential section, which does credit, both to the vision and stewardship of the local congregation, and to the brotherhood as well. While they are worshiping in the completed basement, the exterior brick superstructure has been completed, and much of the interior carpenter work. It is the hope to complete the sanctuary by next summer. This will provide pulpit and choir platform, ample seating, balcony, Sunday school class rooms and other facilities. They are building with a view to providing ample room for expansion, and for greater efficiency. May the Lord continue richly to bless their progress, spiritually and materially.

The Pastor is the son of a Brethren minister, Rev. Paul Naff, of McGayheyville, Va., a former Pastor of West Vandergrift Brethren Church, and he is married to a daughter of one of the pillar families of the church, the Charles B. Lowmasters. From "the grapevine" we were assured he is beloved by the church, in this the

fourth year of his tenure. We understand he and the congregation have a "gentleman's agreement" that they will serve together until the church edifice is completed and dedicated, and as long afterwards, as mutually satisfactory.

He is a middler in Ashland Theological Seminary, and while in school, the Naffs and two children live in Ashland. He makes the three hundred and fifty miles round trip each weekend to minister to the church.

We were graciously entertained in the hospitable home of the congregation, and congenially lodged with the David Rosensteels. Constructive calls were made during the afternoons. Again we thank the Pleasant View Brethren Church for providing a most enjoyable two weeks for witnessing, and for the generous love gift. May the Lord continue richly to bless all.

William S. Crick



MISSIONARY RALLY AT MEXICO, INDIANA

August sixth and seventh were the dates of an inspiring missionary rally at the Mexico, Indiana, Brethren Church. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Byler and their family of Argentina, and Miss Betty Kennedy, also of Argentina, were the visiting missionaries. The cooperating churches were Burlington, Center Chapel, College Corner, Corinth, Denver, Kokomo, Loree, Peru, Roann and the hostess church, Mexico.

Services were held Saturday and Sunday. After a hymn, Scripture, and prayer the program at each service was turned over to the Bylers who furnished all the special music. What a blessing it was to listen to Robert, Jane, Susan, David, Stephen, Rebecca and Elizabeth sing one beautiful song after another. Messages were given at various times by Rev. Byler, Mrs. Byler and Miss Kennedy.

The speakers did not give a resume of ancient history or of feats already accomplished. They spoke in faith and optimism of God's work in Argentina. They gave us a vision of great territories begging to be claimed for the Lord, and challenged us to thrust in the sickle and reap the waiting harvest. We were stirred to the point where we believe that the possibility of our own radio station in Argentina is well within our ability as a denomination to accomplish.

The God-honoring fervency of the Bylers, little and big, stirred our hearts. It was an inspiring time for all of us.

The success of the rally was due to several things: the missionary workers were filled with zeal and love for the Lord. They were given the full time.

The Mexico church, pastor and people, prayed, worked and did a good job of advertising. Some folks, not Brethren, drove long distances to the services after having heard the announcements on the radio.

The neighboring Brethren churches responded to the call, and came in gratifying numbers. The church at Mexico is a good-sized building, and it was filled to capacity. Sunday school rooms were opened and all available chairs were pressed into use. Extra chairs had been brought in prior to the meeting.

So we see what can be done when the Brethren all get together. It makes people realize that there are more of us than they thought, that we are richer than they thought, and that we are more united than they thought. This last sentence was borrowed from one of Byler's messages.)

When we want a fire to burn we begin by raking all the embers together. It is a good receipt to set a denomination on fire for God.

The pastors in attendance were Elmer Keck, Glenn Grumbling, Bright Hanna, George Hapner, Austin Gable, Horace Huse, John Turley and Floyd Sibert. Herbert Gilmer was doing his missionary bit at Lost Creek that week.

The immediate financial response was \$448.28 in cash and \$85.00 in pledges.

Mrs. Joseph Berkheiser,
Corresponding Secretary,
Mexico, Indiana.

Laid to Rest

PHILLIPS. Mrs. Hazel Phillips passed to her eternal reward Aug. 4th. Member of the Louisville, Ohio, Brethren Church since her teen years. Survived by a son, four brothers and one sister. Funeral services at the church by her pastor.

L. V. King.

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OYSTER. U. Earl Oyster passed to his eternal home, July 9th. Member of the Louisville, Ohio, Brethren Church since 1912. Survived by his wife, one son, and a twin sister. Funeral services by his pastor.

L. V. King.

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FRAVEL. Mrs. Lula May Wisman Fravel, 73, passed away Sept. 27th. Member of the St. Luke Brethren Church, Woodstock, Virginia. She was the daughter of the late beloved pastor of the St. Luke church, Rev. P. W. Wisman. Funeral services in charge of the undersigned assisted by Rev. Kenneth E. Bishop. Interment, St. Luke Cemetery.

John F. Locke.

Wedding Announcement

KARAS-DERRY. The wedding of Betty Karas and Ronald Derry was held at the First Brethren Church, Louisville, Ohio, on Sept. 24, 1960. A large number of relatives and friends was present for the double ring ceremony which was read by the pastor. Betty and Ronald are members of the Louisville church.

L. V. King, Pastor.

The Word of God known in mind, heart, and experience, prepares and fits unto every good work.

CURSE GOD — OR ELSE . . .

Children behind the Iron Curtain are made to stand up and curse God. The rulers believe that this will stop people from believing in God at all. If all the children are taught that there is no God, they are grown up. In time, everyone would come to believe that there is no God.

One day a teacher in a certain school in East Germany told the children to stand up and say, "There is no God." In that class there was one girl, eight years old, who knew for a fact that there is a God. Did not her mother and father pray to Him? Hadn't she herself prayed to Him? And hadn't He answered their prayers many times? Didn't that prove there is a God? To her it did, so she refused to stand up and curse the One who looked after her family so well.

The teacher was very annoyed with her, but nothing he said could make her say, "There is no God." At last, in desperation, he said, "Go home and write fifty times, 'There is no God'! Then bring me your paper in the morning."

The girl went home and told her mother what had happened. The mother did not say a word, because she was afraid of the Communists. However, she prayed. That night the girl sat down and wrote fifty times, "Es gibt DOCH ein Gott" (There IS a God).

The next morning she handed her paper to the teacher. No sooner had his eye caught the words than he flew into a rage. He told her to go home and write five hundred times, "There is NO God," or he would do "otherwise" to her. The girl knew quite well what "otherwise" meant — death. Still, she was not upset. She went home and told her father what had happened.

He looked at his brave little daughter approvingly and, with a calmness equal to hers, said, "Tomorrow we shall both see the superintendent of the school. Do not worry about it any more."

That night the little girl went to sleep without an anxious thought. She knew that God would take care of her. Wasn't He real? And hadn't He looked after her before?

The next morning she and her father went to school together. They saw the superintendent and told him the trouble they were in.

The superintendent smiled, then said, "Little girl, your teacher was killed in a motorcycle accident yesterday. The matter is finished."

The Word of God says, "Them that honour Me I will honour, and they that despise Me shall be lightly esteemed" (I Samuel 2:30).

—Prairie Overcomer

October is

Protestant Press Month

Wanted: More Readers

IF THE APOSTLE PAUL were living in our day, he certainly would be in full sympathy with the aims of Protestant Press Month currently being observed by evangelical publications. In his own day the peerless missionary employed the best methods available. It was an era of letter writing, so he wrote significant letters to individuals and churches. And those letters of his which have been preserved under the guidance of the Holy Spirit make up about half of the New Testament.

With compelling words Paul enlisted help in reaching the widest possible audience and readership for his written messages. In the earliest writing from his inspired pen, he declared it to be God's command that his letter be read to the entire membership of the church in Thessalonica. A decade later he instructed the Colossians to see to it that his letter to them be read also in the church at Laodicea and that friends at Colossae read the letter addressed to the Laodiceans.

Paul desired more readers. He cherished unshakeable convictions about his gospel ministry and about the written Word being one of the excellent tools for carrying it out.

Evangelical publishers and editors today share his convictions. That's why, during Press Month they strive to call attention to ways in which Christian publications may be used—to make Christ known, to establish believers in the faith, to indicate paths of victorious living and radiant service.

In desperate days these publications sound a note of cheering hope through Christ who "shall reign where'er the sun...does his successive journeys run." This message men need. They need the lift Christ-centered, printed-word missionaries bring.

Therefore, more readers are wanted—not to send circulation figures soaring, primarily, but to send men and women, boys and girls on their way with firmer steps, strong in their faith in the conquering Christ.

INTERESTING ITEMS

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ADRIAN, PENNA. (BRUSH VALLEY). Brother David L. Rambsel, former pastor, was speaker at the Brush Valley Homecoming on October 9th.

FREMONT, OHIO. Brother Carl Phillips reports the reception of one new member recently.

TEEGARDEN, INDIANA. Brother C. A. Stewart was the speaker at the afternoon Homecoming service, October 2nd, in the Teegarden church.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Brother J. G. Dodds reports the baptism of three new members on September 28th.

FLORA, INDIANA. Six new members were baptized and received into the church on October 2nd.

Brother Arthur H. Tinkel notes that much work has been done on the church property, repointing of brick work and the stone work sandblasted.

OAKVILLE, INDIANA. Revival Services have been in progress at the Oakville church, having begun on October 16th.

ELKHART, INDIANA. The W. M. S. Group 2 public service was held on October 13th, with Missionary Margaret E. Lowery as speaker.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Guest speakers in the Nappanee church on October 9th, were Brother Waldo Gaby in the morning, and Brother C. A. Stewart, evening.

WABASH, INDIANA (COLLEGE CORNER). Homecoming services, with former pastor, Brother Ernest Minnagar, as speaker, were held on October 9th.

FIRSTHAND INFORMATION

James E. Adams

"I didn't know they were allowed to serve liquor on planes," a woman remarked after vacationing in the South. She had taken an airliner in Washington, D. C., for the two-hour flight to Atlanta, Georgia. "Soon after we left Washington," she continued, "one of the stewardesses came around and served every passenger (who wanted one) a drink. When the glasses were empty, she refilled them. Some of the people had three glasses of liquor."

This particular flight was uneventful, but that has not always been the case. No one can prove that any air disaster has been caused by a drunkard shooting the pilot, setting the plane afire or breaking a window in the pressurized cabin. No stewardess has as yet been shot. But drunkards have tried to do every one of these things. They have mauled plane personnel and passengers. And pilots have had to leave their posts to quell obstreperous inebriates.

However, a new ruling by the Civil Aeronautics Board states that the captain or the co-pilot may not leave his post except to adjust mechanical equipment in the event of an emergency. This puts the nondrinking passenger in a predicament. It would be embarrassing to go on vacation carrying a baseball bat for protection.

For several years the Airline Pilots Association has been supporting legislation to ban the serving of alcoholic beverages on domestic flights. Bills were introduced in the last session of Congress. Airline pilots took the stand in hearings and told of hair-raising happenings during flights in which drunken passengers endangered the safety of the flight. Airlines tried to minimize the seriousness of the hazard, and the CAB adopted a rather neutral position in the controversy.

Five bills to prohibit the service of liquor on airlines stood a good chance of meeting the same fate as those introduced before. But the most influential member of the House of Representatives, a man who seldom uses the airlines, Speaker Sam Rayburn, flew up from Texas some weeks ago. A couple of passengers who were served drinks on that flight began to annoy other passengers, including the Speaker.

Speaker Rayburn was infuriated by their antics. The first thing he did when he reached his office was to pick up the telephone and call Representative Oren Harris, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The Speaker wanted Representative Harris to report the liquor ban legislation as soon as possible.

John C. O'Brien of *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* Washington Bureau reports that it now looks as though Speaker Rayburn will throw the full weight of his influence on the side of the airline pilots, and that some kind of a bill banning liquor aloft will be passed. But it took firsthand information of this intolerable situation to stir the Speaker to action.

Incidents like this happen very infrequently. Usually when a thug flags his courage with liquor and then kills or puts someone in the hospital for months, his victim is neither the officer who arrests him nor the judge who hears his case.

Drink-spurred criminals who are sentenced to prison apply for parole at the earliest possible opportunity. Members of the Pardons Board who listen to their petitions are never victims of their thuggery.

Few members of the long arm of the law have crawled from their wrecked car, looked on the broken body of a loved one and then watched a drunkard—relaxed as an old sack—stagger unhurt from the other vehicle. Because men who enforce our laws are not firsthand recipients of the effects of intoxicants, they can look with extreme impartiality and misplaced benignity on liquor-besotted culprits. The result is that people who should be behind bars catapult down our highways and roam our streets. No wonder crime and sudden death are on the increase!

Far be it from us as Christians to wish any of these experiences on lawmakers or enforcers. But we can be thankful when any of these men are stirred to action. And we can back Speaker Rayburn's desire to curb liquor on the airlines.

Christians do not need firsthand contact with the results of the liquor scourge. It is sin, and our duty comprehends waging war against sin and supporting righteousness whenever and wherever we can.

—Gospel Herald.

"For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Corinthians 2:2).

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Colossians 2:8-10).

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THE MESSAGE OF PROTESTANTISM is Jesus Christ, because "In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Col. 2:9,10). To "protest" means literally, "to bear public witness"; the word has the same root as the words "testimony" and "testament". Historically Protestantism takes its stand on the impregnable rock of Scripture, saying as Luther is reputed to have said at the Diet of Worms, "Here stand I; I can do no other; God help me."

If Protestantism is radical and revolutionary, it is because its infallible textbook is radical in the sense that it is "mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds" (II Cor. 10:4). But like the Bible, its source book, Protestantism also proclaims that plenteous salvation is to be found in the Lord Jesus Christ, "without money and without price". In countless ways the solid achievements of the past give the lie to the baseless calumny that Protestants are merely "Lean, hungry, savage anti-everythings." Mere negations cannot regenerate men and nations in the way the Reformation did; empty objections cannot produce the fruitful systems of such great thinkers as Calvin, or the spiritual and moral revivals of great preachers such as Wesley and Whitfield, and Spurgeon and Moody.

Democracy and freedom, as we know them, are the fruits of Protestantism. Our chief aim is not to oppose the errors of Rome or of other unscriptural systems, and their name is legion, but first and always to preach the Lord Jesus Christ and Him crucified, in order to bring sinful men to a personal, saving knowledge of the One who alone can save to the uttermost.

THE NECESSITY OF CONTROVERSY

Yet genuine Protestantism is neither ashamed nor afraid to join the battle with the hideous giants of Philistia, no matter whether their garb be black or red, or whether the puppet strings that make them dance be pulled in Rome or in Moscow. The message of the Bible is both negative and positive: it breaks down in order that it may build up. The prophets of old proclaimed again and again that "God hath a controversy with his people" (Micah 6:2). A large part of their work con-

sisted in the exposure and condemnation of sins, both of the false shepherds of Israel and of the oppressors of the poor. The Apostle to the Gentiles protested with vehemence against those strange heresies which sought to wreck the faith of the infant churches which he had founded: "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8).

The meek and lowly Jesus once made a whip of cords and drove the money-changers from the temple saying, "It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves" (Matt. 21:13). He also straitly warned His disciples to beware of the leaven of the Sadducees, and pronounced the sevenfold woe upon the scribes and Pharisees: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in..." (Matt. 23:13).

A large part of Church History is necessarily taken up with the history of controversies, for again and again grievous wolves sought to intrude into the fold. Christianity has been compelled to be ever on watch against its many foes and to fight continually for its very existence. What else could we expect in a world which is the age-long battleground of the warfare of truth against error? The same struggle goes on without ceasing in every realm of human thought and endeavour, in politics as in religion, in morals as in philosophy.

ROME'S ANATHEMAS

We who accept the Bible as God's revelation should therefore be remiss in our duty if we failed to protest not only for the truth of Christ but against the errors of those who deny the Gospel and seek to stifle or overturn it. And in this respect, Roman Catholics should be the last to criticize us, for their Church protests with the utmost vehemence against what it brands as erroneous doctrine. Listen to the crescendo of anathemas that the Council of Trent raised against Protestants and schismatics: "If any one does not confess that...let him be anathema." And again, "If any one asserts that...let him be anathema." Or in more modern times the

Age of Protestantism

Rev. J. D. Hamel

papacy laid similar curses upon all liberals and all philosophers not subject to the Roman Church, and also upon such diverse subjects as socialism, toleration, and Bible Societies, which are referred to as scourges! The papacy anathematized those who believe "That the best theory of civil society requires that public schools, open to the children of all classes, should be freed from all ecclesiastical authority..."

Since the Church of Rome thunders its anathemas against all the principles that are dear to Protestantism and to modern democracy and freedom, it cannot in all reasonableness, object to our voicing criticism of its position. But with that strange lack of consistency characteristic of Rome, its agents brand as "fanatics" and "extremists" all who venture to point out the errors of the papacy, though all the while they hurl their curses at us and all we stand for.

Protestantism suffers today from a species of religious pacifism. Too many Protestants sadly confuse toleration and conformity; they fail to distinguish between religious liberty and religious indifference. We contend for the freedom of Roman Catholics as we contend for the freedom of Protestants: our friends of the opposing camp have the right to be wrong, and we are willing to defend their right to be wrong. But let us beware of imagining that wrong is right, or of confusing light and darkness, or of putting evil for good. We hold to the right of religious freedom because we believe coercion in this most sacred of all human relationships is utterly opposed to all the laws of God and of reason. But we cannot, we must not, be indifferent to what men believe or to their relationship to God. Democratic freedom calls for free discussion of all issues that may arise, it does not require that we servilely assent to every proposition that is made or that we agree to everything we hear. Let me remind you that our American freedom of speech, of the press and of worship, was won by men who desired above all the liberty to worship God after the dictates of their own conscience and to proclaim the Gospel which they loved.

Historically, freedom of worship is the mother of all other freedoms, for those who sought it were willing to lay down their lives to obtain it. And let me tell you,

if you do not already know it, that religious liberty is seriously threatened in the world today. Just recently a young pastor was arrested and jailed in Northern Quebec for daring to preach the Gospel on the street corner. He had requested permission before preaching, but it was refused him, not on the grounds that a street meeting would hinder traffic, but because the town officials judged that he was not as near to God as a certain other religion (Catholic)! Seeing that he was faced with an arbitrary abuse of power, the young pastor went on the street as he had often done before, selecting a secluded street some distance from the main thoroughfare and there preached the good news of a free salvation in Christ. Five burly policemen placed him under arrest, took him to the local jail, searched him, fingerprinted him, and placed him behind iron bars, as though he were a common criminal and not a peaceful citizen charged with the infringement of a local by-law, for which a summons is ordinarily issued.

The same municipality in Quebec passed another and even more iniquitous piece of legislation. It forbade the distribution in any way, of any sort of literature to any person whatsoever, without the permission of the mayor or chief of police. Of course many protestants applied to the mayor in writing for permission to distribute the Bible, but they waited for months for an answer in vain, and when they did distribute the Gospel of John they were threatened with legal proceedings and jail terms. All that sounds like the days of the Spanish Inquisition, but it happened in Canada, not too far from our borders here in America.

I am not ashamed to be known as an anti-Communist. I oppose Communism because it denies the right of private property; because it denies individual liberty to the subject; because it regulates and controls every detail of the lives of its citizens; because it lays the claim to first loyalty of American citizens, requiring them to betray their own land in order to serve a foreign potentate in Moscow. Because it is anti-God, Christ and Holy Spirit, I can see no reason to hide my sentiments on this atheistic movement; it would be a lack of duty if any free citizen of this land were ashamed or afraid to speak against it. And for the same reason and in the

same way, I oppose the menace from Rome: I object to a system that regiments the lives of its devotees, requires from them blind submission to a foreign potentate, putting his interest above the interests of America!

THE STONES CRY OUT

Let me remind you that Protestantism is not alone in its opposition to the arrogant pretensions of Rome. It is literally true that if we are silent the very stones will cry out. In France the Huguenots were imprisoned and sent to the living death of galleys, they were cruelly exiled from their native land by the hundreds of thousands, or massacred in cold blood on St. Bartholomew's. And when they were at last silenced, other voices, less pure, less peaceable, were raised against the corruptions of the clergy and the court until the clamour swelled to sound the death knell for l'ancien r'egime. Today in modern France, once the eldest daughter of the Church, Rome plays a minor part not only in her politics but in her thought and life. Do I need to tell you, when all the newspapers scream it at you from their pages, that the largest Communist party outside of Russia is to be found in the very land which the Church of Rome claims as its cradle and which houses the popes? Do you ask why the Communists are strong in Italy? Because Rome's virus, like every other infection, finally ends by breeding an antitoxin that neutralizes its own evil, though the ensuing struggle often wrecks the body politic. That is what is taking place in Italy now.

If Protestants are silent in the face of Rome's errors, injustices and restrictions, then in the wise providence of God other instruments will be raised up to bear witness against her. Such were the Albigenses of Southern France almost a millennium ago; such were the Hussites of Bohemia and the Lollards in England and the Waldensians in Italy.

If Protestants are silent, then secular voices will speak in the name of science and human reason and say, as old Galileo was reported to have said, even as he made his retraction under dire threats from the Inquisition, "Nevertheless it moves!" If the Bible is burned and preachers are jailed and the masses kept in ignorance and poverty, even then sheer economic necessity will constrain the toilers to rise and break in sunder the yoke that Rome has fastened on their necks.

Do you know that in the age of Chaucer one-third of the wealth of England was in the hands of the Hierarchy? How much is now held by the same foreign organization in the world, we do not know, but certainly it is a great sum.

If Protestantism is willing to follow in the footsteps of the great martyrs and pioneers who have blazed the way to liberty and truth and justice, there are hosts of allies whom we do not yet know:

Thou hast left behind
Powers that will work for thee; air, earth, and skies;
There's not a breathing of the common wind
That will forget thee; thou hast great allies;
Thy friends are exultations, agonies,
And love, and man's unconquerable mind.

THE ANTIDOTE TO ROMANISM

But the best and most effective way to protest against error is to tell the truth, to cry aloud, spare not, lift up

the voice. I have said that Protestantism is not mere anti-Catholicism, or anti-Romanism, but primarily a message of salvation and truth. The only really effective blows that have been dealt Rome have been those given by the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. The answer to Rome's encroachments in the political realm is the spiritual liberation of her victims.

When men's spirits are freed from the bondage of servitude to earthly priests, when they are Christ's free men, they will refuse to bow the knee to any earthly tyrant, be he priest or king. The Bible is the most liberalizing book in all the world's history. Let us give it out to the Roman Catholic population of this country. Let us preach it without ceasing in the full confidence that it has lost none of its ancient power. If some Protestants in our day and generation have been wickedly robbed of their faith in the Word of God, let me assure you that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy well knows its power and fears it. As a French-Canadian Jesuit priest remarked in comment on the prohibition of Canon Law in Quebec, Canada: "What is there left to do with such a book? Destroy it! Throw it in the fire!" And that is just what the French-Canadian priests have been busy telling their people to do with the Word of God.

I know whereof I speak, when I say that among our French-Canadian fellow-citizens there are tens of thousands who are eagerly longing to have the Bible in their own hands and to know the message that it contains for them. But their priests forbid them to read even the expensive Roman Catholic versions, and they do not know where to obtain any other. You may ask, "Why do Catholics not come to Protestant churches and ask them for their Bibles?" The answer is simple: They are forbidden to take part in Protestant services; they are told that Protestant churches and Protestant Bibles are under a curse.

WHAT THE BIBLE HAS DONE

It was this Book that gave England its moral fibre and proved to be the source of her greatness. Dean Inge describes the conditions in England before the Bible was put into the hands of the common people: "The rank and file of the clergy on the eve of the Reformation were so ignorant that their theological opinions were of no account whatever. At the visitation held by Hooper in the Diocese of Gloucester in 1551 it was found that out of 111 clergymen, 71 were unable to repeat the Ten Commandments, 10 could not repeat the Lord's Prayer, and 27 could not tell who was its author. Not more than three or four out of the 111 had ever preached or could preach."

Wycliff and Tindale proved the revolutionary power of the Word of God in their day and generation by translating it into the English tongue that all might read it. The latter was burned at the stake for his temerity, the former's body was disinterred from its peaceful grave and burned and the ashes thrown into the neighboring brook. "Thus this brook," says Thomas Fuller, "hath conveyed his (Wycliff's) ashes into Avon; Avon into Severn; Severn into the narrow seas; they, into the main ocean. And thus the ashes of Wycliff are the emblem of his doctrine which now is dispersed all over the world."

Luther and Calvin, by preaching the message of the Bible to Europe, shook Rome to its foundations, and transformed history. Since that time others have carried on their work: Latimer and Cranmer, Knox and Wesley and Whitfield, Spurgeon and Moody; Anglican and Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Brethren, English and American. A host of men and women who cannot be numbered have found peace and power in the message of this Book. And in our day it still proves that its power abideth forever, and is undiminished. Let us believe it and preach it and live it, and then we shall see the shadow of Rome and the menace of Moscow vanish into thin air.

A LIVING WORD

The Bible and the Bible only is the religion of Protestants. If the Bible were merely another book, that could never be true, for paper and ink, or even words or ideas, cannot bring life to the dead. But this is a living word, an incorruptible seed, the Word of the living God that speaks to us as only God can speak to the soul, so that we are constrained to say, "Never man spake as this man."

The Bible brings us to Christ, and it brings Christ to us. "These are written," said the Apostle John of the Gospel that bears his name, "that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31). We read the stories of Jesus, how He healed the sick, fed the hungry, comforted the sorrowing, rebuked the sinful, forgave the repentant, raised the dead, and finally gave His life a ransom for many and showed Himself alive to His disciples by many infallible proofs. As we read, He speaks to us, until with Thomas we fall at His feet, saying, "My Lord and My God." We know that He invites us to Himself, that He has made one sacrifice for sins forever, that He is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by Him.

The message of Protestantism is that the sinner may come directly to the one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; there is nothing to pay because He has paid it all by the all-sufficient sacrifice of His precious blood on the Cross of Calvary; as our text says, "We are complete in him...for in him dwelleth all the fullness of the godhead bodily" (Col. 2:8). Because He is God, there is an infinite value attached to His perfect sacrifice to which no addition can be made. Because He is God, He is near to all that call upon Him, of tender compassion and of almighty power to save and bless forever.

NOT SECOND-HAND RELIGION

There are some who resent this note of individualism in Protestantism. They wish to make it a matter merely of custom and circumstance, of race or language and culture. They are willing to settle for what William James calls a "second-hand religion." He says, "I speak...now of your ordinary religious believer, who follows the conventional observances of his country, whether it be Buddhist, Christian or Mohammedan. His religion has been made for him by others, communicated to him by tradition, determined to fixed forms by imitation, and retained by habit." The GOSPEL does not exhort us to such a pale, lifeless imitation as that; it speaks

of "Christ in you, the hope of glory." The Christian life and walk is not the hopeless struggle against insuperable odds of the bereaved followers of a far-off Christ who has left them alone on earth. It is this: "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20).

One day two disciples walked along a certain road with sad and burdened hearts trying to explain to themselves a great catastrophe, the death of their beloved Master. They wondered, doubtless, how they dare face a hostile world alone, how they could live without Him in a world that had crucified incarnate truth, righteousness, and love. But as they talked together, Another drew near and joined in their conversation. Their hearts burned within them as they listened to His words, faith began to come back as the Stranger "expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27). And finally, when they constrained Him to abide with them, and they sat at meal together, "their eyes were opened and they knew him."

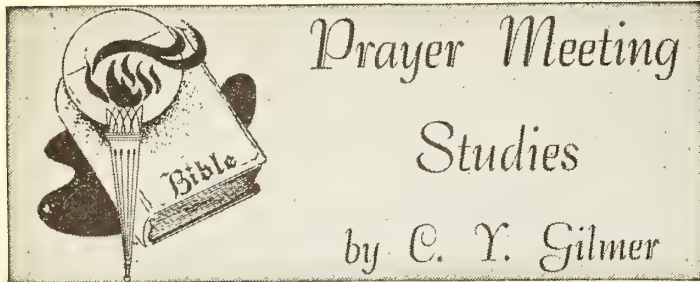
That is what it is to be a Christian in the New Testament sense of the word. Not to be ever striving in our own poor wingless strength to fly into the heavenly regions; not to be walking with sad countenance along the lonely road of life, but to know the presence of the Lord of Glory, to dwell in Him as the branch abides in the vine, conscious that apart from Him we can do nothing, but that in Him all things are possible.

Are there some Protestants, even, who will object that this is a religion fit for saints and martyrs, but not for the common ordinary man and woman; that it is the ideal attained by the apostles and martyrs, but not within the reach of every-day persons? That is why Roman Catholicism is so popular—it always will be so long as the natural man seeks after a cut-rate religion which allows him to bow his knees instead of his heart, that compounds his sins in permitting him to pay for them with a few pious prayers uttered with machine-like precision and a gift of money, that puts men in the place of God and imputes to them the authority to command God to reincarnate Himself upon their altars in the form of a morsel of bread.

But the immortal souls of men cannot be permanently satisfied with the mechanical apparatus of religious observances that have to do only with the things that can be tasted and touched and seen. Dogmas and sacraments and institutions are dead things, and belong to a different sphere of existence from the personal experience of the soul that is rooted and grounded in Christ.

A story will illustrate: Two women lay in hospital beds side by side. To one of them came a clergyman with what he called the "sacrament". After he had administered it to the sufferer, she turned to her fellow patient with a sigh and said, "Oh I thought it would have done me more good." The other woman, who knew the secret of salvation, replied, "My dear, it is not 'it' that you need, it is 'HE'". That is what we all need, Protestant and Catholic alike. Let me ask you who call yourselves Protestants, do you know Christ? Have you met Him for yourself; are you personally trusting in Him?

As Protestants, what can we do? Beloved, I tell you what we can do: "Stand up and be counted!" As a Protestant Minister I invite you to stand up and be counted for the sake of freedom and the Gospel.



THE SECRET OF A SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

ALL BORN-AGAIN BELIEVERS have the Spirit by regeneration (Jn. 3:3-8). Believers are the temple for the indwelling of the Spirit of God (1 Cor. 3:16). The believer's body is the Holy Spirit's temple (1 Cor. 6:19). To have Christ we have to have "the Spirit of Christ" (Rom. 8:9b). However, one may "have the Spirit" and yet not "be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18).

There is the natural, the unregenerate man (1 Cor. 2:14). There is the spiritual man (1 Cor. 2:15). The stunted believer is called the "carnal" man (1 Cor. 3:1-4). Unfed Christians are often trouble makers (v. 3). It takes spiritual Christians to give help to the fallen (Gal. 6:1). The power for such help is the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). The carnal Christian is a defeated Christian (Gal. 5:17). He is a "wretched man" (Rom. 7:24). Only the Spirit can free such an one from his sin and misery (Rom. 8:2). God has provided an Enabler, His Spirit (Ezek. 26:27). The Spirit enables us to pray (Rom. 8:26). The Spirit gives us freedom in prayer and testimony (2 Cor. 3:17).

There can be no Spirit-filled life without yieldness to God (Rom. 6:13). All sin in the life has to be confessed and forsaken (Isa. 59:2; Psa. 66:18). The Christian life is lived by faith and not by feeling (2 Cor. 5:7). The indwelling Spirit is our Deliverer (Psa. 116:16). He sets us free (Lu. 8:12). He gives us the "go" (Jn. 11:44). Freed from sin we bear fruit (Rom. 6:22). Freed, we have "a new heart" (Ezek. 26:26), "another heart" (1 Sam. 10:9). The heart, "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked" (Jer. 18:9) is created "clean" (Psa. 51:10). To "see God" one's heart must be pure (Matt. 5:8). The heart is purified "by faith" (Acts 15:9).

A heart has to be broken before it becomes yielded (Psa. 51:17). The heart has to remain broken to continue tender and yielded to God (Psa. 34:18). To be like Jesus one has to be "meek and lowly in heart" (Matt. 11:29). Without Christian humility we are devoid of God's favor (1 Pet. 5:5). God knows whose hearts are real and loyal to Him (2 Chron. 16:9). Only the sincere heart can "draw near" to God (Heb. 10:22). To have "an understanding heart" (1 Kgs. 3:9) one has to be "made free from sin" (Rom. 6:22). We need to "know" God (Jer. 24:7). When we come to know God, the unconverted will come to know that God is God (Ezek. 35:11; 36:23).

The evidence of being Spirit-filled is the fruit of the Spirit (Matt. 7:16). Of the nine-in-one clustered fruit (Gal. 5:22, 23), "the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13). The "gifts" of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:1) are nothing without the "fruit of the Spirit" (1 Cor. 13:1-3). Even the truth is unprofitable unless spoken "in love" (Eph. 4:15).

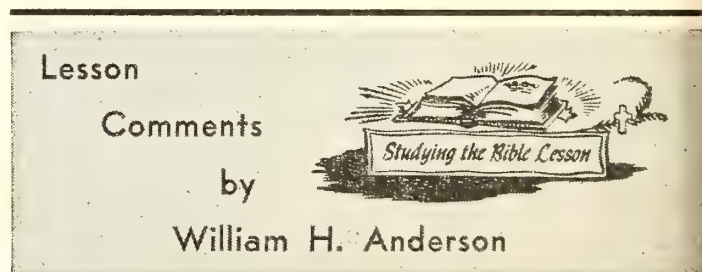
Jesus did not carry on His own ministry in His own Person but in the fullness of the Holy Ghost (Acts 10:38). It was when Jesus was "being baptized, and praying that God anointed Him with the Holy Ghost (Lu. 3:21, 22). Jesus was constantly "full of the Holy Ghost" (Lu. 4:1). The Spirit was given without measure unto Him (Jn. 3:34). Jesus operated only in this Power (Lu. 4:14). "His word was with power" (Lu. 4:32). Revelation 36. Thus did Jesus fulfill the Scriptures as to His anointing (Isa. 61:1, 2).

The gifts of the Spirit are bestowed, divided "to every man severally as he (the Spirit) will" (1 Cor. 12:11). But we are to earnestly desire the Spirit Himself (Isa. 44:3). His fullness is to be prayed for (Acts 1:14; 2:4, 4; 4:31; 8:14-17) repeatedly! We are to labour in prayer that others be filled with the Spirit (Col. 4:12). Dead to self, "Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20).

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free,
A heart that always feels Thy blood
So freely shed for me!

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak;
Where Jesus reigns alone:
A humble, lowly, contrite heart,
Believing, true, and clean...

—Wesley



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Lesson for October 30, 1960

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Lesson: Psalm 1; Romans 12:1-2

IN HIS REMARKABLE book, *The Pursuit of God*, Dr. A. W. Tozer reminds us that God alone is the answer to all of man's longings:

"The man who has God for his treasure has all things in One. Many ordinary treasures may be denied him, or if he is allowed to have them, the enjoyment of them will be so tempered that they will never be necessary to his happiness."

To possess the One who is ALL in ALL, it is necessary for man to respond to Him. For we possess God only to the degree that He possesses us.

According to our lesson, there are various ways we demonstrate "Our Response to God."

AVOID

We must AVOID the ways of the ungodly:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful" (Ps. 1:1).

The ungodly are all around us; we cannot escape them. However, it is not the ungodly themselves that we should avoid, but rather their ways.

If the Christian responds to the inner voice of God he will studiously avoid the places the ungodly man walks, stands, and sits. The Saint recognizes that "the way of sinners" is the "broad" way that "leadeth to destruction," of which our Lord spoke in Matthew 7:13.

DELIGHT

We should DELIGHT ourselves in the sacred things of God:

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law doth he meditate day and night" (Ps. 1:2).

The Godly life is characterized by what it **does** (positive), and what it does **not** (negative). Verse 1 of this Psalm denotes the **negative** aspect of the Believer's life, while this second verse characterizes the **positive**.

"The law of the Lord' is the daily bread of the true believer. And yet, in David's day, how small was the volume of inspiration, for they had scarcely anything save the first five books of Moses! How much more, then, should we prize the whole written Word which it is our privilege to have in all our homes!...

"How few among us can lay claim to the benediction of the text!...Is your delight in the law of God? Do

you study God's Word? Do you make it the man of your right hand—your best companion and hourly guide? If not, this blessing belongeth not to you" (Charles H. Spurgeon).

When the Godly man AVOIDS the Ways of the Ungodly, and DELIGHTS in the Sacred Things of God, it will naturally follow that...

"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Ps. 1:3).

PRESENT

Then, we should PRESENT ourselves unto God:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

The Apostle Paul was writing to Christians who had already given their lives in salvation to God. Here he is urging (yea, pleading) for a complete, unreserved, committal of heart, life, and body on the part of the Believer. The very tense of the word "present" implies such a surrender should be a decisive, once-for-all act.

"Oh the joy of full surrender!

How it thrills me through and through;

Every talent for my Saviour,

While His will I do."

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Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

THE UNDERSTANDING TEACHER

THOUGH I TEACH with the skill

Of the finest teachers

And have not understanding

I am become only a clever speaker and charming entertainer,

And though I understand all techniques and all methods

And though I have much training,

So that I feel competent,

But have no understanding of the way my pupils think, it is not enough.

And if I spend many hours in lesson preparation

And become tense and nervous with the strain,

But have no understanding

Of the personal problems of my pupils,

It is still not enough.

The understanding teacher is very patient, very kind;

Is not shocked when young people

Bring him their confidences;

Does not gossip; is not easily discouraged;

Does not behave in ways that are unworthy,

But is at all times a living example to his students

Of the good way of life of which he speaks.

Understanding never fails

But whether there be materials, they shall become obsolete;

Whether there be methods, they shall become outmoded;

Whether there be techniques, they shall be abandoned:

For we know only a little,

And can pass on to our children only a little;

But when we have understanding

Then all our efforts will become creative,

And our influence will live forever

In the lives of our pupils.

When I was a child, I spoke with immaturity,

My emotions were uncontrolled,

And I behaved childishly;

But now that I am an adult,

I must face life as it is

With courage and understanding.

And now abideth skill, devotion, understanding,

These three,

And the greatest of these is understanding.

—E. B. Ravinius.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

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TRANSFORM

Finally, we respond to the voice of God when we are TRANSFORMED:

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2).

What a challenge for the Christian! Many are CONFORMED to this world, but too few act like they have been TRANSFORMED!

"The Christian is not to copy the fleeting fashions of the present time, but to be wholly transfigured in

view of that higher mode of existence, in strict accordance with God's will, that he has chosen" (W. Sanday).

The whole life is transformed when the Christian's mind is renewed by the indwelling Spirit.

"The word for 'renew' is used only by Paul. It means to 'grow up new, fresh' (Thayer)...Man's spirit having already been created anew,...man's soul-faculties are now to be taken over by that same blessed Spirit so that the whole mind and disposition and tastes of the man will become conformed to the fact that he is a new creation" (William R. Newell).

If God has given us life through His Son, the least we should do in return is respond by presenting our all to Him. By our inner response to the Spirit's wooing we demonstrate our love and gratitude to God and our willingness to follow Him.

World Religious News in Review

CANNIBALISM ON RISE IN CONGO, MISSIONARY REPORTS

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (EP)—Veteran Missionary W. F. P. Burton, 74, says that cannibalism "is coming more and more into the open" in the new Republic of Congo.

The minister was quoted in *The Johannesburg Star* as saying of cannibalism that it "has always been practiced in secret in the Congo, but now it's much more open." He said tribesmen practice two types of cannibalism—one for tribal sacrifice and the other to satisfy "just a craze for human flesh."

"This is like alcohol," the missionary said. "The more they get, the more they want."

The missionary, now living in Bulawayo, Northern Rhodesia, was stationed at an evangelistic mission at Mwanza Kazingu, a Baluba tribal area in the Congo's Kasai Province.

JAPANESE MINISTERS' SALARIES SURVEYED

TOKYO (EP)—An income study shows that ministers of the United Church of Christ in Japan who serve churches averaging 75 or more attendants receive about \$80 a month

—a reasonable living wage. Pastors serving congregations averaging between 31 and 70 persons receive an average of only \$30, according to the survey. And those with a lower average attendance are paid only about \$20 a month. Since the third group constitute some 35 per cent of all United Church congregations, the situation is regarded as very serious. Purpose of the survey was to gather facts for mapping a salary improvement program.

U. S. CATHOLIC POPULATION TO DOUBLE IN 30 YEARS?

NEW YORK (EP)—Dr. Donald N. Barrett, a Notre Dame University sociologist, has predicted that the Catholic portion of the population of the United States may double in 30 years.

This country's Catholic population is "growing minimally twice as fast as the general population," he said, and should double to more than 86 million in three decades. He said there are now an estimated 43,650,000 American Catholics—about 25 per cent of the total population.

Addressing the 22nd annual convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society at Fordham Uni-

versity here, he noted that while the general population of the U. S. had increased 16.6 per cent between 1950 and 1959, the number of Catholics had risen 35.8 per cent in the same period.

"In other words," he said, "41.1 per cent of the total United States growth was derived from the Catholic sector of the population."

Reasons for the Catholic population growth? Dr. Barrett lists higher birth and lower death rates, a rise in adult baptisms and the arrival of Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and displaced persons.

MINISTERS PROTEST VICE, THREATEN TO LEAVE TOWN

NEWPORT, Ky. (EP)—Unless this city's vice conditions are cleaned up in another year, ministers of the Newport Ministerial Association have indicated their belief that they "might as well move to Las Vegas."

Their general decision to leave town unless matters improve came at a meeting in which they determined to extend their long and largely fruitless fight against vice in this northern Kentucky center for another year.

Said one minister: "If after another year we haven't won, we might as well move to Las Vegas."

Another observed that there are more churches needing ministers than ministers needing churches. Said he: "We won't starve."

The clergyman have charged that prostitution, liquor and gambling operations in Newport are run by a "Cleveland syndicate." They maintain

at Newport officials generally turn their heads at conditions and that state officials are largely ineffective because of the tradition that state police can only move into a town at the invitation of local officers.

But the ministers feel that some of their pressure on city officials is beginning to take effect. They noted that slot machines have almost vanished from Newport in recent months and that police have raided several establishments, arresting gamblers and prostitutes.

TIGER-CHALLENGE PRESS HAMPED BY REQUESTS FOR INDEPENDENCE ISSUE

LAGOS, Nigeria (EP)—Last-minute demands for a special Independence Issue published in 12 languages forced the Sudan Interior Mission's Tiger-Challenge Press in Lagos to run day and night to produce an extra 100,000 copies for street vendors, national Christians and missionaries who found a ready market for the fact-filled edition released to coincide with Independence Day, Oct. 1.

Along with the original 283,000 copies in a dozen languages, this brought the publication's total up to 400,000 copies, press officials said.

The Independence V. I. P. (Vernacular Illustrated Publication) was part of the S. I. M.'s concerted literature witness during Nigeria's Independence celebrations. Independence issues of *African Challenge* and *Yoruba Challenge*, both published monthly by the press, and special Independence Gospel leaflets also were widely distributed.

URGES SEMINARY TO MAIN- TAIN SCRIPTURAL VIEWS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP)—The president of Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary has urged his institution to maintain "an enlightened view of verbal inspiration of the Bible."

Addressing a convocation marking the 40th anniversary of the institution operated by the Northwest Synod, United Lutheran Church in America, Dr. Clemens H. Zeidler explained by verbal inspiration the seminary does not hold that the Bible was "dictated" or "written mechanically" or that "we are elevating for ourselves a paper pope."

"All we claim is what Scripture itself claims," he said, "namely that

holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Said Dr. Zeidler, the seminary teaches that "the Father is the true author of the Scriptures, Christ the true theme, and the Holy Spirit the true moving agent."

"The activity of all," he continued, "is to assure us of a dependable written word of God that man may turn to with assurance for guidance and divine knowledge.

"To charge the Bible with religious error and at the same time commend it as a witness of truth as is done by Barth, Brunner and Bultmann (European Protestant theologians) in various ways is a masterpiece of inconsistency and irrationality."

RELIGION IN CLASSROOM URGED BY FLORIDA'S SCHOOL HEAD

MIAMI, Fla. (EP) — Thomas D. Bailey, Florida State School Superintendent, has declared that if education is to reflect the community in which people live and prepare children for adulthood "religion and the moral and spiritual values which are a part of religion must not and cannot be ignored in our schools."

His remarks appeared in an article in *The Florida School Bulletin* at a time when an all-out legal attack on religious observances in Florida is underway. The American Jewish Congress and the American Civil Liberties Union have charged that religious practices in the school system are divisive, sectarian and violative of the religious clauses of the U. S. and Florida constitutions.

They specifically attack such practices as Bible readings in assemblies and classrooms, distribution of Bibles and religious literature to students, and prayers and grace before meals.

"It will be a sad day in America," wrote Mr. Bailey, "if a legal concept of separation of Church and State ever denies children and youth in public schools the fundamental of our nation's birthright—the right to know 'about' religions, the moral and spiritual values necessary for the formation of character, and non-sectarian reading of the Bible.

"To ignore in our schools any reference to religion and to God, when our Declaration of Independence, our National and State Constitutions, and our Bill of Rights, for example, reflect the moral and spiritual convictions

held by our founding fathers is to ignore one of the basic strengths of our free society.

"To ignore in our schools any reference to God when our Declaration of Independence, our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and our coins in daily use all refer to the existence of an Almighty Deity is to ask our teachers to instruct in darkness."

While Mr. Bailey said that he does not condone partisan, sectarian proselytizing in the schools for any particular religion against any other, he added: "I can see no harm in saying grace before meals or in recognizing Christmas or Easter or Hannukah as part of the culture in which we live."

SEVERE DRUNK DRIVING PENALTIES SOUGHT BY SEATTLE PRESBYTERY

SEATTLE, Wash. (EP)—The Presbytery of Seattle, representing more than 50 United Presbyterian churches, has passed a resolution calling for severe penalties and strict enforcement of traffic laws, particularly in cases of drunken driving.

"More stringent regulations, with severe mandatory penalties, including loss of right to drive and jail sentences, are required," it said, "together with an increasing strict and dedicated enforcement.

"All Christians must look upon the death and injury occurring on our highways with concern, joined with a firm resolve to exercise our influence to bring about a continuing decline in the cost of human life and misery resulting therein."

CROSS IN SKY FOR MR. K

NEW YORK (EP)—As Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev completed his address before the United Nations General Assembly, a skywriting airplane placed a mile-high cross, flanked by the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, in the sky over the UN building.

The cross was the project of the Christianform, an intercreedal anti-Communist organization with headquarters in Washington, D. C. The same group placed a huge cross in the Washington sky over the U. S. Capitol a year ago when Khrushchev paid his first visit to the United States.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

SMOKE AND FIRE WATER

Every now and then I like to print some facts about smoking and drinking. Following are some facts and statements about the cigaret and liquor industry.

"The link between smoking and lung cancer has caused one out of every four U.S. doctors who smoked five years ago to quit, according to an American Cancer society official. Dr. Daniel Horn recently told New Jersey health officials that adult smokers in the United States are dying of lung cancer at the rate of almost 100 a day.

The only way an appreciable decline in lung cancer can be realized in the next 30 years, according to Horn, is for parents to cut down on smoking and to influence their children not to start the habit. Teenagers whose parents smoke are almost twice as likely to smoke as youngsters whose parents do not smoke, Horn said."

"Americans' purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages in 1959 gave the nation's liquor and brewing industries a chance to issue some enthusiastic reports about the popularity of their wares.

According to the 1960 **Liquor Handbook** issued during the summer, sales of distilled spirits rose 4.4 per cent while the number of cases sold jumped 4.7 per cent from 82,037,253 in 1958 to 85,897,136 in 1959.

In a popularity poll based on the number of cases sold, the **Liquor Handbook** named to its "top ten" such familiar brands as Seagram 7, Canadian Club, Calvert, Schenley and Hiram Walker.

Brewers also claimed a large share of the upswing in the sales of alcoholic beverages. The 1959 **Brewers Almanac** reported that an 11-year downward trend in per capita consumption has been reversed.

According to the "almanac," beer consumption has been sliding since 1947 when per capita consumption hit 18.4. In 1958 it reached its lowest point of less than 15 gallons per person.

But last year, the "almanac" reports, Americans drank 15.3 gallons per person and began an upward swing in beer drinking trends. After certain statistical manipulations to exclude persons under 21 and to adjust the beer drinking habits of age groups, the "almanac" said that 1959 consumption was nearly 23.2 gallons per person and claimed that this places beer among the most popular beverages.

The brewers also proudly point out that beer and ale sales reached an all-time high of 87,622,845 beer barrels or 2,717,584,195 gallons of beer. This was 3.8 per cent more than the 1958 total and passed the previous high of 87,172,334 beer barrels set in 1947. New York, California, and Pennsylvania—one, two, and three in total beer barrel consumption—led the list of brewers' favorite states. However, Wisconsin with a per capita consumption of 24.7 and Nevada with 22.9 continued to rate the "brewers' top plaudits."

—Contact Concern

TIOSA TALKS

Another year has rolled around and it's time for report from Tiosa. This year has been a big one for Tiosa. At our July meeting we had a wonderful time of fellowship while enjoying an ice cream social. Some of the other highlights of the year included a sleigh ride Christmas caroling, a campfire service, guest night and a picnic to Michigan City Park. Our guest night included a stewardship play entitled, "Developing Christian Stewardship."

Group discussions were held at various times during the year with topics such as "Learning How to Pray" led by **Hugh Lewis**; "Brethren Doctrines and Ordinances" led by **Mrs. Robert Lewis**; and "How to Win Another To Christ", led by **Bill Lewis**.

The lives of great Bible characters—**David**, **Joseph** and **Jesus** were studied.

Youth Sunday was held in May. The youth were in charge of the opening Sunday School service with **Larry Alber** acting as Superintendent.

During the year many of our goals were reached. However, we pray that this will be a better year and that our youth will witness each day for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (Acts 1:8)

WATCH FOR IT, IT'S COMING SOON!

PIC of the WEEK



It seems as though something has struck these three girls' funnybone. I cannot remember what these girls are laughing at, but it must have been something quite good. Perhaps they knew that their picture was going to be taken, (is that right, Miss Stutzman?) At least these girls and many other girls and fellows were enjoying themselves at the Pennsylvania Conference.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

THE MASTER'S INVITATION

IS NOT THIS the amazing glory of Christian service: that God is willing to take people like you and me—unfit for His kingdom—and reclaim us through Christ so that we can be used? that He is willing to view our continuing unfitness through forgiving eyes, "Follow me, I need you in the kingdom"?

To accept the divine invitation is to be humbled; it is to be dignified; it is to be challenged. Humility enters; for God is no respecter of persons. Whether we be royalty, presidents, or ordinary citizens; lay people, or ministers—we stand on level ground before the searching eye of the Master.

Dignity also becomes the possession of one who yields to His call. By faith he has entered a renowned "priesthood of believers". No one should feel insignificant if the words of Christ have become personal, "Follow me!"

Challenge is there, as if the Master is saying, "There is yet much to do." The prophets of doom have spoken their piece in every generation. They have looked across a troubled world and determined that the Christian faith is a failure, impotent to affect our kind of problems in any tangible way. But when you remember the purpose of the Christian faith, namely to radically change the hearts and lives of millions of people into a new creation—then two thousands years is but a day.

Thus the future belongs to those people and nations who will walk with steady confidence in One who said, "Go into all the world...I am with you always." The challenge for a Christian today is to bet his life that long after communism has come and gone, long after atomic power has been to its ultimate, the Lord Jesus will stand as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, calling to future generations as He calls to us, "Follow me!"

"A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho." Let us compare the road to Jericho to the road that leads to destruction, the road that sinners and backsliders travel. Jerusalem here represents the church of the living God. Everyone who leaves the church, goes down! The Jericho road is the road of least resistance, a broad, seemingly smooth road, with many pleasurable attractions which encourage its selection. As long as one can meet with the requirements of the crowd, one is the center of attraction.

But as enticing as this road may be, it is the wrong way, and there are perils waiting further down the road. When beauty, health, money dwindle, so does the pleasure-loving crowd, who have no time for the realities of old age, sickness and poverty. Connected with the lotus tree in North Africa, is a fable that if a stranger eats of the fruit of the tree, he will forget his home and be content with his new surroundings. The fruit of the "lotus tree of sin" has made many forget their heavenly home, and the just God.

"And he fell among thieves which stripped him of his raiment and wounded him." As he lay "half dead" how vividly must he have realized that he had made the wrong choice, the broad, short way for the narrow, more difficult road, the wrong for the right, darkness for light. Like Lot of old, who after separating himself from his uncle, "pitched his tent toward Sodom". Sodom was the wrong choice, and he, too, fell among thieves. The wounded man on the Jericho road encountered three kinds of people: those who beat and robbed him, those who passed him by, and those who gave him help.

Many today have made the wrong choice, but there is still hope! Although the priest and Levite passed the stricken man by, finally there came along one who loved people. Seeing the suffering man, he asked no questions, but had compassion on him and helped him.

God has given to each of us the power of choice. Choose the best! Today, Jesus, the resurrected Christ, the bright and morning star, the fairest of ten thousand says, "Follow me". You must make the choice!

VOTE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL is a theme given to us this year by the National Sunday School Association. **YOU** vote for Sunday School when you attend on Rally Day Sunday, and every Sunday. You vote for the Morning Worship Service when you stay for the church service. Habitual absence from any service is a vote to discontinue that service.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Frequently, around election time, we hear the question "What good will **ONE VOTE DO?**" Hundreds of elections have swung on a single ballot.

MANY TIMES A SINGLE VOTE has changed the course of history. Andrew Johnson, only U. S. President to be impeached, kept the Presidency by just one vote. Rutherford Hayes was elected President by one vote. In 1918 Woman Suffrage in the U. S. passed the House of Representatives with just one vote to spare. Then the bill was lost in the Senate by two votes. (It passed both houses of Congress the next year.)

A SINGLE VOTE cast automatically by your attendance at Sunday School and Church Worship may change the eternal destiny of others. Your attendance is a testimony that you consider these services important. Thus your example will influence others to attend where they will learn how to be saved from sin and how to receive spiritual help for every problem of life. **VOTE** for Sunday School and the Morning Worship Service Sunday.

H. H. Rowsey
In the Waterloo Newsletter

Things You Should Know:

"OUR FAITH":

Copies of this new Brethren book may be secured from the Brethren Publishing Company, 524 College Ave., Ashland, Ohio, at the rate of \$1.00 per book in any quantity. For those including cash with the order, add for postage and handling, the following: 1 or 2 books—15c; 3 to 5 books—20c; 6 books—25c; 12 books—50c.

Manual of Procedure:

Copies may be obtained from the General Conference Secretary: Rev. Clarence Stogsdill, Box 428, Milledgeville, Illinois, at 40c per copy. Copies of the Manual will be mailed, one each, to the pastor and secretary of each church. We are waiting for the new listing of secretaries and pastors, in order to do this work.

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Peace

Sunday

November 13th

God's peace is everlasting,
Man's peace is but for a day.
How quickly man-made promises
Are broken from day to day.

God's peace is certain and sure,
Man's peace changes as the weather.
A day of comfort—then man's peace
Flies away like a feather.

God's peace could stop all war,
Man's peace is just a bubble.
Nations everywhere this minute
Are all preparing for trouble.

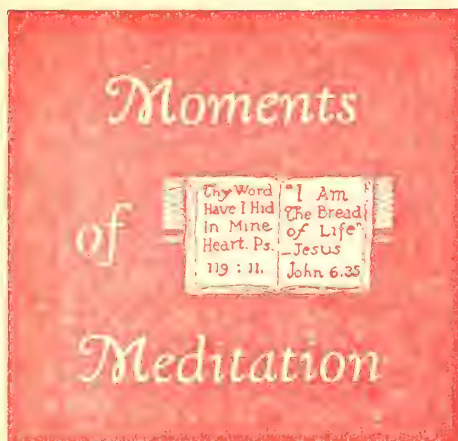
Fools that we are and slow to believe
Man's peace can never avail.
Return to God—receive His peace,
His peace will never fail!

Ethel Umfrid.

"There is a Spirit which I feel, that delights to do no Evil, nor to
venge any Wrong, but delights to endure all things, in hope to enjoy
own in the End: its hope is to live out all Wrath and Contention, and
weary out all Exaltation and Cruelty, or whatever is of a Nature con-
trary to itself. It sees to the end of all Temptations: As it bears no Evil

in itself, so it conceives none in the Thoughts to any other: If it be be-
trayed it bears it; for its Ground and Spring is the Mercies and Forgive-
ness of God. Its Crown is Meekness, its Life is Everlasting Love unfeigned,
and takes its Kingdom with Intreaty, and not with Contention, and keeps
it by Lowliness of Mind."

—James Naylor, 1660.



KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING

Christians, keep the home fires burn-
ing

Until the day of Christ's returning.
Worship, prayer, and praises, too
A happy home will bring to you.

That home which keeps on shining
bright

For Christ and for the gospel light,
Will be rewarded in that day
When Christ shall wipe all tears
away.

That family circle will be found
In heav'n where love and joy abound,
Where Christ alone will be the light
Through endless ages, day and night.

Eternal joy, eternal rest
With Christ, the Saviour, with the
blessed.

Ear has not heard, nor doth eye see
The glory of eternity.

At home, at home with Christ, our
Lord,
With Christians all in one accord,
That will be heaven and home to me
When Christ, our Saviour, we shall
see.

—Selected.

AFTER

After this life is over,
After the race is run,
After the sun has settled,
After the day is done,

What will your "record" be,
Will it be joy or pain?
What will your "harvest" be,
Will it be loss or gain?

After the rains have descended,
After the floods have come,
Will your "house" be standing,
Or will it be blown down?

After the sun has been darkened,
After the moon's turned blood,
After the stars have fallen,
And the powers shaken good,

When the elect have all been gathered,
From the east and from the west,
When the graves have all been
opened,

And the saints all robed and blest,

When the "flocks" have been divided,
As the Shepherd's voice denotes,
Will you be among His chosen,
Or be among the "goats"?

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

On wings of deeds the soul must
mount!

When we are summoned from afar,
Ourselves, and not our words, will
count—

Not what we said, but what we are!
—Winter.

—The United Evangelical.



BEST INVESTMENT

When John Wanamaker, the famous merchant, was eleven years old purchased a small red leather Bible for \$2.75. He paid for it in small installments. Later he said of the purchase: "I have made large purchases of property in my time involving millions of dollars; but it was a boy that I made my greatest purchase. That little red Book was the foundation on which my life has been built and has made possible all that has counted in my life. I know not that it was the greatest investment and the most important purchase ever made."—Link.

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DO NOT DREAM IT!

If you have a kind word, say it;
Throbbing hearts soon sink to rest
If you owe a kindness, pay it;
Life's sun hurries to the West.

If some grand thing for tomorrow
You are dreaming, do it now:
From the future do not borrow;
Frost soon gathers on the brow.

Days for deeds are few, my sister
(brother)

Then today, fulfill your vow:
If you mean to help another,
Do not dream it—do it now!
—Selected.

* * *

ESCAPE FROM TEMPTATION

Many Christians are tempted much in the world because they tamper much with the world; they have not fled to Jesus as their city of separation. They have not become exiles with Him and for His sake. Separation from the world unto God is about the last refuge sought after. Jesus must be All in All if we would be perfectly sheltered from the curse, the world, the flesh and the devil.

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The Editor's Pulpit

Peace Sunday in The Brethren Church

November 13, 1960

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, represents a very special day in the Brethren Church. On this day, our churches will be holding their annual observance of Peace Sunday. This issue of *The Brethren Evangelist* contains, through the cooperation of the Peace Committee of General Conference, considerable material for helping each church make the most of the observance. We trust that your church is cooperating in the program.

Peace is an elusive thing, as many nations and peoples can attest. Christ, the Prince of Peace, declares that when they think they have peace, then sudden destruction cometh upon them. Peace, as man interprets peace, is but a temporary thing. Christ alone is the true source of peace. As men call upon Him, there comes peace at heart. Peace at heart can bring about better relationships of man with man. The exercise of the Gospel of Christ in heart and deed, can bring about a better understanding among peoples. The Christian quality of sharing and helping, can do wonders to helping mankind dwell together in a better way.

War has, as a primary cause, a condition in which some people do not have enough to eat while others are wasting food. To get what they do not have, people will plunder, steal and kill. Too often these people are susceptible to the agitation qualities of a would-be dictator. Such a one promises them food, better conditions, and world supremacy as a nation. There are expert analysts who tell us that if these hungry multitudes were properly fed, they would be less inclined to "make war."

By now, because it has been told to us over and over, we know that two-thirds of the world's population is never fully fed—always hungry, while surpluses pile up in the rich producing countries of the world. A recent newspaper article pointed out that there is enough wheat piled up in the United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia, to give every man, woman and child in the world 80 loaves of bread a year. That is

one loaf for each person every five days. Making that wheat into bread would furnish by-products of roughage for animal feed, the animal meat providing proteins for human diet.

It is almost hard to imagine that there is enough food already produced upon the earth to provide a sustaining diet to stave off starvation and to strengthen against disease for all peoples. The Christian asks, "Why can't this food be distributed to the starving peoples of the earth?" Another question comes to mind, "What will God do to people whom He has privileged to grow this food, eat to the limit of their own desires, and then fail to share what they cannot use with those who have not?"

On Peace Sunday, it will be well for us to take a second look at the stewardship of God's green earth which He has given to us. Instead of so many billions for missiles, we would be better off to take just a few of those billions and use them to channel our surpluses to needy stomachs around the world.

There is only one catch to it all. If we do it just to ward off hunger, we have failed. Soon the food would be gone, and people would become hungry again. To aid peaceful relations among men through the distribution of food, we must also take to them the Prince of Peace. We must tell them of Christ who can satisfy the hunger of the soul, as well as furnish food for their physical body. Little is gained in feeding the body of man if we do not tell him why we have shared and what our faith can also do for him.

Food for the hungry. Yes, we have it! Food for the soul. We have that, too! The perfect balance of the two will be in accord with God's program of "Go ye into all the world." As we, on Peace Sunday, ponder the plight of mankind, let us pray that God will open our eyes, both as to vision and program, so that the world may be fed. God has provided both kinds of food. Pray that we may be faithful stewards of both. W.S.B.

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INDEPENDENCE IN NIGERIA

A Nigerian Missionary

ON THIS QUIET THIRD DAY of Independence in the Federation of Nigeria, we are enjoying a day at home, the second of the public holidays. Everything in the town is going on its usual way to such an extent that one not knowing the special significance of this holiday would probably not see anything different from the last public holiday here, except the hundreds—even thousands—of the green and white national flags which are flying everywhere, even from cars, bicycles, and push-carts.

On Friday night, September 30, we joined the 700 invited guests who gathered for a party, beginning at 10:30 P. M., and continuing on in good fellowship and friendship until 12:01 on October 1. At midnight, following a fanfare of bugles, the Nigerian flag was raised officially for the first time in the Northern Region. The army band played the national anthem while we all stood at attention. Then all left quietly after pleasant good nights, with the help of smartly-attired traffic police who finally unparked all cars, and went home. Nigeria was Independent!

Saturday, Independence Day and the first holiday to mark the occasion, all went well, according to plans. Thousands of people gathered together for the formalities of the day—expatriate and Nigerian. All enjoyed the occasion. In the evening expatriates and Nigerians gathered again and mixed and milled together with the thousands out to see the traditional dances being staged as entertainment.

Also on Friday night, beginning at 10:30 P. M. in many churches throughout Nigeria, Christians met in their

churches for the watch parties to pray and worship as the New Day for Nigeria came in. Then on Saturday morning, Independence Day, in many churches the Christians gathered again at 5:30 A. M. to be in worship as the sun arose for the first time on Independent Nigeria. We joined in the morning service; it was with an exhilarating newness that we joined in worship and in holy communion with those Nigerian citizens who welcomed us aliens into their fellowship in Christ.

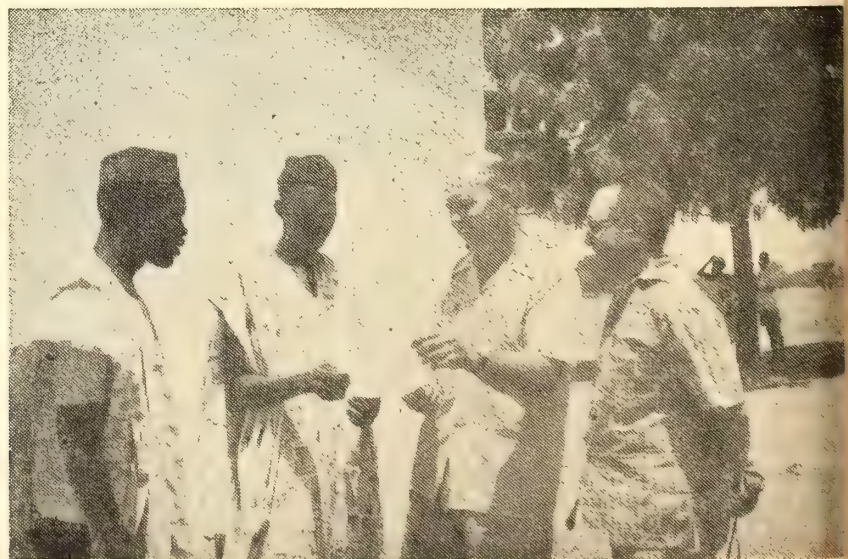
Reports from all over the country indicate just such disciplined and responsible conduct. Join us in thanking God for that which has come to pass and for the manner in which it has come.

OTHER COMMENTS ON NIGERIA'S NEW INDEPENDENCE

"Based on observations in Nigeria for the past fourteen years: Despite conditions in other parts of Africa where self-government has been realized, I believe Nigeria stands in the unique position of having the greatest opportunity and the best chances of becoming the leading nation in Africa...

In many parts of Nigeria the dignity and worth of the individual has been made evident through the preaching of the gospel. The equality of all men in the sight of God has been proclaimed. These facts have no doubt had their influence in shaping the desires of the people of Nigeria for self-government.

Our Mission along with other Christian missions has through the years, presented Christ. Because of those who have turned to Him, the general ethical and moral stand-



Many hours of a missionary's time are spent in conference with national Christians.

ards of this land have been lifted. Inter-tribal fears and prejudices have been reduced. Those customs and practices which are detrimental to the good of the country have been lessened under the influence of Christianity. These things will contribute toward the formation of a good government...

Quite likely Nigeria will assume the dominant role of leadership among the independent African nations and will have a strong influence upon those seeking independence.—(from The Commission)

GROWING WITH FLORIDA

Sarasota Church

Keeping step with the tempo set by the entire state in continued expansion, the Sarasota Brethren Church has reached the 100-member milestone. Of course, with numerous visitors quite often on hand, attendance frequently goes above the 100 mark; but this number now represents their own membership.

These days, the Sarasota brethren are exerting a herculean effort to secure the property adjoining the church. This they hope to do for several reasons: to gain better access to the main road; to make the church building visible to the main road—and more inviting; to enhance the church property; and to prevent unsightly, undesirable surroundings to their place of worship. These Brethren have set themselves the goal of acquiring this property, which is quite high priced; but they are working diligently and trusting God for help.

To be sure, their efforts are not all for material achievement. They have been studying Brethren doctrine, using "Our Faith" as a basis; they have several choirs, including a junior group, directed by Mrs. Hamel; the pastor, who serves as chaplain to local fire companies and hospitals, has been active also in "Project Alert," which combats Communism in local communities. (Any similarity in energy and speed between Reverend Hamel and Hurricane Donna—who recently made herself felt in Florida—is strictly coincidental.)

And speaking of Hurricane Donna, she did make some rather unsportsman-like blows at Sarasota as she swooped across the state, but no serious injury was inflicted, and the church suffered no damage, for which all are thankful.

PASTORS, PLEASE NOTE

No Thanksgiving bulletins will be mailed to churches this year—following the pattern of the past two years; however, letters are being mailed to pastors or church secretaries, challenging them, in view of our expanded program, to strive for increased giving to home missions in their churches. Offering envelopes and folders of home missionary appeal will also be mailed to each church about November 1.

BISCHOF'S RETURN ON FURLOUGH

Another of our Nigerian Missionary families will be returning for furlough in November. Reverend and Mrs. Robert Bischof, with Barbara and Bobby, are scheduled to leave Nigeria on November 3. They will fly from Kano, (Nigeria), to London, then to New York and to Cleveland, arriving at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, November 5.

Missionary News Coverage Increases

With the beginning of the newly-constituted Brethren Evangelist in 1961, the Missionary Board will receive increased space in our church paper. They are pleased with this step forward in our publication program and hope that all of our people will cooperate in it.

COMING EVENTS

PLEASANT HILL, OHIO. Bible and Missionary Conference—Nov. 4, 5, 6—Rev. Harold Barnett, Speaker; Music by Riverside Crusaders; Rev. Carl Barber, Pastor.

LINWOOD, MARYLAND. Revival Services—Nov. 6-13—John B. Mills, Evangelist-Pastor.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Revival Services—Nov. 7-20—Rev. George Solomon, Evangelist; Rev. Virgil Ingraham, Pastor.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. Evangelistic Services—Nov. 13-20—Rev. Virgil E. Meyer, Evangelist; Rev. Charles C. Bader, Pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA. (THIRD BRETHERN). Revival Services—Nov. 6-20—Rev. William H. Anderson, Pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO (Park Street Brethren). Evangelistic Services—Nov. 6-13—Rev. Harold E. Barnett, Evangelist; Rev. Phil Lersch, Pastor.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Revival Services—Nov. 6-20—Rev. J. G. Dodds, Pastor-Evangelist.

SOUTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT LAYMEN RALLY

Huntington, Indiana — November 21st

Supper served from 6:30-8:00 DST

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT BRETHREN YOUTH RALLY

November 19, 1960

Masontown Brethren Church

"Come on, Let's Rally"

Young Men's and Boys' Brotherhood Program

Topic Editor: BRAD WEIDENHAMER

THIS MONTH I should like to suggest a Brotherhood program based on the topic, "The Way to Salvation." There are six basic scripture verses which I shall use. These verses would be valuable for you to use if you would ever be called upon to witness to someone who isn't familiar with Jesus Christ. Put them in the back of your Bible and memorize them.

I. Romans 3:23.

1. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
2. We differ in the nature and extent of sin.
3. However, we have all failed to attain the glory, the praise, and the approbation of God.
4. Therefore, we all come under the wrath of God.
5. Another verse which applies to this idea is Galatians 3:22.

II. Romans 6:23.

1. The wages of sin is death.
2. The non-believers will be paid for their deeds in this world.
3. The believers will be paid with eternal life.
4. Eternal life is a free gift of God.
5. Another verse which applies to this idea is Romans 5:8.

III. Romans 5:8.

1. God commended His love toward us.
2. We weren't in a state of "goodness" or "righteousness" when this happened.
3. If God commended that much love toward sinners, how much more will He commend toward believers?
4. Another verse which applies to this is John 3:16.

IV. I John 1:7.

1. We should walk in the light as God is in the light.
2. Light is the symbol of purity, love, and truth.
3. We can have fellowship with God if we walk in the light as Jesus did.
4. The light will make us aware of our sin, so that we can seek forgiveness.

V. Revelation 3:20.

1. Christ is standing at the door of our hearts.
2. This is a further manifestation of His desire for the sinner's salvation.
3. Christ knocks first—if He didn't, we couldn't knock at His door.
4. We cannot excuse ourselves because of our surroundings or our friends if we don't let Christ in.
5. We are promised communion with Christ if we let Him in.

VI. John 1:12.

1. Those who receive Christ are given the power to become the sons of God.
2. The word "power" means ability or authority.
3. Christians receive tremendous rewards simply by believing in Jesus Christ and trying to live like He lived.

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Three new members were received on October 9th.

OAK HILL, W. VA. Revival services, with Brother Clarence A. Stogsdill as Evangelist, are in progress at the Oak Hill church, from October 17th through the 30th.

MEYERSDALE, PENNA. (MAIN STREET). Miss Miriam M. Bird writes: "As church clerk, I am happy to report that 11 new members were received into membership of the church on the morning of October 2nd. They were the first to be baptized in the beautiful new baptistry which was presented to the church by Mrs. Sally Trout, of Indianapolis, Ind. The gift was given in memory of her deceased parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cook."

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA. (THIRD). The W.M.S. public service was scheduled for October 30th, with Mrs. Henry Bates as speaker.

WEST ALEXANDRIA, OHIO. Members of the New Lebanon W.M.S. were guests of the West Alexandria W.M.S. in their public service on October 20th.

CANTON, OHIO (TRINITY). Two new members were received recently.

BRYAN, OHIO. Special services in the Bryan church include the Laymen's public service on October 23rd with Rollin Kyser as speaker, and the W.M.S. public service scheduled for October 30th with Missionary Lois Slagle as speaker.

AKRON, INDIANA. Installation Service for the new pastor, Brother Horace Huse, was held on October 16th, with Rev. E. Paul Weaver bringing the message and conducting the service. A carry-in dinner, in the Huse family's honor, was held following the service.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Messages on October 16th were brought by Rev. Mark Schrock, morning, and Max Bigler, evening.

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS. Rev. Merle Hawbecker is the speaker for services on October 23rd and 30th.

PHOENIX, ARIZONA (PAPAGO PARK). Two new members were received on October 9th. Brother H. Francis Berkshire notes that this makes a total of 35 members for this new mission church.

SPECIAL. Ashland College Gospel Teams are scheduled to conduct services in two Brethren churches on October 30th. One team goes to Brush Valley, Penna., and the second team to Flora, Indiana.

THE PEACE COMMITTEE...AT WORK

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PEACE COMMITTEE is attempting in every way not only to bring the subject of "Peace Education" before the Brethren Church, but also to supply appropriate materials for the emphasis of such information. The annual "Peace Issue" of *The Brethren Evangelist* is most helpful in providing pertinent articles about peace.

In addition, however, every pastor received a packet of peace materials about the first of October. Included in this packet were:

(1) A Bibliography of Peace Materials which can be ordered from five different sources. These materials would be useful for various study groups of the church throughout the year.

(2) A description of the proper steps to be taken by a young man when registering with the Draft Board, if he is at all interested in Alternative Service Work. Pastors will be glad to share this information with any interested families.

(3) A tract, "What the Bible Teaches About Peace."

(4) A tract by Dwight L. Moody as to why he did not join the Army.

These materials were just samples of what is available today and can be ordered from the Bibliography. They should be helpful in the observance of PEACE SUNDAY on NOVEMBER 13th.

Also in preparation, to appear later this year, are a series of youth meetings about Peace and a sample Summer Camp course on the same subject. The Peace Committee also hopes to have a display of Peace Materials at next year's General Conference.

Further information can also be received by consulting the complete Peace Committee Report when it appears in the *Brethren Annual* this fall. Then, too, read pages 136 to 138 in the new manual of instruction, "Our Faith," just distributed at General Conference of this year.

Two of the Peace Committee's resolutions to be adopted by General Conference were:

(1) The subjects of Peace and Non-violence be encouraged as areas for discussion in Laymen's Meetings, W. M. S. Programs, District and National Ministeriums, Camp Programs, and other Brethren Youth Programs.

(2) Brethren Pastors assume it to be their responsibility to be more familiar with the opportunities of Alternative Service and to present said program to their congregations, and especially to those young men of draft age.

It is the hope of the Peace Committee that these materials provided will be helpful in arousing the interest of more ministers and laity in making "Peace" a concern for their groups often during the year.

In these times of much talking about disarmament, Christians should be leading the list in prayer and action to pave the way for more peaceful living among the peoples of the world. Let us claim the blessing of our Lord upon the "Peacemakers" and follow in Christ's footsteps of changing the world through the power of love.

THE PEACE COMMITTEE

Phil Lersch, Chairman
Herbert Gilmer
Robert Keplinger
Carl Phillips

"Love and persuasion have more force than weapons of war. Nor would the worst of men easily be brought to hurt those that they really think love them. It is that love and patience which must in the end have victory."

—William Penn.

"It requires great self-denial and resignation of ourselves to God to attain that state wherein we can freely cease from fighting when wrongly invaded, if by our fighting, there were a probability of overcoming the invaders. Whoever rightly attains to it does to some degree feel that spirit in which our Redeemer gave His life for us."

—John Woolman.

Let Us

Teach Peace

Rev. Herbert Gilmer

I HAVE BEEN in the ministry almost eight years now, and I have observed as I travel from church to church and talk with pastors that there is a fact similar in every congregation. It is this. When our boys return from Uncle Sam's training stations, they are never quite the same as before they went. Many of these boys were faithful in attendance at church. They took active part in the work of the church and seemed to have a real faith in the Lord. Before they were called for training in our armed forces they did not smoke or drink alcoholic beverages. They were not nervous, uneasy and doubtful. But when they return home from the armed forces many have lost their faith in God, drink and smoke, and do not take an interest in spiritual things. These of whom I am talking did not see actual combat. "To be soldiers you must be tough," evidently is the training they are getting. What about the morals? Does Uncle Sam care about your son's morals? It is true some come back stronger in the faith because of the experiences they have had, but most of them do not.

Are we, in the Brethren Church, satisfied with this type of training for our boys? Our armed forces often bait their pleas to our young men with the idea that, "You'll get to travel, see the world, and you'll get an education that will help you in your future civilian occupation." In talking with many of our boys I find many do not get the "free" education in learning a trade they thought would be theirs. This is tremendously disappointing to them. Once in a great while you hear of a young man who received training in the armed forces that helped him when he returned to civilian life.

BRETHREN, WHEN ARE WE GOING TO INFORM OUR YOUNG MEN OF OTHER ALTERNATIVES? Uncle Sam still recognizes other alternatives. Why are we so slow to inform our youth? I have the conviction that parents, pastors, youth sponsors, camp boards, our seminary, and our national peace committee ought to teach young men and women the different alternatives. The girls need to know, because they will be more helpful and understanding with the boys' choice of service if they have been taught. We need to teach our youth and then let them prayerfully decide and allow God to lead them into the right choice.

I am a member of our Sunday School Board in the Indiana District. More and more I believe we should include alternative teachings in camp schedules. Intermediate and high school camps should be taught by teachers who are understanding and willing to put themselves in the place of the young man of today. They

should teach the advantages and disadvantages of armed force training camps, non-combatant service and the conscientious objector's service (which few know about in our denomination). In every class, the teacher should teach how the Christian can witness for his Lord and win souls. The temptations in the armed forces should be discussed and our youth trained how to overcome by busy-ing themselves in the will and work of the Lord. It is certainly possible for a Christian youth to hold Bible classes, distribute Christian tracts and literature and help the fallen in our training camps, but in many cases it will be very difficult.

It is possible for a youth to give two years of free service. For example, Doc Shank told me while he was here on his last furlough that in their mission territory, in Nigeria, there was a youth giving two years of free service in the mission field. I maintain that a young man going to the mission field in this way will likely become a full-time missionary later on in his life. At least it is excellent training and he could see the need. No salary is obtained in this setup. Room, board, medical care, transportation to the mission point are the only remunerations the volunteers receive. There are still rehabilitation projects in Germany, Austria, Turkey, Greece, Egypt, Puerto Rico, and in the United States, helping in old people's homes and general hospitals. In other words, this alternative is constructive and helpful to man.

The question has been asked, "Is there enough material available to teach this subject in our church camps, Brethren Youth Crusader meetings and other youth groups?" The answer is yes. There are booklets, pamphlets, filmstrips and sound films available for such training.

In the last two years our National Conference has recognized and accepted the report of our peace committee. We now have a small fund with which to work and will be sending pastors materials to teach with. Camp boards will also receive literature. Most Brethren are aware of the fact that we need more teaching in our denomination, and it is being done through the new "Faith" manual. We dare not neglect teaching peace to our denomination.

Pastor, teacher, and parent, inform your youth of the different alternatives. What classification should Christian youth be in? 1-A, 1-AO, 1-O, 1-W or IV-D? The least we can do is inform our youth and then let them decide. Let us not evade, be ashamed or remain silent in the Brethren Church on such an important issue.

DOES IT ADD UP?

ONE BLEAK AND FROSTY NIGHT a few years ago three men sat hunched over a tiny campfire on a high ridge in the mountains of the West. All three had come up from the fire-line below where they had been helping stamp out a forest fire. One was a soldier, one was a convict, and the third was a CO. They, along with many other soldiers, convicts, and CO's had been flung by the authorities into the fight against the fire.

Now for a short time these three men were free. Drawn together in their strange alliance by the fire that down below was their enemy, and that here, briefly, around the campfire, was their friend, they began to talk in the quiet way of weary men.

The CO asked the soldier how he had gotten the Purple Heart that was pinned to his tunic. The combat man replied that it was for wounds he had received while killing a large number of Japs. The third man, a Filipino convict serving the fifteenth year of a life term, scratched his head, kicked disconsolately at the fire, and said, "I killed a Jap, too, but I guess it was out of season."

The decorated one looked at him with a sad expression and said, "No fooling, is that what you're up for?"

"That's what I'm up for," said the little fellow, "But if you think that's funny—here's a guy (pointing to the CO) who's up because he refused to kill Japs!" (A quotation from the book, "Down in My Heart," by William E. Stafford.)

What a terse parable of our topsy-turvy world this is—a world of twisted values and moral confusion. Two of the three were murderers; one was a hero, the other a wretched lifer! And the third, the only one whose hands were not stained with blood, was occupying a position of bare tolerance by a disapproving society!

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Will YOU walk

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Dr. John F. Locke

JESUS TAUGHT THE SACREDNESS of human personality, that man has unlimited possibilities. He can be a partner of God. He can be the temple of God's spirit. He can have eternal fellowship with God.

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:21) we see that we must live in mutual helpfulness respecting each other. Contempt for man is dangerous. Jesus is the supreme valuer of persons. No one has ever given as high a conception of the value of a human being as did Jesus. One soul, He said, is worth more than all the world. He forbade murder and the feelings, which issue in murder, when they are followed out. To the "Thou shalt not kill" He adds warnings against bitterness, hate, contemptuousness, unkindness, envy and jealousy. It is rather hard to imagine getting a war going without these helpful assistants.

If we are ever to walk the ways of peace we will have to acquire an understanding of Jesus' view of man. When we see our fellow human beings as He taught us to regard them, we shall develop an uneasy conscience concerning their lives, miseries, sufferings and death. If we cared how many children starve to death we would make a real effort to feed them. We need to recover the capacity to be shocked.

War as a method of settling disputes is incompatible with the teachings and example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The part that war plays today in our national life and our relations with other nations is most certainly a sin against God and a degradation of man. It

is hard to conceive of war being a sort of special exception to the teachings of Jesus on loving our enemies.

The religion of nationalism, and there is such a religion, says you can kill and slaughter indiscriminately as long as you are putting your nation ahead. What is more, you will be honored and given medals for conduct which in peacetime would send you to the prison to be executed, or to the institution for the criminally insane. It was argued that to drop bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was a benevolent activity, for it would save American lives. A single bomb, dropped when the war was about over anyway, snuffed out the lives of scores of thousands of non-combatants, women, babies, aged people, doctors, nurses, Christians, school children in Christian mission schools. By such conduct we unleash on ourselves a devastating hatred and distrust that one American poet describes our conduct as "The bomb that fell on America."

We dealt very indulgently with the little man who ordered this to take place, for really he must have acted for most Americans, or they would have been outraged. We have long printed on our currency "In God We Trust" but now the question must be asked, "Which God?" Do we trust in the One God and Father of us all who was revealed perfectly and finally by Jesus Christ, or Mars, the god of war? If you say, "Christ, of course," then why are we so penurious with our expenditures for Christ's program and so prodigally generous with the program that would give us alleged strength and security by war? For instance,

ROAD TO PEACE?

B.M. missile consumes in one minute as much fuel as would your automobile for the next thirty years, if you are an average driver.

Prodigal with Mars and penurious with Christ, not, and cannot be, the road to peace. **War is the most wasteful thing in the world.** Right now the whole world economy is based on it. How will we free ourselves from this horrible domination? "Spend more," say the people who profit from it. With all the billions poured out in frantic effort to outdo the Russians, we are told that we haven't been spending nearly enough. Those who would be our leaders and masters fear to speak the plain truth that we are bankrupting ourselves. The Russians must have many a happy chuckle at all of this, for this is what they intended!

Toynbee noted some years ago that the course that nations follow which eventually eliminate them is this: 1. They make a Messiah of the Military. 2. They make a machine of the common man, and 3. They make an idol of the State. Is the common man so much a machine that it is now too late to throw off this domination of war over our education, our economy, our thinking and planning? There are some who would say that it is . . . that all that we can do and should do is to wait for the Lord to return and straighten out for us. Granted that man has a miserable record at making peace, that even the Christian democracies have a most embarrassing record of many wars, yet what shall we Christians do with the plain command to be peacemakers. (see Matt. 5:44 to the end of the chapter.) The only answer

is to have such a burning faith in God and such a love and devotion to Christ that we are willing to venture for Him in the realm of peacemaking.

I have known some young men of draft age who have chosen alternative service and thus have made a real contribution to peace and the general welfare. Some of these have served in Nigeria during this period and have chosen missionary work as the way to invest their lives for Christ's kingdom. Two of these young men of my acquaintance have made notable contributions to human knowledge by offering themselves to be used in scientific research that people might live instead of dying of disease. Perhaps the best contribution of all, is that they show how life is to be used to the glory of God and as a sacred entrustment from God.

If we are ever to have a stable, peaceful world, Christlike love is the only means. Goodwill is not established nor are national problems resolved by having young people kill each other. It is easy to hate your enemies. It is the easy animal way. To love them is the divine way. Jesus did not retaliate. He practiced goodwill to the very last moment on the Cross.

War is so very ineffective. It builds thrones for dictators even while people are heroically offering their lives for freedom. It has been said that **there are some things worse than war, to which one eminent Christian writer says, "Yes, and war produces every one of them."** The plain truth is that war is a means out of harmony with the ends it seeks to produce. Evil means produce

evil ends everywhere else in the world; there is no use expecting it to be otherwise in war. If any good comes out of war it is relatively small to all the good that has to be sacrificed for it. We fight for a just and durable peace and yet the first casualties in war are liberty, truth and love.

I, for one, am very grateful for the work of our Brethren Peace Committee which seeks to inform our young people on the subject of peacemaking. The people who read this issue of our Church paper will know that there are worthwhile things that can be done for peace... things they can do. The alternative to warmaking is peacemaking and this takes devotion and courage and the investment of life and effort commensurate with the demands of the war system. Some things you can do are:

1. **Study the teachings of Jesus and the New Testament and find out what you can about His will and His way.** Discover why we ought to obey God rather than men in relation to war and peace.

2. **Make an honest appraisal of your life and your attitudes.** Are you really going His way or in some other way? Who is your God? Does my life really say plainly that Jesus is the Way?

3. **Read a good book about Peace.** Why is it our business? Find out what other Christians have done and are doing now to make peace and prevent war.

4. **Because we are Brethren we ought to know our peace heritage, for it is a notable one.** From our beginnings the Brethren have been a peace people. It is well to know of John Naas, who was tortured for refusing to enlist in the Prussian army. To persuade him to change his mind on the matter his captors hung him up by a heavy cord fastened to his left thumb and right great toe. When this did not bring the desired result they took him before the king of Prussia who asked him why he refused military service. He replied, "Because I cannot as I have long ago enlisted in the noblest and best army; and I cannot become a traitor to my king." "And who is your captain?" asked the king. Elder Naas replied, "My Captain is the great Prince Immanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. I have espoused His cause and cannot and will not forsake Him." "Neither will I then ask you to do so," and the King of Prus-

sia gave him a gold coin for his fidelity and released him. Some of the draftees of World War I holding fast the same beliefs, were immersed in latrines, says Norman Thomas, who wrote of experiences of Conscientious Objectors then. Now our beloved country accords objectors the privilege of serving in many useful ways, if they do not feel that their beliefs would allow them to bear arms and be trained to kill.

5. **It will be well for us to study our enemies if we are to love them, and we are commanded to love them.** We need to ascertain why hatred does not build an enduring home, a worthy friendship, a happy neighborhood, a sound economy, a stable nation or a peaceful world. Hatred is a destroyer and the first thing it destroys is your own peace of mind. What hatred and fear cause the nations to spend, if channeled into useful things, would banish poverty, build the hospitals and schools needed all over the earth and in addition to these, it would support a Christian missionary program many times the size of our mightiest efforts so far. The present annual giving for missions by all the churches in America would not have run the last war a whole hour.

6. **"Don't forget to write."** With these words we often part from our loved ones but they do forget to write. Especially is this true when it comes to our representatives in Congress. They really appreciate expressions of sentiment by the voters. Such letters need not be long or profound. They should be direct and sincere, pointed statements of how you stand and why.

7. **Above all, pray.** Pray for the enemies of our nation, those who distrust and fear us and misunderstand us. Pray for God's guidance upon those who lead in the affairs of the nations. Pray for Christian missionaries and those other travelers and soldiers and workers who represent us in the eyes of the other peoples of the earth. America has a vast company of missionaries or ambassadors not sent out by churches. Their behavior sometimes is contradictory to the message carried by those who are seeking to bring the gospel of Christ. Pray for homes, and teachers, and preachers, and that you may be a peacemaker... a committed, courageous, alert, and responsible co-laborer with Christ, helping people to see God's design in spite of all of man's disorder in our present world of fury and folly.

Maurertown, Va.

TRAINING PEACEMAKERS

Rev. Carl Phillips

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

NO ORGANIZATION ever established has equalled in influence for good those established by God, especially the home and the Church. Those homes and communities of past and present times that have been built upon the New Testament standard of belief and conduct are evidence of this fact.

God has made the parents primarily responsible for the beliefs and conduct of the children. But for strong Christian homes there must also be a Church which is faithful to the Word and strong in its spiritual influence. The two depend upon each other. In some areas of faith and practice the Brethren are notably different from most other churches. The founders of the Brethren Church saw some teachings of the Bible that were being neglected in their day. It was because they practiced and taught their belief that the Brethren Church today is fundamentally the same as it was when founded. One of the specific teachings abroad in the Brethren Church is that of pacifism. There are differences of opinion on the subject of carnal warfare but the brotherhood speaks with one voice in its official stand opposing war. We take this stand largely because we were so taught. Our children will continue in this way only if we continue to teach in the home and in the church.

I wish to emphasize the fact that we can best lead people in the path of peace by reaching into the homes, as well as keeping the teaching alive in the church. I am a C. O. (conscientious objector) in my stand on war.

I did not arrive at my decision to be a C. O. through private searching of the Scriptures. I do not remember having studied a Sunday School lesson which emphasized that the Brethren Church opposed sending their young men into armed conflict. I arrived at my decision largely because I was taught from the Bible by my father that it was wrong to go to war.

The gospel of peace was not meant to be kept alive only within the confines of the Brethren Church. It was meant to be taken into every part of the world, into every home in the world. This is a difficult task and a costly one. It means men and money. We may lose soldiers of the cross but this means of warfare is far more effective in taking war out of the hearts of the peoples of the world and it costs far less in men and money than carnal warfare. We would be responsible for saving lives but never guilty of taking lives. We as Brethren and Christians should seriously consider our individual responsibility to teach and preach the Gospel in our homes, our churches, and in the world in light of the fact that this was the only type of warfare in which Christ every particularly instructed His children.

We are pioneers with Christ on the frontiers of human conduct. The validity of our stand on war is backed up by our government. It is agreed to by many of the Brethren and many others who have qualified objections to war to protect our rights. But how great protectors of the faith are we if we do not subscribe to this facet of our faith being taught unashamedly in our homes and our church?

—Fremont, Ohio.

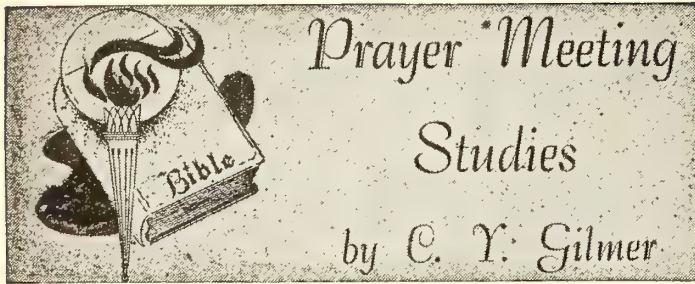
Evangelical Leaders speak on Christian Publications:

Probably no single influence has helped and challenged me quite as much in my Christian experience as the impact of the printed page. As a young boy I was stirred by the examples I found in Christian biography, especially in the lives of great missionary heroes...as a teen-ager I was impressed with articles by and about other young Christians...when I began to teach in the Sunday School and then was licensed to preach at the age of 17, I found myself living in books of sermons by the great preachers of the past.

News about Christian organizations opened my eyes to a vast potential world of service; articles in religious magazines about world need made geography and the social sciences live with heart-warming and meaningful new dimensions. I doubt if there has been a day in my life, in these past 26 years or so, when I have not felt, in one way or another, the influence of the printed page dedicated to the glory of Christ.

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SUPERSENSITIVE

I asked the Lord to take from me
The supersensitivity
That robs the soul of joy and peace
And causes fellowship to cease;
The things that people do and say
To foster hurt along the way.
I trust that by His Spirit sweet
I may those very people meet,
And show them that His love in me
Has won another victory.

The dart which carelessly they threw
Much closer to the Saviour drew
This heart, inclined to feel the pain
Of idle words they spoke in vain.
I asked Him why it hurt so much
When they upon my life should touch;
Then quickly He revealed to me
My supersensitivity.
"Just leave it here," He seemed to say,
The victory can be yours today.

"Remember that each idle word
My listening ear has also heard.
Before you brought that hurt to me
My eyes the one who spoke did see.
The victory is yours today
If you will put that hurt away.
Remembering that love will grow
If you will only show it." So,
I've asked to Lord to take from me
All supersensitivity.

—Nell Rose Graves

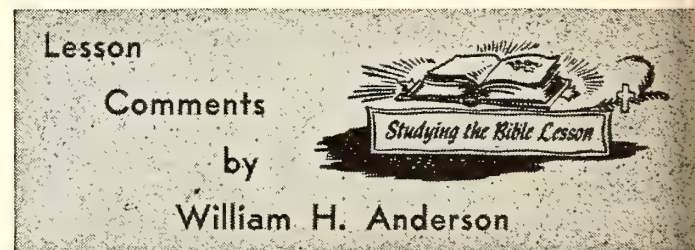
THE THING THAT HURTS US is not what others do and say to us, but how we take it (Rom. 12:14). Cultivate consideration for the feelings of other people if you would not have your own injured (Matt. 7:12). Those who complain most of ill-usage are those who abuse others the oftenest (Rom. 2:1), and will face the judgment of God for it (v. 3). To bear injuries, or annoying and vexatious events, meekly, patiently, prayerfully, and with self-control, is more than taking a city (Prov. 16:32).

Instead of sensitiveness for self, we are to cultivate forbearance (Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13). We are to pray for a short memory to all unkindness (Job 42:10). To cultivate perfection even the kindest soul is tender toward the hard, forbearing toward the unforbearing, warm toward the cold, generous toward the stingy (2 Tim. 2:24-26). The way to save ourselves from insult and attempted injury is to conquer our own resentment and ill will with a forgiving spirit (Matt. 5:43, 45). We can

make the unfriendly friendly (Prov. 25:21, 22; Rom. 12:20, 21).

Instead of being sad and hurt
By those who are unkind,
How better far it is to choose
The opposite, and find
The way to peace and happiness
Is graciously to do
To others as the Master taught
You'd have them do to you.

True courtesy and gentleness
Reveal an inward grace
That gives a glowing radiance,
Transforms the plainest face.
Be calm, dear heart, and when oppressed
Bless those who do you wrong,
And in forbearance love will prove
There is no force so strong.
—Della Adams Leitner



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Lesson for November 6, 1960

FACING MY SIN

Lesson: Psalm 32

"YOU CAN'T PUT your sins behind you until you face them." This challenging statement, from the Wesleyan Methodist, reminds us that men are troubled today by sin. "Forget about it!", the psychiatrist says. "Once you know what is bothering you, you'll have no more difficulty with a troubled conscience."

How absurd! To know about a disease is not enough. You must go to the physician to find a cure. You must do something about the disease before it is too late.

The same is true when the disease of sin infects the life. First, you must face the sin problem. Next, you must do something about it. You must take the steps prescribed by the great Physician for the cure of your sinful condition.

"The great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
O hear the voice of Jesus.

Your many sins are all forgiv'n,
O hear the voice of Jesus;
Go on your way in peace to heav'n,
And wear a crown with Jesus." (Wm. Hunter)

David, in the Thirty-second Psalm, tells how he faced his sin.

"This Psalm is generally thought to have been comprised by David after his adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah. For almost a year he stubbornly refused to acknowledge his sin; in spite of the accusing voice of conscience, and it may be, the admonitions of sickness (vs. 3-4); until the prophet's message struck home to his heart, and opened the fountain of penitential tears" (A. F. Kirkpatrick).

FORGIVENESS

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile" (vs. 1-2).

"Notice four words here, and get their meaning; **transgression** means willful disobedience to God; **sin** means 'to miss the mark'—to lose all that is good and blessed in life; **iniquity** carries the meaning of injustice, long continued and unforgiven; **deceit** is a word used to describe the self-accusing state of mind of the man who goes on sinning while trying to excuse himself, although he knows that there is no excuse. (In the KING JAMES VERSION the word 'guile' is used for 'deceit')" (Frank S. Mead).

Oh the blessed, happy, joyful state of the one who has experienced forgiveness! Every Christian who has experienced the thrill of the Divine touch upon his life knows how David must have felt.

"One must have a dull ear not to hear the voice of personal experience in this psalm. It throbs with emotion, and is a burst of rapture from a heart tasting the sweetness of the new joy of forgiveness" (Alexander Maclaren).

CONVICTION

"When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer" (vs. 3-4).

In these verses the Psalmist describes the "inward torture" (Kirkpatrick) caused by unconfessed sin when the heart is seized with Holy Ghost conviction.

Matthew Henry says of the unpenitent:

"Let such expect that their smothered convictions will be a fire in their bones, and the wounds of sin, not opened, will fester, and grow intolerably, painful... The hand of divine wrath will be felt lying heavily upon the soul, and the anguish of the spirit will affect the body."

CONFESSION

"I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin" (vs. 5).

In facing one's sin it is necessary to acknowledge, confess, and forsake that sin. Confession is a New Testament concept as well as Old. It means the same as repentance.

"The least thing we can do, if we would be pardoned," wrote Charles H. Spurgeon, "is to acknowledge our fault; if we are too proud for this we doubly deserve punishment."

PRAYER

"Therefore let every one who is godly offer prayer to Thee; at a time of distress, in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him" (vs. 6—R. S. V.).

In the preceding verse (vs. 5), the Psalmist said: "Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin." To be forgiven of sin, man must turn God-ward and pray. Notice it is the **Godly** who are to pray. Those who own the name of God and revere Him must ever strive to be free from sin. It was to Christians that John addressed his words: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins..." (I John 1:9).

PRESERVATION

"Thou art my hiding place; Thou shalt preserve me from trouble; Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance" (vs. 7).

Only the forgiven and restored soul is able to experience this!

GUIDANCE

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye" (vs. 8).

"Here the Lord is the speaker, and gives the Psalmist an answer to his prayer... The Lord Himself deigns to teach His children to walk in the way of integrity, His holy word and the monitions of the Holy Spirit are the directors of the believer's daily conversation" (Spurgeon).

ADMONITION

"Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle..." (vs. 9).

Dumb animals obey because they are required by bit and bridle to do so. The Children of God should obey out of LOVE not LAW!

TRUST

"Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about" (vs. 10).

FAITH enables the Believer to climb above the storms of life. Trusting in his God, the Christian is able to believe that "steadfast love surrounds him who trusts in the LORD" (vs. 10—R. S. V.).

REJOICING

"Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart" (vs. 11).

"The psalm ends with a joyful summons to general joy... Every tear sparkles like a diamond in the sunshine of pardon, and he who begins with the lowly cry for forgiveness will end with lofty songs of joy and be made, by God's guidance and Spirit, righteous and upright in heart" (Maclaren).

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Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

A SUCCESSFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL

AFTER HAVING SPENT A VERY FRUITFUL three days at the National Sunday School Convention and after having heard what others have done and are doing in their Sunday Schools, I am convinced that there is but one key to a successful Sunday School. That key is **hard work**. At the Convention, Rev. Robert Richardson of Calvary Baptist Church, Hazel Park, Michigan, made the statement that many groups come to his very successful Sunday School seeking to learn of some gimmick that will assure them of success in their own church. He said that such groups go back to Sunday Schools that will never grow, because these people are unwilling to do the work required. To be sure there are methods that can and should be used to improve and build up the attendance of a Sunday School, but these methods are of value only when put to work.

Improvement of a Sunday School requires first that those in places of leadership—the Pastor, the S. S. Superintendent, and at least some of the officers and teachers—have the vision that it can be done. If some of these are not convinced that their Sunday School can amount to something, it never will. They have to be convinced that being average is not good enough, nor necessary! This is the advantage of going to a convention such as the one I recently attended. At such a convention one gets vision. But there are other ways of gaining

this vision; through visiting successful Sunday Schools and by reading of what others have done. Whatever the means, there must be those who are convinced that it can be done.

Once convinced of this, there are two areas in which work must be done. First comes the improvement of the Sunday School, and secondly, the gaining of new members and of better attendance by means of visitation.

Improvement of the Sunday School will require teacher training, improved curriculum, better organization, graded classes, sufficient space for classrooms, a proper equipment. All this requires time, effort, and money. But such is necessary. There is no easy way out. Improvement of the Sunday School requires good teaching. The gospel message should be taught and applied to the lives of the students. Those Sunday Schools that are most successful are not so because of contests, awards, fads, and fancy stuff. They are not the ones that try to compete with the world on its own level. They do not sacrifice quality for quantity. Rather, they are the ones which are doing what they are meant to do—teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Visitation, likewise, requires work, and people who are willing to work. Simply having a good Sunday School does not assure that it will be well attended. The idea that the church is to sit back and wait for the people to come is and always was false. We have to go get them and bring them in!

Now to be sure the process of Sunday School improvement is much more involved than I have just outlined. However, these areas are the starting points. Those who are willing to start here, who will avail themselves of the wealth of material available regarding Sunday School improvement, and then will heed what they read and do the WORK necessary, can and will have a SUCCESSFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

World Religious News in Review

NEW LAW EXTENDS SOCIAL DEADLINE FOR CLERGY:

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Ministers now have until April 15, 1962, to decide if they want to participate in the Social Security system. The amendment to the Social Security Act signed recently by President Eisenhower extends the cut-off date originally set for Sept. 15, 1957.

Many clergymen at that time claimed they did not understand the law, and that the deadline was not announced in sufficient time for them to comply. U. S. Congressmen said

that in some cases, erroneous information was given to clergymen by local officials who did not understand the regulations either. And, in other cases, church agencies had failed to resolve the question as to whether members of the clergy should participate in the governmental program in time for ministers to apply for coverage.

Clergymen who have waited to make their decision on Social Security coverage will be penalized to some extent, however, as compared with those ministers who immediately elected

coverage in 1955 and have been paying Social Security taxes since that date as self-employed persons. The benefits which the late-signers draw upon retirement, or which their survivors receive, will be substantially less for a period of years.

If a minister elects coverage before April 15, 1961, he must pay his "self-employment tax" for both the years 1959 and 1960. If he elects coverage between April 16, 1961 and April 15, 1962, (the new deadline) he must pay his tax for 1960 and 1961.

Government officials urged the clergy to study the amendment to the Social Security Act and to decide soon on whether or not they want to have a part. After April 15, 1962 such coverage cannot be elected, except by newly-ordained ministers who will continue to have two years in which to make a decision.

OLD RUGGED CROSS" REMAINS AMERICA'S FAVORITE HYMN

NEW YORK (EP)—"The Old Rugged Cross" is still the best-loved hymn of Americans, according to a poll taken by the *Christian Herald*, a nondenominational Protestant monthly published here.

The survey collected 30,000 ballots in the poll which registered the largest response to any *Christian Herald* hymn survey.

Both the first-place hymn and the runner-up, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," occupied the same positions they held in the magazine's 1953 survey.

Ranking among the top 12 of the 666 hymns named were: In the Garden; How Great Thou Art; Sweet Hour of Prayer; Abide With Me; Rock of Ages; Nearer, My God, to Thee; Amazing Grace; Jesus, Lover of My Soul; Beyond the Sunset; and Blessed Assurance.

Biggest surprise in the balloting was the fourth-place winner, "How Great Thou Art," a newcomer to the United States. Written in Sweden in 1885 by Carl Bosberg and set to an old Swedish folk tune, the hymn was translated into several European languages, including Russian.

Bill McVey, the *Christian Herald* manager, conducted the poll. A Presbyterian minister's son, McVey has recorded the 12 top hymns.

AMISHMAN JAILED FOR VIOLATING LICENSE CODE

MEDINA, Ohio (EP)—On his third trip to court for violating a law prohibiting teaching without a state certificate, Amos J. Mast was sentenced to 10 days in Medina County jail.

Mast, on two previous occasions, ignored the injunction and continued teaching at the 58-pupil Amish school No. 1 in Homerville Township.

Following the sentencing by Judge E. Kellogg, the county Board of Education, through its superintendent, invited the Amish to send their children to public schools.

In an informal opinion, Ohio Attorney General Mark McElroy said there was nothing in the state laws which prohibited a person or group of persons from operating a non tax-supported school that does not meet state standards. He pointed out, however, that parents of children at-

tending school could run into trouble by sending their children there. Since the institution did not meet state requirements, he stated, attendance would not comply with the state's compulsory attendance law.

Special counsel for the Medina School Board, William Batchelder, said injunctions will be sought against any substitute teachers or replacements for Mr. Mast who do not have state certificates. He noted that the Amish teach their children reading, writing, arithmetic and spelling in English and German, but will not teach history, geography, science or any other subject.

PITTSBURGH PAPER DROPS PEALE COLUMN

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (EP)—The Pittsburgh Press has dropped the weekly column written by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. The editors explained that Dr. Peale's association with a group of 150 Protestant churchmen who questioned whether a Roman Catholic President would be able to withstand "pressure" from the Catholic Church's hierarchy had brought him under "suspicion of prejudice." This was the second major Pennsylvania daily newspaper to drop Dr. Peale's column.

The Philadelphia Inquirer took the same action a week earlier.

Elsewhere on the east coast, the Newark, New Jersey Star Ledger announced it was dropping Dr. Peale's column until after the election in November.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST MISSIONARIES LEAVING CUBA

ATLANTA, Ga. (EP)—At the suggestion of the U. S. Government, Southern Baptist missionaries are now leaving Cuba, and others are expected to follow soon.

The announcement was made by Loyd Corder of Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the language group ministries department of the denomination's Home Mission Board with offices in Atlanta.

One of the problems facing the churches in Cuba today arises from Castro-stimulated prejudice against Americans. Many missionaries have complained they cannot talk to some Cubans either because the Cubans dislike Americans or they are afraid to be seen talking to Americans.

BID TO MAKE BUDDHISM STATE RELIGION OPPOSED:

RANGOON, BURMA (EP)—Violent opposition is expected at the forthcoming session of the Burmese parliament when a formal vote is taken on a constitutional amendment making Buddhism the state religion.

Minister of Industry, Mines and Labor, U Raschid, has openly opposed the amendment, although Premier U Nu recently declared that "I am determined to bring in state religion, even if I have to die in the attempt."

Mr. Raschid, president of the Burma Moslem Organization, contended that "followers of all religions should be accorded the same privileges and rights and do all they can for their own religions."

Of Burma's 20,250,000 population, 80 per cent are Buddhist...about 600,000 of that number are Protestants and a slightly greater number Moslems...Roman Catholics claim 177,000.

CONGO AGAIN WELCOMES MISSIONARIES

The Evangelical Free Church of America has received Congo visas for two of its missionaries on furlough. They expect to leave for the Congo this fall.

About a dozen American Baptist missionaries will return to the Congo between November and January if recommendations made by 31 denominational missionaries and officials are adopted by the Boards of Managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies at their next meeting here Nov. 14-16.

The recommendations were made at a conference in New York at which immediate and long-range plans were mapped for the group's Congo mission.

A special plea is being made for more doctors in the Congo. Dr. Glen W. Tuttle, chairman of the Congo Christian Medical Relief program, says there are now fewer than 200 doctors left to serve the 14 million Congolese. Some 500 doctors—mostly Belgians—had to flee the African country because of rioting and turmoil which marked its independence during the past summer, and according to Dr. Tuttle, they cannot return. (EP)

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

PIC of the WEEK



In last week's Page 18, a report from the Tiosa Brethren Youth appeared. This week we have the picture of their group at a gathering. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick VanDuyne are the advisors of this fine youth group.

NSSA CONVENTION — St. Louis, Mo.

I just recently returned from the National Sunday School Association Convention in St. Louis, Mo. I attended several workshops and institutes on youth materials and programs. I am thankful for this opportunity to attend this kind of convention where new ideas and methods are taught. Not only is the youth program discussed but ideas are expressed for the Sunday School and the total Church program. Next year's Convention will be held in Detroit, Michigan. I hope more of our pastors and youth leaders in the local churches can attend this worthwhile convention.

Note to Pastors & Youth Directors

There has been some mix-up at the post office on the packets containing the goal sheets, speech contest folders, etc. They have been mailed, and I have received word that some pastors have theirs. If you **do not** have your packet by the time you receive this notice, please drop the office a card, and we will see to it that another packet is sent to you. I am sorry for this delay. If you need any other Brethren Youth materials, please write for them to our office. P. S. If you have not sent in your B. Y. organizational questionnaire, please do so now.

Reflections on the Mid-West District Conference

On October 6-9 in Falls City, Nebraska, a District Youth Conference was held. By Saturday afternoon 2 young people had registered.

Friday morning was spent in getting acquainted and singing. Rev. Virgil Meyer of Ashland College presented the message for the morning. Two filmstrips were shown out of the *How Shall We Live* series. The first one was entitled "Choosing", the second "Giving and Taking Advice". In the afternoon recreation was held in the city park. Friday evening a film was shown entitled, "Does Christ Live in Your Home?"

Saturday morning, Rev. Rob Byler spoke to the youth about giving their lives for Christian service. The other three filmstrips from the series were shown and discussion held. They were, "Leading and Following", "Feelings About Others", and "The Way We Look At Things".

After the Sisterhood meeting in the afternoon, the young people went to another park for some game and a hot-dog roast. The weather was fine, so the young people enjoyed running around in the outdoors, especially the girl with the red suspenders. Saturday evening after the main session, Rev. Kenny Howard showed slides of the Cheyenne Camp and the Mid-West Camp.

Sunday closed the first youth conference for the Mid-West District with Sunday School and Church. I think this district should be commended for having 20 young people at their first youth conference. I would like to print the names of the youth that were there. I hope I have them spelled correctly.

Bertha Hathaway	Fort Scott, Kansas
Judy Hoggatt	Fort Scott, Kansas
Martin Culp	Fort Scott, Kansas
Phillip Williams	Fort Scott, Kansas
David White	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Virgil White	Cheyenne, Wyoming
Elda Newman	Fort Scott, Kansas
Roberta Jane Riegen	Falls City, Nebraska
Mike McGinnie	Falls City, Nebraska
Bobby Ambrose	Kansas City
Sandy Ambrose	Kansas City
Areasa Cartright	Carleton, Nebraska
Linda Bonen	Carleton, Nebraska
Bob Winsmur	Falls City, Nebraska
Beverly Shuley	Falls City, Nebraska
Marjorie Fritz	Falls City, Nebraska
Nancy Graves	Saloma
Carral Schacht	Saloma
Phillip Fine	Falls City, Nebraska
Harry Yost	Falls City, Nebraska

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

Brethren College Days	
Ashland College Campus	November 4, 5,
Southeastern District Rally	
Maurertown, Va.	Saturday, November 12, 1966
Registration—3:00 o'clock.	Over at 8:00 o'clock.
Pennsylvania District Youth Rally	
Masontown, Pa.	Saturday, November 19, 1966
Indiana District Youth Retreat	
Camp Mack	December 26, 27, 28, 1966

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

I REMEMBER

Where has he gone—that little son who nestled in my arms,

Whose curious stare and crinkled smile always held a certain charm.

I listened only yesterday to hear that childish treble, that gleeful laugh, that silence subtle, That always meant just one thing—trouble.

I miss that grubby little hand that clung to mine so tightly,

That sweet, spontaneous little kiss that brushed my cheek so lightly,

Those torn jeans, those muddy shoes with laces always dragging,

That cowboy hat, that fancy shirt and gun belt ever sagging.

Where are those days of endless toil, those hours of grief and joy,

The many secrets that we shared—me and my little boy. Here is his crib, all scarred and dusty, a favorite toy, broken, rusty.

And here is Teddy with one ear gone,

And a toy piano with a special song.

But where is he—that little lad?

Now, Mother do not be so sad.

For something splendid has occurred—something really grand,

That little son of yours, my dear,

He's gone to be a man!

Mrs. Frank Morrison,
Ashland, Ohio.

NOTE: Mrs. Charles B. Anderson of Howe, Indiana, Rt. 3, who furnished the material for the May 28, 1960 Woman's Corner, wishes to advise that she is not the author of the poem which was included, although some have ascribed the authorship to her. She states that the poem was printed many years ago in the "Woman's Outlook", and no author's name appeared with it. We are glad to make this word of explanation at Mrs. Anderson's request.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Field Secretary, John W. Porte, is sending out a call for back issues of the Brethren Annual and the Brethren Evangelist. If you have any of these you would care to part with, mail them to him at the address below, or write to him, telling him what you have. Thank you.

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Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE DIVINE

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." Psalm 37:23.

IF, AS GOD'S CHILDREN, we could be ever conscious of the fact that God is definitely interested in the choices we make, it would stir us to our best. If we could realize that the good fights which we wage against sins of every kind, delights the heart of God, it would refresh us and help to renew our courage.

The Psalmist declares that "The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble" (Psalm 37:39). Again the same writer declares that "Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand" (Psalm 27:24). And added assurance of God's concern for, interest in, and provision for our safety and well-being is contained in the words "He shall give his angels charge over thee; they shall bear thee up upon their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone... (Psalm 91:11,12).

What a thrill it should give us to remember that God, the great and mighty King of the universe, watches over His children, and gives to them a Comforter to walk with them all the days. There never comes a day so dark, but that He guards us, and when the night hangs black indeed, we know that in those very darkest shadows standeth God, keeping watch above His own."

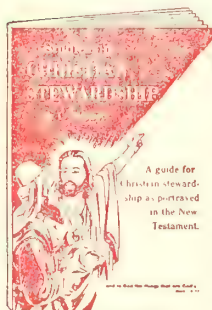
May God keep us ever conscious of His ever-present power to care for us, and make us ever willing to abide in His keeping, protecting grace.

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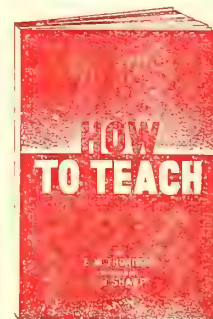
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For 1960 - 61: "VENTURING with CHRIST" (II Peter 3:18)



The more closely we walk with Christ the more surely do we know that His grace will not fail us in our time of need. Here the unstable Peter could find the strength he needed to

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make him a true disciple; the doubting Thomas could learn to say, "My Lord and my God"; the quick-tempered John could become the Apostle of love; the persecuting Saul of Tarsus could become His evangelist to a lost world. And the Christ is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever". In Him we, too, may find comfort in sorrow, strength in weakness, hope in discouragement, faith in the time of doubt, and the zeal that leads us to know our greatest joy in His service. When we call upon Him, He answers. And in the answer He makes, the deepest needs of our hearts are satisfied.

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BLESSED HOPE

A man who lived in a plague-stricken community expected almost any night to come home and find his wife sick. One night as he was nearing his home, he noticed the shades were drawn and the house was dark. With a sad heart he drew near the door, where he found a note saying, "My Father has come for me, and taken me up into the mountains, where there is no malaria, no disease, no danger. I am safe there, and in a few days He is coming for you to follow me."

What a glorious picture that is of the hope afforded us through our blessed, resurrected Christ! "He is not here, but is risen." He is in Heaven as our great High Priest and some day is coming back for us. Bless His name!—Selected.



A PSALM OF THE GOOD TEACHER

The Lord is my teacher,
I shall not lose the way of wisdom.
He leadeth me in the lowly paths of learning;
He prepareth a lesson for me every day;
He findeth the clear fountains of instruction.
Little by little He showeth me beauty of the truth.
The world is a great book that hath written.
He turned the leaves for me slowly.
They are all inscribed with images and letters.
His face poureth light on the pictures and words.
Then am I glad when I perceive the meaning.
He taketh me by the hand to the high top of vision.
In the valley also He walketh beside me,
And in the dark places He whispereth to my heart.
Yea, though my lesson be hard it is not hopeless.
For the Lord is very patient with the slow scholar.
He will wait awhile for my weakness.
He will help me to read the truth through tears.

—Henry Van Dyke

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IN CHRIST'S HANDS

If we are Christ's building, then let Him fashion us according to His divine ideal of beauty, at whatever cost to our selfishness, or pride, indolence, or vainglory.

Christ working in us and upon and we working with Christ and Him—that is the process that produces such structures as He will present before His Father and the holy angels.—T. L. Cuyler.

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The Editor's Pulpit

November Is Important

NOVEMBER is a very important month, this year, for Christians, and especially for Brethren. Several outstanding events are scheduled to take place, the outcome of which could very easily change the course of history. Brethren have it in their power to do something about these events, and we trust that every eligible Brethren will do just that.

The first of these great events is coming in just a few days, for on November 8th, this nation will elect a new President. The issues have been presented in a great volume of words, printed and spoken. There has been truth and untruth poured out upon the public from thousands of presses, and hundreds of radio and television stations, plus the personal words from the candidates. It remains now for the voters of this nation to consider the issues at hand, and to go and cast their votes on Election Day.

We trust that all eligible Brethren voters will avail themselves of the privilege of voting. To purposely stay away from the voting booth is to cast a vote in favor of corruption, vice and greed in politics. Let each of us, prayerfully, realizing that the course of America's future lies largely in what happens on November 8th, go to our voting place and cast our ballot. Only as free Americans vote in a free election, can freedom continue.

Another of the great events facing Brethren this month is the date upon which each of us places our gift for Brethren Home Missions in the outstretched hand of our Lord.

This program of Venturing with Christ in Brethren Home Missions has been ably presented in the promotional section of this magazine by the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church. This Board, charged by the Church with the responsibility of planning, promoting, effecting and caring for a growing Home Mission Program, needs your faithful stewardship. It is one thing to talk about a great Home Mission Program; it is something else to back it up with our gifts—tithes and offerings. Your Mission Board is confident that each Brethren will, this month, give freely out of that which has come to them through the blessing of God. The present Home Mission program, and the plans for the future, give evidence of the Board's confidence in the Brethren. Yes, November is a very important month for us, as it relates to the program of Home Missions in our nation.

In these crucial hours and days, may we all be found at our post of duty—on election day, and on the day when we lift our gifts for the support of God's program of Home Missions in our Church. W. S. B.

Peace Sunday

in The Brethren Church

November 13th

COMING EVENTS

KOKOMO, INDIANA. Evangelistic Services—Nov. 9-20 —Rev. Harry Richer and wife, Evangelists; Rev. Austin Gable, Pastor. (The Richers are being provided by the Roann church under the plan suggested by Moderator Joseph R. Shultz at the 1960 General Conference.)

LOREE, INDIANA. Evangelistic Services—Nov. 27-Dec. 4—Rev. William E. Thomas, Evangelist.

NORTH GEORGETOWN, OHIO. Evangelistic Services —Nov. 20-27—Prof. Charles R. Munson, Evangelist; Rev. Richard Allison, Pastor.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Homecoming—Nov. 13—Rev. Virgil Ingraham, Pastor.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Homecoming—Nov. 6—Rev. J. G. Dodds, Pastor.

LINWOOD, MARYLAND. Revival Services—Nov. 6-13—John B. Mills, Evangelist-Pastor.

NAPPANEE, INDIANA. Revival Services—Nov. 7-20 —Rev. George Solomon, Evangelist; Rev. Virgil Ingraham, Pastor.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. Evangelistic Services—Nov. 13-20—Rev. Virgil E. Meyer, Evangelist; Rev. Charles C. Bader, Pastor.

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA. (THIRD BRETHREN). Revival Services—Nov. 6-20—Rev. William H. Anderson, Pastor.

ASHLAND, OHIO (Park Street Brethren). Evangelistic Services—Nov. 6-13—Rev. Harold E. Barnett, Evangelist; Rev. Phil Lersch, Pastor.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Revival Services—Nov. 6-20—Rev. J. G. Dodds, Pastor-Evangelist.

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November 19, 1960

Masontown Brethren Church

"Come on, Let's Rally"

NO EVANGELIST
NEXT WEEK

The EVANGELIST is published 50 times a year. To conform to this calendar year of 53 Saturdays, the Publication Board has authorized the dropping of the extra issue in order to complete the volume of 50 issues by the fourth Saturday of December. The next EVANGELIST will come to you under date of November 19th. (W.S.B.).

SOUTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT
LAYMEN RALLY
Huntington, Indiana — November 21st
Supper served from 6:30-8:00 DST

Items of General Interest

LOST CREEK, KENTUCKY. The following church have been responsible for furnishing a tractor, 5-foot rotary mower, plow, grader blade and disc for the school at Lost Creek: Tiosa, Center Chapel, Denver and Roanoke—all Indiana churches.

ADRIAN, PENNA. (BRUSH VALLEY). Gospel Team from Ashland College held services in the Brush Valley church recently; the Men's Gospel Team on October 23rd, and the Girl's Gospel Team on October 30th.

MARIANNA, PENNA. (HIGHLAND). Evangelistic Services were in progress the last two weeks of October with Brother Paul D. Tinkel as Evangelist.

MASONTOWN, PENNA. Dr. Joseph Zachello, a converted Roman Catholic Priest, spoke to a large audience of area people in the Masontown church on October 19th.

DAYTON, OHIO (HILLCREST). The Woman's Missionary Societies of the Hillcrest church held their public service on October 30th. Speaker was Miss Lois Miller.

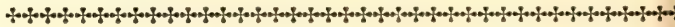
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. On the last Sunday of October, the Assistant Teachers and Officers took charge of the Sunday school and classes.

DENVER, INDIANA. Brother Herbert Gilmer conducted communion for the Denver Brethren on October 18th.

Rev. George Hapner, who lives near Roann, has been called to serve the Denver church for the coming year.

Brother A. T. Ronk held a week of meetings in the Denver church, September 11th to 18th, also helping the church celebrate its 50th anniversary on the 18th.

TEMPE, ARIZONA (PAPAGO PARK). Frank Barke of the Tucson church, brought the message in the Papago Park church on October 16th. The Laymen were in charge of the service.



This 'n' That

By the Editor

THE BRETHREN ANNUAL

It is hoped to bring you the 1960-61 edition of the Brethren Annual under date of November 26th. We have experienced some delays this year, among them a slowness of material arriving in this office, incompleteness of some material when it did come, necessitating an increased amount of correspondence to get complete information. As we are able to continue working the material through composition, proofreading, make-up, final proofreading, printing, folding, trimming, and mailing we will get it to you. (W.S.B.).

THE NEW EVANGELIST

PROBABLY THE GREATEST SINGLE REASON for unifying all Brethren publications under one cover is found in the survey listed below. This "Survey of Circulation of Brethren Publications" was prepared during the past year for the Advisory Committee on Publications and was presented at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Brethren Publishing Company during General Conference in August.

The survey and count of each subscription list was accurate and the cross checking done with care, so that a true picture might be given. Here is the full report given to the Shareholders:

SURVEY OF CIRCULATION OF BRETHREN PUBLICATIONS

Evangelist (only)	1938	subscriptions
Evangelist & Outlook	1365	subscriptions
Outlook (only)	1025	subscriptions
Evangelist, Outlook & Layman	301	subscriptions
Evangelist, Outlook & B. Y.	175	subscriptions
Brethren Youth (only)	137	subscriptions
Evangelist, Outlook, Layman & B. Y. .	134	subscriptions
Evangelist & Layman	123	subscriptions
Not Evangelist, but any other two	120	subscriptions
Layman (only)	113	subscriptions
Evangelist and B. Y.	80	subscriptions
Evangelist, B. Y. & Layman	15	subscriptions
Not Evangelist, but all other three ...	9	subscriptions

Notice the large number receiving only the Outlook (1025).

Notice the **small** number receiving all four publications (134).

Notice the **small** number receiving only the adult publication (435).

Many other revealing comparisons can be made. These facts in themselves helped the committee realize that something needed to be done so that more families would be receiving news and information from more than just one segment of the program of the whole church. The constituency was not being thoroughly enough contacted through the existing publications. By having more information in one central magazine, it will be a more effective way to challenge greater portions of the total membership with something vital about every phase of the Brethren Church's thrust.

The Advisory Committee on Publications has now been dissolved, for its work has been completed. However, this information which helped form the decision to unite the publications will be an advantage to the readers in understanding why the move was recommended and then accepted.

With this added awareness of the need for the NEW BRETHREN EVANGELIST, every Brethren will be able to lend support in the current drive to raise the number of subscriptions in each church. It is imperative that each church does its part to promote the interest and subscriptions before the NEW magazine appears on January 1, 1961.

The NEW BRETHREN EVANGELIST is just another indication that Brethren are "Venturing With Christ" this year.

Evangelical Leaders speak on Christian Publications:

The only way to influence human nature permanently is through the use of ideas. Ideas make the man: "as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Basically, our task in the world is the **communication of ideas**. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

This communication is done by the life, through the spoken word, and through the written word. Surely, then, the Christian periodical has an important place in communicating God's message.

Christian publications influenced my own life in boyhood days. I was exposed so generously to wholesome reading that I cannot recall there was ever much hankering for the wrong kind!

As a pastor, I have always encouraged my people to read Christian periodicals. A reading church means an informed church. An informed church means a concerned church. A concerned church becomes a church in action. When the church goes into action, under God, nothing can stop it!

—Robert A. Cook, Vice President
Scripture Press Foundation

Promote THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST in your Church!

A NEW CHURCH

"In the beginning was the Word (for 'His name is called the Word of God...and Lord of Lords'...Rev. 19:13, 16), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself...And the Word (Christ) became flesh, lived awhile—among us; and we (actually) saw His glory—His honor, His majesty; such glory as an only begotten Son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving kindness) and truth" John 1:1, 14 (Amp. N. T.).

"For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is (already) laid, which is Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One" (Amp. N. T.).

FROM THE BEGINNING, Christ has been in the bosom of the Father (John 1:18). From the beginning Christ has been the foundation stone of the Church (Isa. 28:16). He purchased it with His own blood (Acts 20:28). He also gave Himself for it, for Ephesians 5:25 states: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it."

The Church was established on the Word, Christ. That which the Bible sets forth is God speaking to us personally. God encounters man through the Bible when we hear Him speak to us personally. He faces and challenges us with the supreme question, "What will you do with Jesus Christ?"

It is upon this question that the militant church has been built. It is upon the central message of the Bible, the Word of God, that congregations have been formed. It is upon the Gospel message that missionaries have gone to all regions of the earth.

THE PREACHING AND TEACHING OF THE GOSPEL—THE MESSAGE WHICH THE BIBLE PROCLAIMS—IS CENTRAL TO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST!

To use any other foundation for the purpose of establishing a new congregation would be folly (I Cor. 3:12). The spiritual house of God, the body of Christ as St. Paul calls it, cannot be built of weaker material.

To present a hodge-podge of homely philosophy, a oratorical piece of worldly wisdom, or a group of psychological tid-bits is not the fulfillment of the Christian ministry. To present a homily on a current newspaper article, current literature, or recently-published book is questionable. This is religious opinion. These are not likely to bring a strong Christian conviction.

Strong Biblical messages bring conviction! It is not scope but depth that is needed in Christian teaching and preaching. It has been my opportunity during the last two years to observe the results of what other denominations have been teaching. Into our local church have come Methodists, Presbyterians, Assembly of God United Brethren.

Our Sunday school maintains a Bible-centered curriculum. Two families have told me that they appreciate the literature we are using and the good class-room procedure. One mother stated, "When we attended the _____ Sunday school, our children did nothing but singing, color and cut out pictures. Now, when my children come home, they bring ideas and literature that stay with them all week. Our little boy wants me to read his Sunday school paper every night. One day when we visited their classroom, we found the children crawling under the tables and chairs; but your classes are orderly and well conducted."

However, because the Bible is the final word, some have turned away from our church after attending a few Sundays; we expect this to happen. One lady was very frank about it and stated, "You are too fundamental for me." Another stated, "I like to _____ your church doesn't believe in it." Somehow, she inferred this; I had never made a statement from the pulpit or otherwise. She knew, however, the Scriptural position and teaching!

We are so happy that others have listened to the Word and have joined our church! On many occasions I have avoided doctrinal arguments by directing the person to the Bible for more study of the matter. Many here in this community have already learned of our motto: "The Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible."

I wish it were possible to tell Evangelist readers of the many personal experiences Dorothy and I have had with local people and how, through the Bible and work of the Holy Spirit, some have been led to Christ and our local church. But these involve confidences which members and friends have related.

One lady said she was glad to have this experience told. She refused to move when the Holy Spirit was guiding her one Sunday during the invitation. Rather she went home troubled. More trouble came. Testing and temptation poured out upon her. Her thoughts, she stated, were of the nature that she feared. On Tuesday morning she went to the bedroom, took the Bible and



MUST KNOW GOD'S WORD

H. FRANCIS BERKSHIRE, Pastor,
Papago Park Brethren Church

got on her knees. Each time she opened the Bible it turned to Mark 16:16 which states, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." She told her husband about it and he couldn't understand. They suspected that the book binding was the cause; then they agreed that it wasn't. The following Sunday she came forward to make her public confession and accept Christ. All of this happened after four months of personal visitation and evangelism by Dorothy and me. We made many calls into her home and read many verses of the Bible to her. She too is now looking toward the Bible and reading it in order to hear God's voice.

I do not know how many Bibles have been secured by means of trading stamps. After commenting one Sunday morning about the possibility of using trading stamps to secure a Bible for the home, several Bibles have been secured in this manner.

Bible-centered messages are appreciated here. They seem to be remembered. Evangelistic messages are a necessity in a newly formed congregation. Brethren history, travel experiences, contemporary illustrations, ethical preaching all have a place in the pulpit and classroom. But the message of prime importance is that Jesus Christ came to seek and to save the lost and that the Bible reveals the mind of Christ.

THIS MESSAGE IS URGENT! THIS IS THE ELEVENTH HOUR OF HISTORY

Salvation is more important than atom bombs, missiles, going to the moon. Decision for Christ is more important than education, wealth, recreation. God is bigger than you, me, or Khrushchev. Past history cannot save us, revive us, forgive us. The most urgent task for all Christians—laymen, ministers, teachers, missionaries—is to take St. Paul's words seriously, "Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency (stand by, be at hand and ready, whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable, whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it be welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong) and convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching" (II Tim. 4:2 Amp. N. T.).

The spiritual strength and power of the Papago Park Brethren Church (or any other newly-established church) in the next ten to twenty years depends upon today's preaching and teaching of God's Word. The foundation of tomorrow's church is being laid today! If winning men to Christ, the Bible as God's Word to man, and total stewardship of the Christian life are being correctly and forcefully taught today, the church of tomorrow will carry on this program of teaching, preaching, earning.

For the new church, evangelism is basic. Portraying Christ as the hope of the world is fundamental. Pointing people to God's Word is the method.

This method should be used at every opportunity. Better than reading responsively from the hymnal is the reading of the Word from the Word, the Bible itself. More people are now carrying Bibles here since this method has been inaugurated.

Midweek services are great opportunities to find out what the people know about God's Word. I am using it as a springboard for preaching. The Sunday school teachers have been trained to use the Bible more in their classes. Pupil participation in the use of their Bibles is vital to a church. Pupils are carrying Bibles and using them in classes.

The Woman's Missionary Society is studying the Book of St. Luke under the leadership of the pastor. An outline, composed by the pastor, has been used; it is in a booklet form.

The use of tracts is a wonderful way to introduce the Bible and point toward more Bible study. These are sent out periodically with the weekly newsletters.

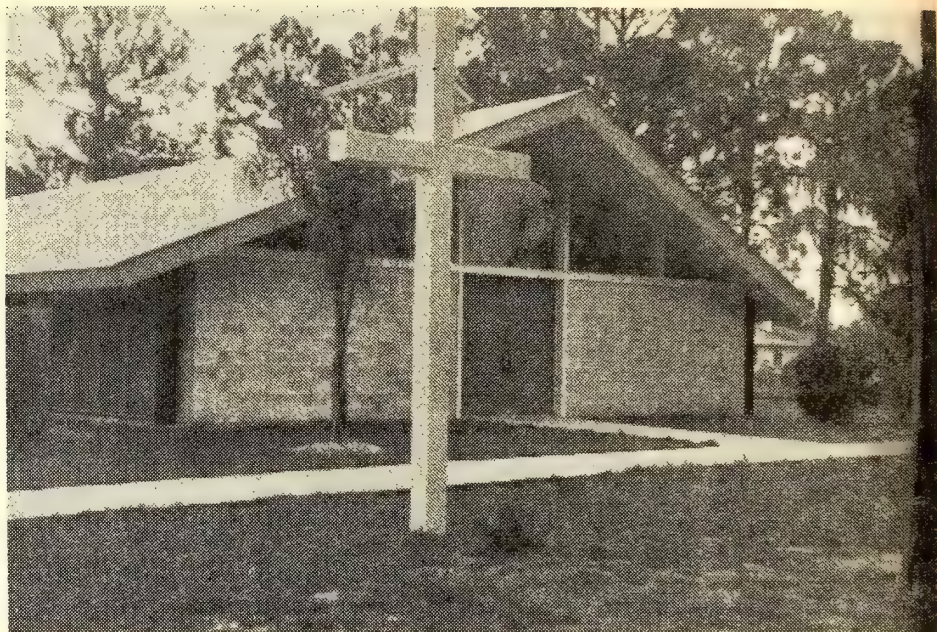
At present the new book *Our Faith* is being used in a membership class for new members and others who are interested. (Many compliments have been received in favor of this publication!) A continuous urging of searching the Scriptures by use of the references is presented weekly in these classes.

THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TOTAL COMMITMENT TO CHRIST!

"For the Word of God is quick (alive) and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and the immortal spirit, and of the joints and marrow (the deepest part of our nature), exposing, sifting, analyzing, judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).



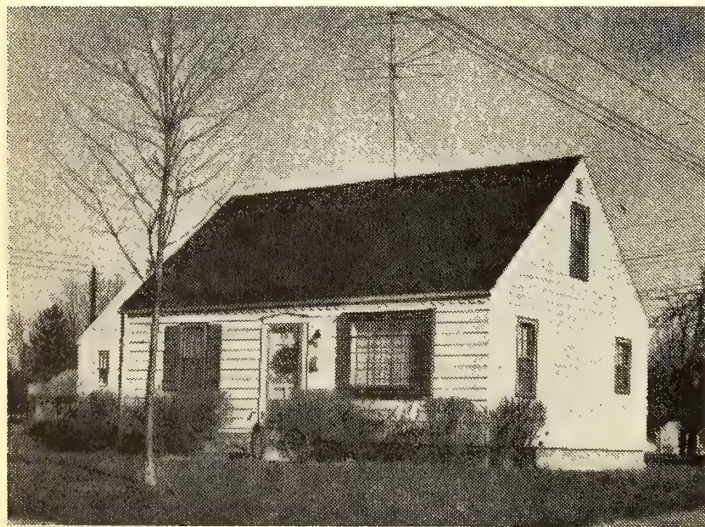
THE PANGS OF GROWTH



The First Brethren Church of Sarasota, Florida, with a membership of 100, is looking ahead, planning for an expansion program.

PROGRESS BRINGS PROBLEMS, and problems can be painful. This is being pointed up rather sharply in several of our home mission churches.

The Newark, Ohio, Church is having a difficult time finding sufficient space in which to carry on its Sunday program because of the growing response of the community. This condition is gratifying, but almost frustrating at times to those who have the responsible leadership and oversight of the church. A building program is the answer at Newark. This must come soon.



The parsonage at Newark, Ohio, is being expanded to provide more adequately for a family of five.

A new garage and an additional room are being added to the parsonage property. The local church is assuming a significant part of the financial responsibility for these improvements.

The Garber Brethren Church in Ashland is likewise experiencing the pains of growth. Every available bit of space is being used and again there is only one answer—additional space and facilities.

The Washington, D. C., Brethren Church continues to reach out in its visitation program, even though the present attendance is taxing the available space in their present church plant. It is good to have a progressive, growing church in our national capital. This has been a mission-supported church, but soon it will be completely self-supporting. We delight in seeing our mission churches grow, but at the same time, we recognize the difficulties which accompany rapid growth.

The First Brethren Church in Sarasota, Florida, has experienced excellent growth, but it has been fortunate in that they are allowed to use the Disabled American Veterans' building for Sunday school classroom space. This building is adjacent to the church property and takes away some of the strain created by an expanding congregation, but certainly it is only a temporary measure. Plans are being made to provide two services to take care of the peak attendance during the winter months.

The Sarasota Church is doing some long-range planning which will enable them to make some worthwhile accomplishments in meeting their growing needs from year to year.

OUR COVER PICTURE

The cover page shows views of three churches assisted by the Ten Dollar Club and by funds from the brotherhood through the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church. Background, interior of Sarasota church; bottom left, Tucson church; right, Papago Park Brethren Church.

A NEW CHURCH MUST KNOW GOD'S WILL

W. B. BRANT, Pastor,
Fairless Hills-Levittown Brethren Church

"IN THE BEGINNING—GOD!" The Fairless Hills-Levittown Brethren Church has sought to put God at the very beginning, at the head of every program, seeking His will in every decision. We have had many direct answers to prayer and have found His will and His way to be best.

Several months ago, we were faced with the problem of finding new quarters. The Pennsbury School System had voted to ask all religious organizations to vacate their buildings by October 1, 1960, and since the school in which we have been holding our regular services is part of this system, we were much concerned because there were no other buildings available, and we were stuck in the midst of buying a site on which to build our church.

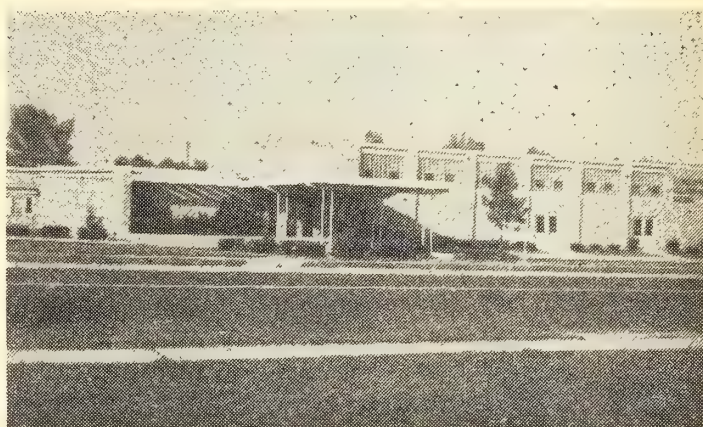
In view of this situation the District Mission Board voted to help pay for any additional expense incurred at another location. We finally were given permission to meet in the foyer of another school in another system, BUT we found it would cost as much as \$60 a Sunday; so at the District Board's suggestion we began to look again. There was only one thing left, and that was to ask the Pennsbury Board for an extension of time.

At our regular Wednesday night prayer and Bible study, we offered up to our Heavenly Father a special petition that He would soften and tender the hearts of that board, if it was His will that we continue in our present meeting place. The following Monday evening when the pastor attended the board meeting, our letter of request for an extension of time was read, and the discussion which followed was amazing and most heart-warming. What had happened to this same board, which had—after a very heated debate only a short time before—voted to oust all religious groups? Now, without any debate they unanimously voted to give us an extension of time or until we were in our new building. Yes, God does answer prayer.

I firmly believe that any church must seek God's will, but I also realize that is only part of the problem. Matthew 23:3 reads, "...for they say and do not." It is not enough to know God's will; it is very important that we DO GOD'S WILL. Surely, a church, if she shall know and DO God's will, must study the TEACHINGS of God's Word.

Matthew 28:19 reads, "Go ye therefore, AND TEACH all nations..."; so, if a church is to know and DO, she must be a TEACHING CHURCH. The church school (classes), the church worship (pulpit), the prayer meeting and Bible study—every organization must make the Bible the center.

A new church must be Bible-centered, for you cannot DO that which you don't know. The Brethren Church was born over an open Bible. Often-repeated and not-as-



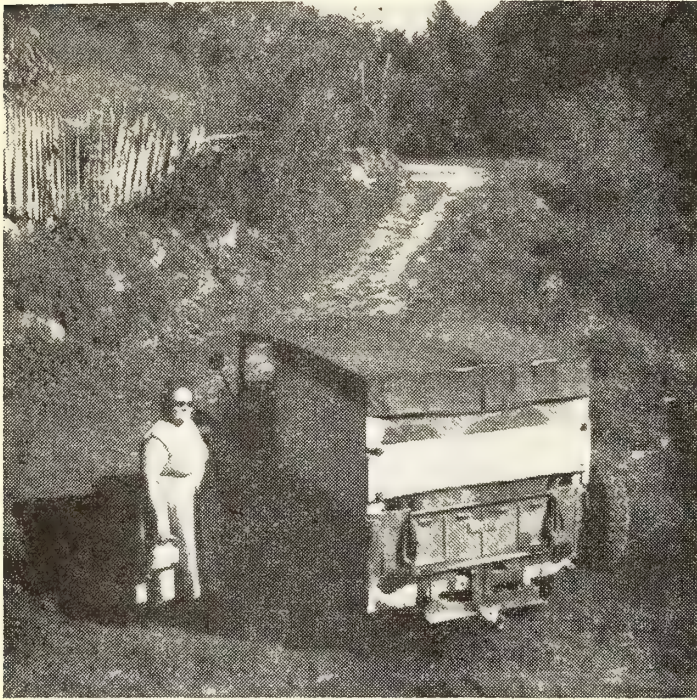
This Fairless View School provides a place for the services of the Fairless Hills-Levittown Brethren Church. Approximately 100 people attend the services.

often practiced motto is still good, "THE BIBLE, THE WHOLE BIBLE, and nothing but the Bible." To know God's will is to know God's way. The DOING OF GOD'S WILL, will lead us along God's way, and His way is the way of OBEDIENCE! Obedience to His commands, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). John 14:23 continues to say, "If a man love me, he will keep my Words." If a man says he loves God and neglects THE BOOK, he is not telling the truth. And remember—We first have to know and fall in love with the Author of the Book before we will love the Book.

A new church in a new community must be very careful to DO God's will and to obey His commandments. We must be careful that we do not allow ourselves to be influenced by the so-called Ecumenical-minded citizen, who says, all religions are good; they all lead to the same place, just going different ways. This same joker says it doesn't matter what you believe, just so you're sincere. This poor individual says there are many ways to God—the Buddhist way, the Confucianist's way, the Mohammedan way, the Christian way, and on and on and on. THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO GOD, not opened by or discovered by men, but opened by God Himself. THE WAY IS CHRIST. The way of the cross leads home, no other way, no other door. HIS WILL AND WAY was the blood-sprinkled way. How could we ever think of another way? Yes, a new church must know God's will. His will, His face, must be sought every morning—IN THE BEGINNING—GOD!

It is our sincere prayer that God's WILL AND WAY shall ever be sought and OBEYED to His praise and to the saving of many precious souls here in Levittown.

VARIED PROGRAM KEEPS KRYPTON ACTIVE



Margaret Lowery covers many miles meeting many spiritual and physical needs of the mountain people in the Krypton, Kentucky, area. The mission jeep provides good transportation.

MINISTERING to the people of the community in many areas, the program at Krypton goes on at an accelerated pace.

During the past summer, twenty-one young people from Krypton attended Riverside Camp; a number from Dunraven and Krypton attended the semi-annual rally; six Brethren Youth Crusaders contributed seven weeks of service, assisting with daily vacation Bible school, Sunday school, church, etc.; and Jim Sluss, Ashland College ministerial student, spent the summer assisting with the work and preaching.

In addition to this phase of the work, recognition was won for the community through the performance of the Home-makers' group—for outstanding achievement in Perry County. The 4-H was honored for excellence in the parade, in window-display, and in other projects. Some members have also won places of leadership in the organization.

Sewing classes are being held for all girls 10 years old and upward; more than 300 hours of class work in food, good grooming, sewing, etc., were given to 4-H boys and girls.

Approximately 50 hours of crafts, home management, home nursing and sewing have been given to home makers' classes.

In brief, the work at Krypton is making better citizens for here and for the hereafter.

A TRIBUTE TO WORKERS

I HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED during the past few months with the way our church extension pastors and home mission workers have been approaching their responsibilities. The reports coming to our attention show that they are dedicated, zealous, trusting, hard-working people. These are people of real character who are doing a noble job in the name of Christ.

One of the most gratifying things is to see the developments in the personal lives of these individuals. At first they seem to be a bit apprehensive and to move rather cautiously. Frequently in the beginning there is a bit of frustration and depression which interferes with

the normal progress. Adjustments in this type of work are tremendous; however, most of them get "over the hump", showing real victory in their spiritual lives as they move ahead in the power of the Spirit of God.

Again, this speaks well for the type of workers who are pastoring our new churches, our older mission-supported churches, and our work in Lost Creek and Krypton, Kentucky. I appreciate working with these fellow workers and wish to acknowledge publicly my high regard for the work which they are doing.

—W. Clayton Berkshire

STUDY THE BRETHREN HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION

PROGRAM DURING NOVEMBER

SUPPORT IT DURING NOVEMBER AND

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

RIVERSIDE CONTINUES WITH IMPROVEMENTS

INNUMERABLE IMPROVEMENTS have been made at Riverside within recent months. On the classroom-administration building, much additional work has been done both to the interior and the exterior. This adds to the protection of the building and provides as well more adequate school facilities. Under the present arrangement both the grade school and the high school meet in the new building.

Riverside has experienced a good increase in enrollment this year, with a total of 91 students in grades one to twelve. A fine staff of Christian teachers works cooperatively to improve the school and to give the very best training to the students. Eight of the fourteen staff members are Brethren people.

It was decided some time ago, after considerable study and consultation, that a concrete gym floor would be the most practical type for the building at Lost Creek. Several factors influenced the Co-operative Committee in making this decision. The floor is being put down now (October 19) and will be completed by the time this information gets into your home.

Adjustments in the new living arrangements are being made in a normal way. The girls are enjoying their quarters in Wheeler Home, while the boys are getting along nicely in Myers Hall. The new kitchen and dining room arrangement on the ground floor of Wheeler Home offers better facilities and a more pleasant atmosphere for meal preparation and for dining.

Special revival services were held in October by Reverend Claud Studebaker and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richer. Students and community people responded well.



A staff of fourteen people provide instruction and training for the ninety-one students at Riverside Christian Training School, Lost Creek, Kentucky.

PASSING THE HALF-WAY MARK

The Ten Dollar Club, whose autobiography you read in a recent Evangelist issue (October 8), rejoices these days at having passed a milestone—not a birthday, but the 1,000-member mark. This means it is half grown.

Like a growing boy, its strength and effectiveness are increasing; but how much more helpful it will be when it reaches full development (2,000 members)!

The recently-publicized autobiography resulted in a number of new memberships—may they continue to come—until by actual count, there are now 1,015 names on our rolls. If all new enrollments meant a net increase, the goal would be reached so much more quickly; but occasionally there are cancellations, by reason of death, by request of individuals, or by failure to respond to any calls or notices. When 985 new members have joined the ranks and those on the rolls continue to pay the calls, THEN this church-extension resource will reach really helpful proportions. KEEP WORKING AT IT!

The current call—for Mishawaka—has come in to the extent of \$8,075 to date. A membership of 2,000 (our goal) would mean \$20,000 for a new church—quite a lift. We are grateful to have reached 1,015 members, but we expect to keep right on enlisting new members. Join soon, and avoid the rush!

HOW ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS?

HOME MISSION OFFERING

Give through your local Church, or if this is not possible, note the following information. Church Treasurers, also please note:

Make checks payable to the Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, and address Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, 530 College Avenue, Ashland, Ohio.

BRETHREN, PRAY FOR US

The Apostle Paul was in earnest when he requested the Thessalonian believers to pray for Silvanus, Timothy, and himself. These men had special responsibilities in the development of the early church. They carried the weight of evangelistic endeavors, the work of establishing new churches and of training leaders. They felt keenly the need of intercessory prayer.

The Missionary Board's office staff and your home mission pastors and workers carry a similar responsibility in the Brethren Church. Our purpose is quite the same as that of St. Paul. While the methods and the problems may be different, the burden rests heavily, as it must have on St. Paul and his helpers. Each of us feels the need of Divine Guidance and of power from above. Our request is that of the Apostle Paul, "Brethren, pray for us." (I Thess. 5:25)—W. Clayton Berkshire.

STRIDES IN BRETHREN CHURCH EXTENSION:

PROGRAM ADVANCES AT FAIRLESS HILLS-LEVITTOWN

THE FAIRLESS HILLS-LEVITTOWN Brethren Church, which is heavily supported by the Pennsylvania District, recently reached the 100-mark in attendance for Sunday school—a commendable achievement, giving evidence of the progress being made.

This church group which is holding services in the Fairless View School, by petitioning the school board recently, received permission to continue holding their services in this school building until September 1, 1961. Here was an answer to prayer and a real blessing, because of the scarcity of temporary facilities for new church groups in this fabulous area.

Negotiations to purchase a three-acre plot of ground have been under way for some time. Delay in getting the transaction completed has been due to the stringent rules and regulations which apply to subdivisions—and the plot under consideration is classified as a sub-division. More specifically, it involves securing a special permit to build a church, because of the zoning regulations, and the development of a road for proper access to the property. A local attorney has been on the case from the beginning to check out the legal details and requirements in order to assure protection of the church's investment.

Five new members were received into the fellowship of the church recently, and a week of visitation was carried out October 10-16.

The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church assists with pastoral support in the amount of \$600 annually. A Ten Dollar Club call also was made for this new project.



Signs similar to this are erected on the building sites at Mishawaka, Indiana, and at Massillon, Ohio.

MISHAWAKA MOVES AHEAD

THE MISHAWAKA Brethren Church, with a membership of twenty-three, is carrying a growing program, with Sunday services being held in the North Side Elementary School and midweek services in the homes of the members. Attendance at the Sunday services runs in the forties. New contacts are being made in the community each week.

The highlight for October was the ground-breaking service on October 9. This thrilling occasion was an inspiration to the congregation and to other Brethren people who were present. Building plans have been approved and bids are being received.

Brother C. A. Stewart is providing good pastoral oversight to this new church, and the members are entering whole-heartedly into this difficult, but rewarding, work. The current Ten Dollar Club call money will go to Mishawaka.

OHIO DISTRICT

SPEARHEADS NEW CHURCH

PLANs FOR A NEW CHURCH on the north edge of Massillon, Ohio, are being carried out. Approximately three acres of land, including a large house (duplex), are being purchased by the Ohio District. Preliminary arrangements for conducting services are being made. Brethren pastors in the nearby churches have shown a keen interest in this new project and have pledged their assistance in ways that are possible.

The Missionary Board of the Brethren Church, upon the request of the district has pledged to give \$600 toward pastoral support and also Ten Dollar Club support in due time.

This is a venture in church extension for the Ohio District.

OLD BUILDING, NEW FELLOWSHIP

News coming out of Kokomo, one of Indiana's most rapidly-growing industrial centers, is very gratifying. Here the Indiana District purchased for approximately \$11,000 an old church building from the Church of the Brethren; and since last June they have been conducting services there and gathering a congregation. This is not a case of putting new wine in old bottles; it is a case of building a new fellowship and using an old building as a meeting place, temporarily, until the congregation grows sufficiently strong to establish itself permanently in some needy area of the city.

A full program is being developed by pastor Austin Able and his lay leaders. There has been a good response from the beginning when 35 attended Sunday school and 38, the worship service.

The Missionary Board has been in consultation with the district officials, the local pastor, and interested Brethren for the future development of this church. A Ten Dollar Club call will be made in behalf of this work as soon as other priorities are filled.

STOCKTON IS ON THE MOVE

THE STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, Brethren Church is searching diligently for property suitable for the re-location of their church. They are also studying ways and means of financing their program of re-location and

construction. The Missionary Board has assured them a cash contribution of \$5,000. A few thousand additional will be made available through the sale of the present property, but these two amounts will not even cover the cost of the land.

The book membership of the Stockton Church is seventy. There are representatives of 24 different families who are active. This small group will prepare to do some sacrificial giving for this undertaking. They will need to seek God's will in prayer and keep this avenue open at all times.

Brethren at large, we can play a significant part in this Stockton project. Our sacrificial giving for Home Missions would enable our Board to assist this group in a more substantial way. Our earnest prayers will give direction and power to the development of a stronger congregation; they will make possible adequate facilities and a stronger California district. The need is evident; the privilege is yours; the time to act is NOW.

DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY

The church extension idea has really caught on in several areas of the Brethren Church within the last two years. We are now faced with a situation in which the demand is greater than the supply, at least as we view it from the human point of view. The ground work for several new churches is being laid, and some of these could develop very rapidly, if money was available to assist in the construction of first-unit buildings.

Some of these new groups will be assisted by the Ten Dollar Club in due time. This help, however, with the present Club membership is relatively small, and because of priority will not be available to some groups for quite a period of time. The one redeeming feature in all of this is that God is able. We are trusting in Him. Now, are you able? Are you able to open up your heart and to "give as unto the Lord" rather than in the picayunish way which plagues so many well-meaning Christians? Are you able to give cheerfully and liberally to help build a church in a city which you do not like, or to a group whose pastor you do not care for, or to a church in a location where the ground was terrifically expensive?

In Mishawaka, Indiana; Kokomo, Indiana; Levittown, Pennsylvania; Massillon, Ohio; Newark, Ohio; and Stockton, California, we have excellent prospects for rapidly developing churches. These groups are in various stages of development, but all are in need of buildings with

adequate space and facilities for future growth. Within the next year all of these groups could enhance their programs and increase their witness if they had some financial assistance to put them over the hump. A gift of ten to twenty thousand dollars to each of these churches would make a tremendous difference. The local people would still have reason to give sacrificially in order to carry the remaining load.

Some Brethren have been saying, "Show us the need, and we will give." Although this is not a good scriptural reason upon which to pattern our giving, I say to those who so reason, "What more evidence of need is necessary?"

Furthermore, our experience in establishing new churches in Tucson, Arizona, in Wayne Heights, Pennsylvania, in Sarasota, Florida, and in Tempe, Arizona, has proved that substantial contributions from the church at large for land and first-unit buildings do pay off. Here is the proof of the pudding; the plan works, and God has honored it.

Building new churches is serious business. We must work at it faithfully because we know the greatest need of men's souls to be the salvation of God in Jesus Christ.

God is able to equalize the demand and the supply. Your earnest response can be a venture with Him in the work of Church extension.

W. C. Berkshire.

FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM 1957-1962

The Missionary Board adopted a five-year financial program for home missions and church extension for the years 1957-1962. For the present fiscal year, the total asking according to this program, is \$90,000. This is broken down into the following classifications:

Minimum Operating budget	\$55,000.00
Additional Capital Funds needed	10,000.00

Ten Dollar Club	20,000.00
Advance Program	5,000.00
Total Asking	\$90,000.00

At present there is more than enough program to consume the total asking. What we shall accomplish this year will be determined in part by the combined contributions of individuals and churches.



Prayer Meeting Studies by C. Y. Gilmer

GIVE THANKS

For home and health and work to do,
For friendship on life's way,
For loving-kindness and good cheer,
To scatter day by day,
For harvests rich in this broad land,
For men with loving hearts,
For liberty to work and gain
The fruits freedom imparts,
For strength to meet each task of life,
For faith that will not dim,
For hearts which overflow with praise,
In fellowship with Him,
For each good gift by God bestowed,
We praise Him for His aid.
With Him beside we safely walk
With joy and unafraid.

—Ernest O. Sellers

WE ARE COMMANDED to be thankful (Col. 3:15). Have we, like David, thought about all of God's benefits to us (Psa. 103:2)? Are we glad for His forgiveness, His restoring of us to health (v. 3)? Do we realize how He has saved us many a time from dangers seen and unseen, and crowned us "with loving kindness and tender mercies" (v. 4)? Are we grateful to God for our good tasting food, and the bodily strength derived therefrom (v. 5)? Do we receive all these benefits and more without remembering the faithful Source from whence they come (Jas. 1:17)? And what appreciation do we have for spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3)? Do we realize His marvelous provision for us in "all things to enjoy" (1 Tim. 6:17)? Do we know how unbecoming it is not to give thanks (Psa. 92:1)? Do we sense what a tonic thanksgiving is to faith (Col. 4:2), what an incentive to prayer (Phil. 4:6), what a duty (Psa. 50:14), what a necessary sacrifice (Jonah 2:9)?

Ingratitude is a sin of false profession (2 Tim. 3:2-4). It is classified with evil (Lu. 6:35). Thanksgiving is always appropriate (1 Thess. 5:18), whether in prosperity or adversity (Eph. 5:20). Paul, who suffered so much for Christ's sake, thanked God many times (1 Cor. 1:4, 14; 14:18; Phil. 1:3; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Thess. 1:3; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 1:3; Philemon 4). Thank God for His wondrous works (Psa. 26:7). Thank and praise God every morning and evening (1 Chron. 23:30). Thank Him if called to suffer for His sake (Acts 5:41). Jesus gave thanks for the communion cup (Matt. 26:27). He was thankful for answered prayer (Jn. 11:41), for revealed truth (Matt. 11:25). To despise Christ and God's good people is to be unthankful and void of appreciation (2 Tim. 3:3; Rom. 2:4-6). In this respect some are

even spitefully insulting (Heb. 10:28, 29). After all that God did for Israel, they forgot Him (Jer. 2:32).

Give thanks in everything (1 Thess. 5:18), for God's mercy (Psa. 107:1), for God's unspeakable gift (2 Cor. 9:15), for making us partakers (Col. 1:12), for giving us victory (1 Cor. 15:57), for causing us to triumph (2 Cor. 2:14), for all things—always (Eph. 5:20).

O gracious God, our fathers thanked Thee then
For clothing, food, and drink in bounteous stores.
For knowledge of Thy presence on their shores,
So far from luxuries of weaker men.
It was remembered hunger, pain, and death,
That made still sweeter every fervent prayer
That rose from out the virgin woods to bear
To Thee their gratitude for life and breath.

I pray Thee, Father, this Thanksgiving Day,
That Thou wilt give to me a heart, not gay,
But full of joy in rich experience.
If otherwise it be not so, then send
Preceding anguish that to me may lend
The heartfelt praise-song of deliverance.

—Richard Lewis

"IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS"

'Mid sunshine, cloud or stormy days,
When hope abounds or care dismays,
When trials press and toils increase
Let not thy faith in God decrease—
"In every thing give thanks."

All things we know shall work for good,
Nor would we change them if we could;
'Tis well if only He command;
His promises will ever stand—
"In every thing give thanks."

He satisfies the longing heart,
He thwarts the tempter's cruel dart,
With goodness fills the hungry soul,
And helps us sing when billows roll.
"In every thing give thanks."

—Selected.

WE HAVE TO GIVE THANKS in every thing if we wish to obey God (1 Thess. 5:18). We may not always give thanks for the things themselves, but we can always give thanks for God's love and care under all circumstances, knowing the effects become His will for us (Rom. 8:28). The selling of Joseph illustrates this (Gen. 42:21). If he had known the end from the beginning it could have been an occasion of rejoicing (Gen. 50:20). To complain is to displease God (Num. 11:1).

We are greatly and frequently urged in the Bible to "praise the Lord" (Psa. 150). To be filled with the Spirit is to give forth praise (Eph. 5:20). We are not to complain about our food (1 Tim. 4:4). We are not to regard God's "good and perfect gifts" as only curses (Jas. 1:17). The children of Israel complained in the wilderness against their leaders (Ex. 16:2). Whether

conscious of it or not, they were really complaining against God (Num. 21:5; Psa. 78:19). God had reason to be very angry with them (Psa. 78:20, 21).

God is to be magnified with thanksgiving (Psa. 69:30, 31). It is called the "sacrifice of thanksgiving," an act of religious worship (Amos 4:5). The "sacrifice of thanksgiving" was one of the sacrifices ordained of God in the Book of Leviticus (7:12). The Psalmist exhorts men to praise God and to offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving (107:21, 22). We Christians are to offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, through Christ, our Mediator (Heb. 13:15).

Ingratitude grieved Jesus (Lu. 17:17). Job, failing to see the divine side of all his troubles, was a great complainer (Job 10:1-3). Had he known the blessed outcome he could have given thanks instead (42:12). The children of Israel complained about bitter water (Ex. 15:24, 25). Is our spiritual water bitter to our taste (Jer. 2:13)? The children of Israel were proved by the manna test (Ex. 16:3, 4), and failed (Num. 21:5). Do we complain about the Bread of Life (Jn. 6:35, 58) as though it were "a stone" (Lu. 11:11)? Jonah teaches that no depth of misery is too great for the "sacrifice of thanksgiving" (Jonah 2:2-4, 9). Things may not be good, but God is good (Psa. 86:5)!

Praise opens the gates of God's courts (Psa. 100:4). David thanked God for the willing offerings of the

people for God's temple (1 Chron. 29:10-13). When the temple was finished thanks was given again (2 Chron. 5:13-14). If we do not care to give God the glory due to His matchless name we can expect the judgment for all our "hard speeches" (Jude 14-16). The last verse of the Psalms (150:6) is fulfilled in Revelation 5:13.

"In everything? In sorrow, pain, and loss?
When some hard lesson racks the weary mind?
When just before, there looms the threat'ning cross?
When nights are long, and morn brings day unkind?"

"In everything! Each sorrow and each pain
Is known by One who measures every day;
And lessons hard, well mastered, will make plain
The faithful Teacher planning all the way.

"Dost know the cross must come before the crown?
And seed unburied must abide alone?
Dost know the cloud that spreads its sullen frown
Harms not the sun, whose power must be shown?"

"Then waiting not for that which shall make clear
The tender love in what seems harsh and stern,
O Soul redeemed, look up! Dismiss thy fear!
NOW IS THE TIME WHEN THANKS THOU
SHOULDST RETURN!"

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

WHY ARE YOU TEACHING?

I CANNOT GET AWAY from the truth asked in this question. Just what am I trying to do when I stand up to teach? It is the question that we all should ask again and again, every time we stand before a class.

Every teacher could perhaps make a list of reasons, and ought to do just that. Here are a few on which to start.

1. **To help my pupils know that God is real.** I suspect every pupil in our classes knows something about God, they actually believe that there is one true God. But is He real to them? So often I fear, He is a far-off ethereal being that has not become real to the individual. If He is not real to them then it makes little difference if He has spoken or what He has said, and so we are stymied at any attempt to teach faith and trust.

2. **To help my pupils to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.** We teach about the cross and the finished work of Christ, of grace and all that it means, but until our pupils are brought to the place where they have received the Saviour as their very own,

our teaching will be mere words. Do our pupils know that God died for their sins? Have they actually put their names on the line for Christ?

3. **To help our pupils to make a surrender of will and life to the Saviour.** There is so much of self-will in all of our lives that it will take a "heap o' teaching" by both example and word to show our pupils the joy of surrendering their wills and lives to Christ, and of surrendering every area and every purpose to God's will and to His direction.

4. **To help our pupils have a thorough knowledge of the Bible.** We are living in an age of Bible illiteracy that is appalling. A simple examination on the basic truths of the Bible will help us to know how little our pupils know about the Bible. Students of the Sunday School should obtain an understanding of the total contents of the Bible, and not just a knowledge of a few of the stories which are taught over and over. We must do everything possible to help our pupils gain this general knowledge of the whole Bible.

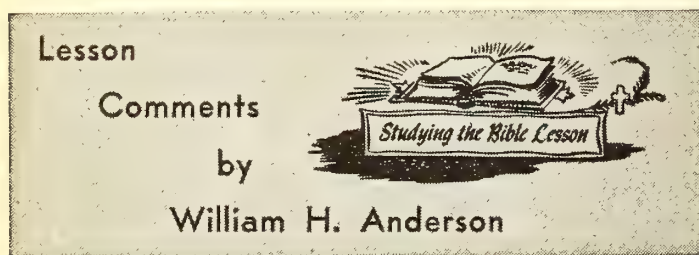
5. **To help our pupils to know the great doctrines of the Bible.** Here again we often talk glibly about the words "atonement," "vicarious death," "virgin birth," "Sinless life," and "resurrection" without actually making sure our pupils understand their meaning. Our pupils need to know the basic doctrines of our church. They need to know why we believe these to be essential, and they need to be able to tell others why we believe them.

6. **To help our pupils to a personal relationship in the church.** Too many of our pupils are converted, and even baptized, but never tie themselves into the worship and work of the church. When individuals are brought into

the church, they must also be enlisted into the activities of the church. They need to find an ever-increasing knowledge and interest in the total program of the church. This provides them with a feeling of purpose and of usefulness in the body of Christ, and also protects them from temptations from the outside world.

These are a few of the reasons for teaching. Perhaps you can add others. By keeping these reasons in mind as you prepare to teach, you can add purpose to your teaching, and thereby become a better teacher.

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Lesson for November 13, 1960

GOD IN MY LIFE

Lesson: Psalm 116:1-14

THERE IS NO LIFE, physical or spiritual, apart from God. He IS our life! From Him we derive our existence. God breathed into Adam "the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen. 2:7). Moses spoke to Israel and said of God: "He is thy life" (Deut. 30:20). How necessary it is that we see this, believe it, and live it!

The writer of Psalm 116 recognized God in his life. Whatever the occasion may have been, the Psalmist must have experienced great turmoil of heart and life. But in the midst of his trouble he also experienced deliverance from the hand of God.

THE PSALMIST EXPRESSED HIS LOVE FOR GOD. "I love the LORD for He hears my voice, my supplications" (vs. 1).

"It is a great thing to say 'I love the Lord'; for the sweetest of all graces and the surest of all evidences of salvation is love" (Charles H. Spurgeon).

There was a special reason for this declaration from the Psalmist: "For He hears my voice, my supplications." God had answered his prayer in a time of great trouble. As A. F. Kirkpatrick has said: "Answered prayer evokes love and lifelong praise." Spurgeon expresses it beautifully: "Answered prayers are silken bonds which bind our hearts to God."

God has been good and gracious to us by hearing our petitions. Do we not, therefore, owe Him our love and devotion?

THE PSALMIST EXPRESSED HIS FAITH IN THE POWER OF PRAYER. "Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore will I call on Him as long as I live" (vs. 2).

Nothing convinces us of the **POWER** of prayer as **ANSWERED** prayer! Perhaps one reason so many do not

believe in prayer is because they have never taken time to practice the art of prayer.

As the Psalmist thought over his past trouble he recounted the times he had prayed and the Lord had heard him:

1. "Then I called on the name of the LORD: 'I beseech Thee, O LORD, save my life!'...Gracious is the LORD...indeed, our God is merciful" (vs. 4-5).

2. "He saved my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling" (vs. 8).

Is it any wonder the Psalmist was convinced of the power of prayer? Is it any wonder that he said he would keep on praying as long as he lived?

"The experiences we have had of God's goodness to us, in answer to prayer, are great encouragement to us to continue praying" (Matthew Henry).

THE PSALMIST EXPRESSED HIS DETERMINATION TO LIVE FOR GOD. Notice the three tenses that are used in this Psalm:

Present tense: "I love the LORD..." (vs. 1).

Past tense: "He has inclined His ear to me...He saved my soul from death...Thou hast loosed my bonds..." (vs. 2, 8, 16).

Future tense:

1. "I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living" (vs. 9).

2: "I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD" (vs. 13).

3. "I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people (vs. 14 & 18).

4. "I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving" (vs. 17).

The writer determined to live for God in the future because of what God had done for him in the past. This is revealed in his words, "I will," expressing his future determination.

He also asked a pertinent question: "What return shall I make to the LORD for all His bounties to me?" (vs. 12).

"Men honour God most by taking His gifts with recognition of the Giver...the return which He in His love seeks is only our thankful reception of His mercy" (Alexander Maclaren).

Matthew Henry says of the Psalmist: "He will live a life of devotedness to God." Each of us must see how very necessary it is to put God **FIRST** in our life. We must be willing to make **HIS** life **OUR** life, and **OUR** life **HIS** life!

(Note: All Scriptural quotes are from Berkeley.)

Lesson for November 20, 1960

THANKS BE TO GOD

Lesson: Psalm 103:1-17

A POOR, SICK old lady, upon being asked for what she was thankful to God, answered: "For the sunshine coming through those cracks," pointing to the walls of her shabby cottage.

We who are privileged to live in America have so much for which to be thankful at this season of the year. We should be thankful for peace and prosperity; for freedom from fear and want; and for our religious liberty. George Washington phrased it well when he said:

"The hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this, that he must be worse than infidel that lacks faith and more than wicked that has not gratitude enough to acknowledge his obligations."

Most of all, we who are Christians should be thankful for the blessed privilege of knowing God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 103 is often referred to as "The Thanksgiving Psalm."

"Note its connection with Psalm 102, which is a Psalm of prayer, of a depressed spirit, of asking. The Psalmist in 103, however, goes on to nobler ground: he puts praise in place of prayer, exultation in place of depression, thanksgiving in place of asking" (Frank S. Mead).

This Psalm might well answer the question: "Why should we be thankful and grateful to the Lord?" As we try to comment on this passage we have to say with Charles Spurgeon:

"There is too much in the Psalm for a thousand pens to write, it is one of those all-comprehending Scriptures which is a Bible in itself, and it might alone almost suffice for the hymn-book of the church."

WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL BECAUSE GOD BESTOWS UPON US COUNTLESS BENEFITS. "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (vs. 2).

With this to prime his thoughts, the Psalmist begins to name some of the blessings bestowed by the loving hand of God.

1. He FORGIVES "all thine iniquities" (vs. 3). He who has experienced the forgiveness of sins is not surprised that the Psalmist begins his list in this way. **Of all the blessings received from God, this is perhaps the one most cherished by the pardoned soul.**

"Here David begins his list of blessings received... He selects a few of the choicest pearls from the casket of divine love, threads them on the string of memory, and hangs them about the neck of gratitude. Pardoned sin is, in our experience, one of the choicest boons of grace, one of the earliest gifts of mercy,—in fact, the needful preparation for enjoying all that follows it" (Spurgeon).

2. He HEALS "all thy diseases" (vs. 3). Is he referring to bodily disease alone? Probably not. The expression undoubtedly includes healing for the soul as well as the body. The most severe sickness, sin, affects the soul as well as the body. **Thank God for the "Great Physician" who cures physical and spiritual diseases!**

3. He REDEEMS "your life from the grave" (vs. 4—Berkeley). How glad we ought to be for the Easter message that robs the grave of its terror! Since the resurrection of Christ we can say triumphantly: "O

death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Cor. 15:55).

4. He CROWNS "you with steadfast love and mercy" (vs. 4—R.S.V.). Referring to verses 3 and 4, J. A. Alexander says:

"As if he had said, Bless Him as the One forgiving thee and healing thee, redeeming thee and crowning thee."

5. He SATISFIES "you throughout life with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's" (vs. 5—Berkeley).

"God can so satisfy the soul, that each cranny therein shall be filled with spiritual joy" (Thomas Fuller).

WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL BECAUSE GOD IS FAIR AND JUST IN ALL HIS DEALINGS. "The LORD administers justice and fairness to all who are oppressed" (vs. 6—Berkeley).

In an oppressed world where injustice and inequality are the order of the day, this should make us rejoice!

"Man's injustice shall receive retribution at the hand of God...No blood of martyrs shall be shed in vain; no groans of confessors in prison shall be left without inquisition being made concerning them. All wrongs shall be righted, all the oppressed shall be avenged. Justice may at times leave the courts of man, but it abides upon the tribunal of God" (Spurgeon).

WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL BECAUSE GOD IS RICH IN MERCY, ALWAYS READY AND WILLING TO FORGIVE. Verses 10-14 are occupied with this thought. We dealt in part with this matter in verse 3. It is sufficient to say this: **There is no passage in the Bible that defines more clearly God's willingness to forgive!**

WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL BECAUSE GOD IS FAITHFUL IN HIS RELATIONSHIP TO HIS CHILDREN (vs. 15-19). Notice the sharp contrast between man's brief lifespan and God's endless mercy and grace:

MAN—"As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone" (vs. 15-16).

GOD—"But the LORD'S faithful love rests eternally upon those who revere Him and His righteousness on the children's children, on those who are faithful to His covenant, who remember to carry out His instructions" (vs. 17-18—Berkeley).

The Psalmist concludes with a general exhortation to all the hosts of heaven and earth to render honour, praise, and thanksgiving to God:

"Bless the LORD, all His works in all places of His dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul."

None are so unreasonable and so hard to get along with as self-constituted and boastful perfectionists.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

MAN OF THE YEAR



LITTLE MOE

Little Moe, Man of the Year, has just rushed out of the Brethren Youth Office to tell others the good news. He caused such a furor that we must tell you why Little Moe is so excited.

A new **Brethren Evangelist** begins publication in January. This **Evangelist** is new, New, NEW from top to-o-o bottom! Little Moe was in on the ground-floor planning of this unified publication and has the latest dope on what is being done.

He informs us that not only will the **Evangelist** have a completely new and modern cover but the entire layout will be different. Mr. Jack Smith of Ashland, Ohio, designed the cover and is helping with the artwork. Little Moe was so excited about this development that he could not talk fast enough.

There will be more to see and read in this **Evangelist**, for it will contain 24 pages instead of the present 20 pages. Unified publication means that present church auxiliary magazines will now put their material in the **Evangelist**. Little Moe tells us that a board of contributing editors has already been hard at work planning the topics and discussing plans for the first year of publication. Each week you will read news, ideas and suggestions from all organizations in the Brethren Church. A special emphasis is planned for each month with definite topics each week.

Little Moe is so enthusiastic that we could not help catching his eagerness for the new publication to begin rolling off the presses. We asked him some more

questions about the **Evangelist** and how it would affect Brethren Youth. Instead of a bi-monthly magazine Brethren Youth will have two pages each week in the **Evangelist** to keep you better informed on youth activities. In addition we will have a big 8-page spread during Youth Month in May.

There will be more pictures and news along with the new look come January. Even the paper used to print the magazine on will be different.

With all these changes we thought the **Evangelist** must be expensive, but get a load of this! Little Moe tells us that the scoop on subscription price is, now get this, only \$4.00 a year!

You just can't beat that. Think of the price you pay a year for monthly magazines, and this is a weekly publication. Besides, the **Evangelist** has eternity's value in view, concerning itself with the Church and Christ.

The entire Publication Board and Editor Benshoff, are excited about the plans for January also. Because Little Moe has done so much work on the new magazine and has excited everyone about its possibilities, he has been elected "Man of the Year" by the Board and contributing editors. The above picture is typical of Little Moe these days as he rushes around making plans, seeing the right people, consulting experts and carrying enthusiasm everywhere.

Because his time is so limited with basic plans, Brethren Youth agreed to add its two cents in behalf of Little Moe so all you readers would know about the BIC NEWS. You just can't afford to miss any issue of the all-new **Evangelist**, therefore we urge you to send your \$4.00 to: Brethren Publishing Co., 524 College Avenue Ashland, Ohio (for the **Evangelist**).

You will be delighted with your issues and if your church is on 100% subscription, be sure they renew when their old subscription runs out.

Don't let down this happy, busy "Man of the Year," Little Moe, for he would be crestfallen if you neglected to subscribe.

By the way, when he zipped out the door at the beginning of this article, Little Moe was on his way to look over the new, two-color press which will be an added feature. Now the **Evangelist** will have two-color work on the cover and throughout the magazine.

See you in the **Evangelist**!

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The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

"LORD, USE ME"

"Thou hast no tongue, as once of old,
To tell the story of Thy love divine.
The story still the same, so sweet, so true,
But there's no tongue to tell it out but mine.

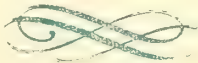
"Thou hast no hands, O Christ, as once of old,
To feed the multitude with bread divine.
Thou hast the living bread enough for all
But there's no hand to give it out but mine.

"Thou hast no feet, O Christ, as once of old,
To go where Thy lost sheep in sorrow pine.
Thy love is still the same, so deep, so true,
But now Thou hast no feet to go, but mine.

"Oh, shall I use these ransomed powers of mine,
For things that only minister to me?
Lord, take my tongue, my hands, my heart, my all,
And let me live, and love, and give for Thee."
—Unknown



What's Doing in the Churches



FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF DENVER CHURCH

Perhaps few ministers ever have the thrill of being the guest of honor at the fiftieth anniversary of a Congregation that he had organized. Such was the experience of this preacher. In March of 1910, members of the Mexico church who lived in and around Denver, Indiana, met in one of the homes and were organized into a Brethren Church.

As a result of some meetings that had been held in Denver by C. C. Grisso, L. G. Smith and last by the writer, a number of people had been taken into the Mexico congregation. After the latter meeting in January, the folks in Denver asked permission from the Mexico mother church to form the new unit. In March the organization was had and the building of a place of worship began in the early spring. The dedication of the building took place in January of 1911 with Dr. J. Allen Miller leading in the festivities.

Fifty years have come and gone, years that have been kind to this preacher, and the good folks at Denver

wanted him to be present at the anniversary and bring the message of the day. It was a great day as the culmination of a week's meetings and fellowship in preaching the Word and visiting with friends of more than fifty years.

Denver was the home of Mrs. Ronk where I kept running after her until she caught me. We enjoyed so much the fellowship of so many that we had known as young folks in the Denver community. There was a surprising number of them to greet us there. Goldie was the first organist as well as the first secretary of the congregation. The sad part of the affair was the fact that we had to miss so many of the friends of other years, but time rushes on for all of us. The occasion was also blessed by the many from surrounding congregations who came to enjoy the day with us. There were preachers and members from North Manchester, Mexico, Corinth, Peru, Roann and Center Chapel. If I forgot someone else, please forgive it.

The Denver folks are now being pastored by a young man who teaches school in a neighboring town. This brother Hapner belongs to the Methodist Church and is a fine young man. He is doing an excellent job and is looking into the faith and practices of the Brethren fellowship. May God be his guide.

Albert Ronk.



Ashland Theological Seminary News

THIRTY-SEVEN ENROLLED

There are, at present, thirty-seven men in Ashland College and Seminary who are preparing for the ministry in the Brethren Church. We can expect the supply of workers for the church to substantially increase in a few years, if the churches and parents will continue dedication of their sons in the same increasing ratio.

FIRST SEMINARY FELLOWSHIP HELD

The first Seminary Fellowship was held for all Brethren students of the college and Seminary on Friday evening, October 21. The guest was Professor Harold Franz, the new teacher of Philosophy and Ethics in the college.

NAFF IS STUDENT ORGANIZATION HEAD

The Seminary Student Organization is functioning this year under the leadership of President James Naff.

DAYS OF DEVOTION

NOVEMBER 17, 18

The dates for Days of Devotion and Fellowship will be November 17 and 18. Rev. Albert T. Ronk is to be the guest minister.

CONSIDER THESE FACTS--

Then Venture With Christ!

- GOD BROUGHT YOU INTO THIS WORLD

He has given you life, and a new life in Christ.

- GOD GAVE YOU FAITH IN CHRIST AND YOUR HOPE OF HEAVEN

This is your greatest blessing in life.

- GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Here He has a job for you.

- GOD HAS BLESSED YOU WITH AN INCOME

He has provided for your family and for His work.

- GOD OFFERS YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE

For the Work of Home Missions and Church Extension.

You can help bring salvation and hope to people you will never meet on earth.

- GOD ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE AN ETERNAL INVESTMENT IN HIS WORK

This may be your greatest privilege and may become the source of your deepest satisfaction.

- GOD INDICATES THAT WE NEED TO ADOPT GOOD GIVING HABITS

Give as unto the Lord that the entire Home Mission and Church Extension program may glorify God.





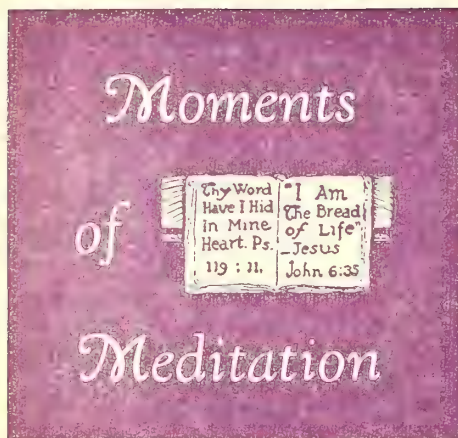
The Brethren EVANGELIST



Official Organ of The Brethren Church

**"O Give
Thanks
unto the
Lord,
for He is
good:
for His
Mercy
endureth
for ever."**





THE ROUTE TO HEAVEN

Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God.—Acts 14:22 (R. V.)

The route to heaven is not over a macadamized road, with easy grades. It has many a "Hill Difficulty," where the climber goeth from running to walking, and from walking to a tough clambering on his hands and knees. Let us not murmur, or vainly ask for "elevators" to hoist us. I, for one, have lived long enough in this world to thank God for difficulties. The struggle with them strengthens our graces and gives us spiritual force.—Sel.

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POWER OF EXAMPLE

The train was crowded with teenagers returning from a football game. "Well," said a young girl to the girl beside her, "my parents don't drink nor smoke, and neither do I. I figure that if they can do without it, I can too." The girl who spoke was pretty and gay and somewhat more sophisticated in appearance than the average high schooler. Her poise and confidence implied not only qualities of leadership within herself but a home background in which social mores had not been allowed to dim or distort moral values. The girl's

statement also indicated that the power of a good parent example is not nearly so ineffective as some parents, distracted by teenagers' problems, might suppose.

—Christian Parent

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THE BIBLE

Psalm 119:105; Mark 8:36

Bella Gray

Always cherish the Bible,
It's the Word of God and true;
Prayerfully read its pages
And a blessing will come to you.

Always cherish the Bible,
Its messages grip the soul;
Daughter, "Be of good comfort,
Thy faith hath made thee whole."

Always cherish the Bible,
No matter what others say;
Always cherish the Bible
And walk in the narrow way.

Always cherish the Bible,
It's a lamp unto your feet:
Go by the Bible's teaching
If the Saviour you would meet.

It's the Book that none can equal,
It will always stand the test:
I don't care what books you read,
You'll find the Bible best.

So always cherish the Bible,
Search the Scriptures every day:
Don't ever neglect to read it
And always take time to pray.
Selected.



GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE...

In some special services a woman came to me and said: "Oh, I would give anything to be in this work actively and actually. I would give anything to have some part in winning men and women for Christ; but I don't know what to do."

This was my answer: "Sister, are you prepared to give the Master five loaves and two fishes that you possess?"

She replied: "I do not know that I have five loaves and two fishes."

But I persisted: "Have you anything that stands out in your life? Have you anything that you have used in any way specially?"

No, she did not think she had.

"Can you sing?" I asked.

"Well, yes," she replied. "I sing at home, and have sung in an entertainment."

"Will you give the Lord your voice for the next ten days?"

"I don't think I can," was her reply.

"But you can sing to entertain people. Can you not use your voice to win souls to the Lord?"

"I will!" she said.

I shall never forget the way she sang a Gospel message with the voice that she had, feeling that it was poor, worthless thing; and that night there came out of the audience into the inquiry room one man. Later, he told me that it was the Gospel that was sung that reached his heart; and from that day to this he has been one of the mightiest workers for God in that city I have ever known.

How was it done? A woman gave to the Master what she had, and He put His hand upon it and blessed it, and a harvest was reaped right there and has been going on ever since. Will YOU give to the Master what you have?

—G. C. Morgan

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The Editor's Pulpit

America Has Spoken

AT THIS WRITING (Noon on November 9th), it appears that this great nation has voted itself, for the first time in its long history, a Roman Catholic president. Not all the votes are tallied at this hour, but we must meet a press deadline, and so these words are written before the verdict is made official. Yet, the almost certain trend speaks of a victory for Senator John F. Kennedy.

There have been many predictions and opinions expressed about what life will be like in the United States under a Roman Catholic president. Certainly, we believe, Protestant church groups have done what they could to enlighten their memberships as to what we may expect, citing instances of the life of Protestants in other countries which are under strong domination by the Roman Catholic Church. Our own fraternity has had these matters called to our attention through messages by our church leaders, pastors and through articles and world news items in *The Evangelist*. This, we have endeavored to do without injecting any political flavor, for that was not our purpose.

However, Protestants and Roman Catholics must agree that the verdict is at hand because the American people have spoken. We cannot argue nor dispute the voice of the ballot box in a free America. All will agree that it was a hard-fought battle right down to the last vote. With a November 9th noon tally of nearly 64,000,000 votes, the candidates were just about one-half million votes apart. Vote-wise, it indicates the intensity and the concern on the part of the voters to make their vote count in this election. The air and the printed page will be filled for many weeks

with comments about this election. Many opinions will be expressed. Some will be just as right as others will be wrong.

There is one aspect which we want to mention, though, in passing. It is concerning the eligible Americans who did not vote on November 8th. Historians of the distant future will surely desire to know as they look back and study our way of government, why it was that in such a crucial election, about 40,000,000 eligible voters did not go to the polls. Perhaps for their sakes, if not for ours, we should ask each "stay-at-home" voter to write an essay of 500 words or less on "Why I Did Not Vote on November 8, 1960."

An estimated 104,000,000 Americans were eligible to vote. Only 64,000,000 or so, went to the polls. Regardless of our opinion of the outcome of the election, this "stay-at-home" vote becomes a black mark on the election. Even a casual glance at the figures shows that the people who didn't vote, could have given either candidate an overwhelming majority, had they voted.

So, America has spoken three ways—a vote of 64,000,000 divided almost equally between the candidates, and a vote of 40,000,000 "stay-at-home". We trust that the Brethren as a group, had a much better percentage than the national total. Election Day was, as we pointed out in an earlier Editorial, an important day in November for all of us. It is our prayer that America might be guided by the power of our God that the preaching of the Gospel and the exercise of the freedom of religious faith and practice might ever continue to be our privilege. W. S. B.

Evangelical Leaders speak on Christian Publications:

Christian periodicals are indispensable for the Christian family. In them all members of the family will find material that is pertinent and practical, whether it be devotional material for the family altar, articles of great importance for

the adults or missionary stories to interest and challenge all, especially the children, to consider missionary service.

V. Raymond Edman, President
Wheaton College

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DISTRICTS MUST VENTURE WITH CHRIST IN BUILDING NEW CHURCHES

THE NATIONAL MISSION BOARD of the Brethren Church is one of the major boards of our denomination. It is made up of 18 representative ministers and lay folk of the church. It is a board that is drawn from the vote of our General Conference, and is directly responsible to that official body. It is the principal and responsible group for all missionary endeavor, both home and foreign.

It cannot be in every corner of our country at one time; so...THERE ARE DISTRICT MISSION BOARDS...7 of them...which are expected to handle many of the details within their respective areas. They (the district boards) are answerable to the National Mission Board and to the district conferences which elect them.

At this thanksgiving time the thoughts and the giving of the Brethren are directed to "Home Missions". It is a time when it is necessary that we have an ingathering of funds to continue work already begun and to venture into new areas.

The work of discovering likely areas for new Brethren churches is a natural obligation of District Mission Boards. They are the people who should be expected to know their territory best. Their ears should be attuned to hear the call of faithful Brethren for help in establishing a work.

It is not hard for me to remember the early struggles of my home church. With my father and mother yoked with other fine Brethren of an earlier generation, I well remember the receiving each month of a small check from the Pennsylvania District Mission Board. That check which represented the giving of stronger churches, was the difference, oftentimes, between continuing having services and discontinuing them. As I look back, it was a vital factor in the Laurel Avenue Mission of the early 20's becoming the now self-supporting and contributing Third Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa.

As a present member of the Pennsylvania District Mission Board, I want to pay warm tribute to members of another generation who gave of their time, energy, talent and means to deal with knotty problems and to assure a fundamental church in which I, my children and grandchildren may work and worship. Would to God that many of "too busy" young people and young married couples could see ahead to a possible time of extinction for the Brethren Church, if they, in their years of vigor, don't give the church its rightful place in their budget of time and possessions. The Jews of today, as they have done down through the years, are preserving their distinct place as a people, by following the age-old admonition given by God through Moses to all His children in Deuteronomy 11:18-21: "and ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." So must we.

Expansion has not been as rapid as it should have been, and mistakes in judgment have been made. But bear in mind that it is still necessary that the Lord work through human beings. And it's still necessary that those human beings be willing. To quote an old "saw": "The world is full of willing people...some willing to work...others willing to let them."

To members and Brethren churches throughout the land give your apportionment to your District Mission Boards with a willing heart, for then you can be assured that you have a very real part in the expansion program of the Brethren Church.

District mission boards can venture with Christ in building new churches only as they are encouraged to do so by the praying, the giving and the urging of the Brethren at the local church level.

Floyd S. Benshoff

SEEK GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR CHURCH

ONLY GOD KNOWS exactly how your church stands in its relationship to His will for it. Only God knows exactly what are the opportunities your church has for service. And only God knows whether or not your church is fully measuring up to the opportunities He gives. So we must each seek to know God's will for our church, and try to help our church serve His purpose, not our own ends.

We must seek God's will for the relationship of our church and its community. We must seek His will for the relationship that should exist within the church among the members. We must ask God's guidance in our building and expansion, and in our budgeting. We

must seek God's will for our service through our denominational and inter-denominational agencies.

And when we find God's will we must try to find all of it. We should not ask Him to tell us what is the bare minimum our church can do for His kingdom, and still get by. Seek to know all we can do. Ask God what is the most we can do, and humbly ask God to help His servant accomplish this task. Seek His will, and seek to do it.

We share a great commission, and a holy calling to "Go and Tell." We are partners with God in a great enterprise which cannot fail, for God will eventually

ave His way. What a thrilling thought it is when we realize completely that God's will includes our lives, and that He has asked us to share in His work!

How will you share in the work of home missions and church extension during November and throughout the year?

PAPAGO PARK BRETHREN CHURCH REPORTS . . .

SINCE SEPTEMBER 1, we have seen a rise in our attendance. All of the services have had larger attendances. Also, visitors from near and far have stopped to worship with us. In September we had the Everett Killers and H. D. Hunters with us. Everett is a vice president of the Missionary Board. His encouragement and counsel were helpful.

The church is now conducted under the guidance of a newly-adopted constitution. Officers have been elected and a service of installation has been conducted.

The church has elected Mr. Robert Quimby to the office of Sunday school superintendent. Bob is a graduate student at Arizona State University and will soon receive his Doctor of Education degree. Having been a public school principal in South Bend, Indiana, for several years, he is well qualified and already has a three-months detailed program outlined for the teachers. The teachers do not lack enthusiasm under his leadership. Only one teacher was absent from the meeting on last Sunday after the worship service. Bob came from the Methodist Church and was baptized on September 18. His wife was received from the Church of the Brethren in South Bend. Bob has already proved to be good help to this pastor.

A baptismal service was conducted on September 18 for four new members. At the present time we have thirty-five baptized members. There are seven who are waiting baptism which will again be held on November 1.

A membership class began on September 25 during the Sunday school hour and on Wednesday evening for those who teach in the Sunday school or miss the Sunday class. There are about 12 in the class.

Fellowship dinners on Sunday noon began in September. These are well liked and serve as a monthly get-together.

Junior High and Junior Crusaders have been started. These groups presented a program on October 9 at Sunshine Acres Children's Home. Soap and clothes were given to the home. The Junior High Crusaders gave each child in the home a bar of candy after the service.

The Woman's Missionary Society now has seventeen members, and much interest has been shown by the women.

Landscaping of the church property is being completed. This work has been contracted by a landscaping firm. Rye grass will be sown this winter.

The superintendent of the Sunday school has suggested that each class consider a project. The Junior High class has been asked to compose a directory of members of the church and others who attend, complete with telephone numbers and street addresses.

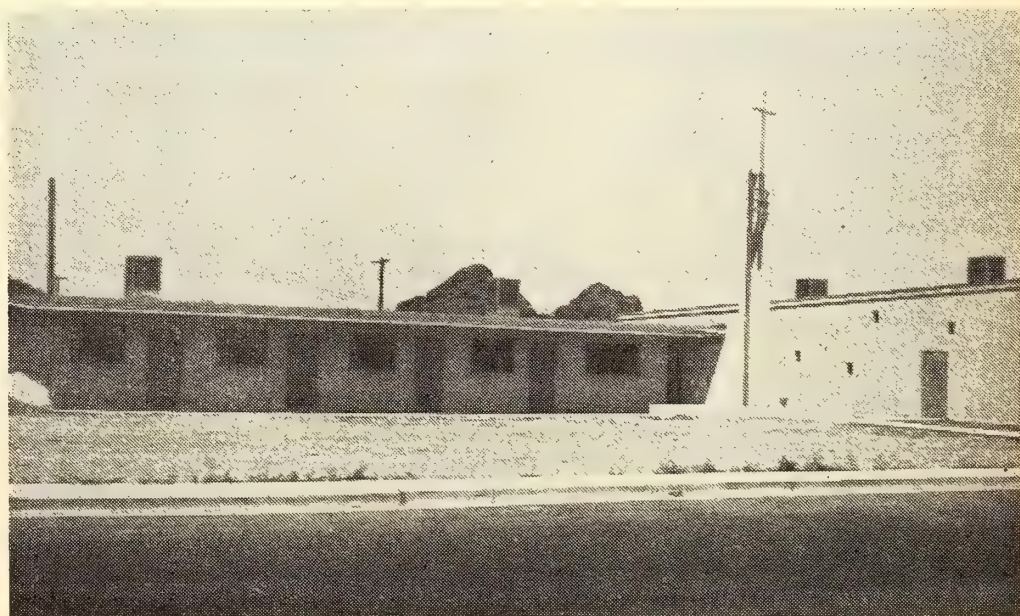
On November 13, the motion picture, "Cry in the Night," will be shown. This film can be engaged only by consenting to receive an offering for denominational missionary work.

Sixteen families constitute the membership of the Papago Park Brethren Church among which are thirty adults and five children (under 14 years). Of this number, fourteen are men and boys; twenty-one, women and girls.

A January pastoral class is being planned for children who attend the local school. The proximity of the church to the school makes it convenient for this type of after-school class. An attendance plan began October 9, with children given buttons with BRETHREN printed on them. They will be given awards after six months of perfect attendance. The buttons were furnished by David Cook Company free of charge.

H. Francis Berkshire, Pastor

Papago Park Brethren Church at Tempe, Arizona, has just completed the landscaping of the church grounds. Watch for a later picture showing the improvement.



BRETHREN ANNUAL NEXT WEEK

The Brethren Annual number of THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST will come to you under date of November 26th, which is next week. Even though the Annual is the largest ever to be published by the Brethren, it is being processed nicely here at the Publishing Company. In reality, it should be ready for mailing at about the same time as this issue of THE EVANGELIST.

The next regular issue of THE EVANGELIST will come to you dated December 3rd; it will be the Sunday School Board White Gift Offering issue.

BISCHOF'S ARRIVE HOME SAFELY

Reverend and Mrs. Robert Bischof, accompanied by Barbara and Bobby, arrived at the Cleveland Airport Saturday, November 5, for their furlough. They were met by many relatives and friends who were eager to see the returning missionary family after an absence of four years in Nigeria.

The Bischofs will be spending several weeks with relatives before taking up permanent quarters anywhere. As their plans are not quite settled yet, more definite word will be given about them in the next EVANGELIST. They are all well.

Items of General Interest

ST. JAMES, MARYLAND. Church Secretary, Thelma L. Baker, writes: "Brother Frank Rottier and family of Griffith, Indiana, have arrived at St. James, to assume the duties of pastor of the St. James Brethren Church. We are happy to welcome them to our church and to our pastorate."

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. The Laymen were scheduled to conduct their public service the morning of November 13th.

Hagerstown First Brethren is scheduled to host the Community Thanksgiving Service on Thanksgiving morning. Rev. Hoge vill of the First Christian Church is scheduled to speak.

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA. (THIRD). Rev. David Graham was the speaker at the service on the morning of October 30th.

WAYNESBORO, PENNA. (WAYNE HEIGHTS). In progress at the Wayne Heights Brethren Church during the week of November 15th through 20th, are Evangelistic and Revival Services, with Brother Henry Bates as the speaker.

SMITHVILLE, OHIO. Brother Don Rowser reports the reception of eight new members recently by letter.

NEW LEBANON, OHIO. The Junior W. M. S. and the Laymen presented programs at the county workhouse on Tuesday, October 25th.

ROANOKE, INDIANA. Special services are in progress in the Roanoke church during the week of Novem-

ber 14th through 20th. Brother C. A. Stewart is the speaker.

OAKVILLE, INDIANA. The Oakville Homecoming was observed on October 30th.

LANARK, ILLINOIS. Sunday, November 5th was observed as the 75th anniversary of the church, with a dedication service for new windows, and a rededication of the church. Homecoming Day was also observed in conjunction with the other activities of the day.

UDELL, IOWA. In a special service on October 9th Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Powell and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Matthews were ordained as deacons and deaconesses of the Udell church.

TUCSON, ARIZONA. Professor J. Garber Drushal was guest speaker in the Tucson church on November 6th.

SPECIAL. Elder Lester Myers, of Chicago, notes the passing of his sister, Miss Ethel Grace Myers on October 16th. Services and Interment were at North English, Iowa. Miss Myers was at one time a teacher in our mission at Lost Creek, Kentucky, and was known to many people in our church. She was 74 years of age at the time of her passing.

COMING EVENTS

SMITHVILLE, OHIO. "Days of Thanksgiving"—Nov. 20-27—Rev. Richard Kuns, Evangelist; Rev. Donald Rowser, Pastor.

FORT SCOTT, KANSAS. Homecoming—Nov. 20—Evangelistic meetings will start the same day. Rev. Harold Barnett, Speaker; Rev. Kenneth R. Howard, Pastor.

TUCSON, ARIZONA. Thanksgiving Services—Nov. 20-27—Rev. J. Ray Klingensmith, Speaker; Rev. Vernon D. Grisso, Pastor.

LOREE, INDIANA. Evangelistic Services—Nov. 27-Dec. 4—Rev. William E. Thomas, Evangelist.

NORTH GEORGETOWN, OHIO. Evangelistic Services—Nov. 20-27—Prof. Charles R. Munson, Evangelist; Rev. Richard Allison, Pastor.

PASTOR NEEDED

The First Brethren Church, Cumberland, Maryland, is without a pastor. Any minister willing to accept a challenge, please contact the undersigned.

Mrs. Helen R. Eror, Church Secretary,
210 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Cumberland, Maryland.

PASTOR NEEDED

The North Liberty, Indiana, Brethren Church will be without a pastor soon. Any minister interested in this field of service please contact:

Mr. John Oberly, Chairman,
Ministerial Committee,
Wyatt, Indiana.

THE NEW EVANGELIST

IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS something new is going to be appearing in the homes of many Brethren families. The "something new" is the **Brethren Evangelist**. Many people seem to think that this is just an enlargement of the same magazine of 4 additional pages. Comments have also been made that it will be the same magazine with a new type of paper. Others may think that the only difference in the new magazine will be the cost, which appears at first to be slightly higher than the present magazine.

However, a closer look and study will reveal that all of these thoughts that are running through the minds of the Brethren people are false. The new **Brethren Evangelist** is just what it says it is—"NEW".

It is **new**. It has been changed from cover to cover including the inside. The cover is different. The type is uniform. There will be more colors. A new kind of paper has been purchased just like **Life** magazine uses. It is four pages larger. It will contain many more new ideas.

It is **Brethren**. The new publication will contain the total program of our Brethren Denomination. There will be news and program ideas and reports for the whole family. Instead of having your Brethren magazines scattered all around the house, like the **Evangelist** in the living room, the **Layman** in the den, the **Outlook** in the kitchen, and the **Brethren Youth** magazine in the kids' room, the new **Brethren Evangelist** will be in one place, the heart of every member of the family. Many people in the denomination never know what's happening in the Laymen's meetings. How many of you adults know even one fourth of what the total youth program is? How many of you Laymen or Brethren Youth that belong to the male sex, sit down and read what the women are doing? If you want to, you can't because chances are your wife or daughter will have the **Outlook** somewhere so that you can't find it.

Brethren, this is a magazine that will contain the total program of the Brethren Church. There will be features in this publication that you will be able to find no where else on the reading rack or shelf.

It is an **Evangelist**. Webster says that an Evangelist is anyone who preaches the Gospel of Christ: especially a traveling preacher or a home missionary.

Our new publication will certainly be a traveling preacher as well as a home missionary. It will be traveling into the homes of the Brethren. It will be spreading the Gospel of Christ into every home where the church is a 100% church. Even if everyone does not read it, it still is in the home where it has the potential of being read. The Brethren Church is interested in every Brethren family and individual in the world. It is interested in the unreached of the world. Many will be reached by the **Brethren Evangelist** if it has a chance of getting into the homes of the unreached.

The cost is not as great as it first appears to be. Figure it up what you are paying for the current secular magazines that come into your home? What are you paying for all the Brethren Publications that come into your home? If you figure it up I think you will find that you can receive the new **Brethren Evangelist** into your home for much less than what you are paying for present-day secular magazines or even the Brethren Magazines that reach your home.

When your subscription runs out, I hope that you will renew it. Tell your pastor and official board that you think your church should be reaching every member of your church by sending the **Evangelist** into every home.

If you want to give someone a good Christmas gift, send them a subscription to the **Brethren Evangelist**.

Remember, the first issue will appear the first week of January, 1961.

HELP WANTED

A MAN AND WIFE ARE URGENTLY NEEDED AT THE BRETHREN'S HOME. President John R. Johnston, of the Brethren's Home and Benevolent Board, has asked us to repeat the announcement of last month, as the situation is serious.

The need is for a Brethren couple to serve in full-time Christian work at our Brethren's Home in Flora, Indiana. A man is needed to help with the farm and maintenance work, and a woman's help is needed with the household work.

The couple would have a private cottage in which to live, and would be furnished room and board, plus a salary. The couple would assist Mr. and Mrs. Kuns who are the Superintendent and Matron of the Home.

Interested Brethren should contact:

Mr. Russell Kuns,
The Brethren's Home,
Flora, Indiana.



What's Doing in the Churches



RIVERSIDE-LOST CREEK NEWS

Dr. and Mrs. Claud Studebaker are holding a week of evangelistic services for the Lost Creek Brethren Church and Riverside Christian Training School at the time of this writing, the week of Oct. 10-16. Rev. and Mrs. Harry Richer, evangelists in the Evangelical United Brethren Church, are our directors of music for the campaign. Attendance is good and we are all enjoying a spiritual feast. Three youth have stepped out for Christ already. Praise the Lord! This school is a real mission field here.

Revival services will begin this Sunday evening, Oct. 16, at the Haddix Brethren Church with Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd Pike of Mayking, Ky., as singing and preaching evangelists. Rev. Pike is a regular preacher over Whitesburg Radio Station. We are all in much prayer concerning these services in this needy area. Pray for the work there. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gross, one of the main backers of the Haddix church, will be living in the Haddix cottage and assisting in the church work there. Brother Charlie is blind physically but has beautiful eyes of the soul.

We had a week of revival at our Rowdy church in September with Rev. Balis Campbell preaching. Sixteen persons stepped out for the Lord there.

Rev. Marvin Wheeler, pastor of the Fincastle church, will preach at a weekend series of meetings at the Lost Creek church on the Riverside campus on December 2, 3 and 4. We of the Lost Creek area love to hear the preaching of this man of God.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Richer are in charge of chapel services this week (Oct. 10-16). The wonderful songs and new choruses are thrilling us all. Brother Richer's beautiful poetry which he quotes to us is always so appropriate and inspiring. We want their coming to Riverside to be an annual affair.

On October 22 the Kentucky Youth Rally will be held on the Riverside campus. Miss Lowery and her Krypton youth will be with us for the day.

On October 30 Rev. Barnett will be the speaker at the New Lebanon, Ohio, Brethren Church on their "Lost Creek Day." He will speak at both morning and evening services and show slides of the work of the church and school here in the evening.

Rev. Barnett will be the speaker at a Missionary Conference in our Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Brethren Church the week-end of Nov. 4-6. The Riverside Crusader Girls and Mrs. Doran Hostetler will accompany him to bring special music at the meetings. Slides of the work here will be shown.

From Pleasant Hill Rev. Barnett will proceed to Ashland, Ohio, for a week of evangelistic services in the Park Street church there on Nov. 6-13.

Riverside School has enrolled 91 in grades 1-12 this fall which is quite an increase. This increased opportunity for service means increased effort and expense on our part. But the Lord is faithful who will carry us through. We praise God for the many Brethren who are praying for and backing the work here in a wonderful way. The many boxes of clothing, food and money from the Brethren keep this work going. We are all so busy that often we cannot acknowledge all gifts and send receipts. Please be patient with us and pray for a full-time secretary for the work here.

Rev. Herbert Gilmer and his laymen from the Roann, Ind., church came with new chalkboards and installed them and painted much of the interior of our new building. They also brought a tractor which will aid greatly in the farming and landscaping work here. Part of the purchase price was borne by the Tiosa Brethren Church (Sunday School class). Doran Hostetler plans to build an athletic field. The Mackall brothers of the Vinco, Pa., church are buying and installing a new commercial gas stove and water heater in our new kitchen. They are also giving many tools for our General Shop class which Mr. Hostetler teaches. Recently the Riverside Improvement Club gave the school \$200.00 which they have raised to be used in paying general operation expenses of the work. The \$10,500.00 given this summer by the W. M. S. and the Missionary Board has enabled us to go forward in another phase of our building program.

Repair work has been done on the entire place. The gym floor is going to be of concrete with a finished surface to be decided upon later. The Grigsby Lumber Co., a local firm, is now in the process of pouring the floor. The plumbing is finished in the new gym building. Indoor rest rooms and showers are now ready for use. The bathroom floors in the classroom-gym and the girl's dorm will have tile put on them this week. We have had to purchase a new motor for our water pump. The water is now being tested in an effort to correct its rusty and oily-like nature. The Mackall brothers are instrumental in this. We could go on and on enumerating the many material blessings God is pouring upon us through His people. We would like to mention every one who has supported the church and school here in any way but it is impossible to do this. But God knows and sees, and His will be the Christian's Great Reward! But let me say "Thank You FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEARTS!"

We have 16 boarding boys which are all we can enroll until a new boys' dorm is erected. Pray with us concerning this. We have 19 boarding girls which is near capacity. These boarding students come mostly from a radius of 100 miles around Lost Creek but a number are out of state—4 from Ohio, 1 from Michigan, and 1 from our Washington Brethren Church, Cora Lee Epps, a 7th grader. One boy came from Maryland. There is evidence of increased interest and support in many areas. Praise the Lord!

Eight of our 14 staff members are Brethren: Mr. and Mrs. Doran Hostetler (Garber Brethren, Ashland, Ohio), Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson (First Brethren, Mansfield, Ohio), Mr. Maurice Hall (Brighton, Ind., Breth-

en Church), Miss Patricia Hill (Highland Brethren Church, Marianna, Pa.) and Rev. and Mrs. Harold E. Barnett (Lost Creek, Brethren Church). We hope to have a biographical sketch of all our teachers for you in the future. Please pray for us. We are having a wonderful lot of Brethren and other friends visit us and they are all encouraging and hopeful as to the future of this great work which is for the sole purpose of glorifying God in Christian education, evangelism and character building!

The newest addition to the Barnett clan is David Earl of Sept. 21, 1960. He is doing fine, eating continually and wants to be held perpetually. Mrs. Barnett is coming along fairly well but has too many responsibilities with all four little Barnetts. She is school treasurer, clothing sale manager, etc. Please remember her in prayer.

We are expecting a new school bus to be brought down the last of this month by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Willis of the County Line, Ind., Brethren Church. Other Brethren are helping in overhauling and painting the bus. They will be mentioned later. This work belongs to Christ and it is doing His work. We, as Brethren and other Christian friends, are stewards of it. We shall give an account of our stewardship before God. Let us serve Him faithfully here in Lost Creek, Kentucky! Come see us!

Harold E. Barnett.

ONE WEEK AT LOST CREEK

At the insistence of Lost Creek delegates at General Conference that we come down and preach a week for them and inasmuch as I am not driving and we felt it too big a drive for Mrs. Studebaker, we contacted our good friends, the Reverend and Mrs. H. E. Richer of Peru, Indiana, and asked them to take us down to Lost Creek, and of course, to direct the music. This they consented to do and we left Huntington, Indiana the afternoon of October 9, staying over night at Madison, Indiana and arriving at Lost Creek about four p.m.

The weather was perfect and the house was filled each night. Several came forward for dedication or first confession of faith. It was a delightful experience. They marvelled that I read my chapters from memory. The Richers put on a very excellent musical program, which the congregation appreciated and joined in heartily. All in all it seemed a week well spent in service to the Lord.

The Christian Training school has about ninety students and they attended every night. Reverend Harold Barnett, who is the superintendent of the school, is a native of Lost Creek, is a graduate of Ashland College and more, for he has done enough post graduate work to earn his Doctors degree. The new gymnasium is being used and it is a fine structure. They do need a boys' dormitory to make their housing equipment complete. With a corps of teachers which qualify in scholastic standards and a well qualified young leader who knows that mountain work and loves it, there is no reason why they cannot achieve great success. The Richers and Studebakers are very grateful to the Lost Creek people for their indulgent kindness, and we pray God's richest blessing upon you.

Claud Studebaker.

WARSAW, INDIANA

These have been very busy days for the Warsaw Brethren Church. Recently we concluded two weeks of very fine evangelistic meetings held by Rev. Virgil Ingraham from Nappanee. His messages were fine and inspiring, and brought renewed faith and interest to those who heard him. We are much indebted to him. There were ten re-dedications and one confession of faith. Rev. Ingraham and Rev. C. Y. Gilmer called on most of the church members during these busy two weeks. Delegations present were from Nappanee, twice from Dutchtown. A triple trio from Mentone brought a fine message in music. Among our visitors were Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Riddle, Rev. and Mrs. Stanton Leland and Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Stewart. Music was provided by Miss Beverly Summy and Mrs. John Vance. Beverly also gave many interesting object lessons.

Margaret Banghart.

Laid to Rest

FRALING. Lee Fraling, quite ill for 23 years, passed on to his Savior in February. Member, Roann Brethren Church.

NICELY. Wilbur Nicely passed out of our community very quickly with a heart attack, the last of May. Was a member of the Roann Brethren Church.

ROSER. Fred Roser was taken from us suddenly with a heart attack in September. Member of the Roann Brethren Church and served as janitor of our sanctuary for many years.

MOUSER. Mrs. Mable Mouser suffered much from cancer and was taken away from us in September. Member, Roann Brethren Church.

Herbert Gilmer, pastor.

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MESSLER. John S. Messler, born March 28, 1887, died September 8, 1960. Member, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, York, Pa., and was formerly of Union Bridge, Carroll Co., Md. The undersigned assisted in the funeral services. Interment, Lutheran Cemetery, Taneytown, Md.

Bruce C. Shanholtz.

Darkness in many forms sweeps on in its relentless campaign to blind and to doom the hearts of men. This is the hour for the church to rise up in full strength to pour out the truth of Christ to this chaotic, needy world.

The new Brethren Evangelist will help you to become more aware of this world condition and will assist you in working more effectively to fulfill God's will for you and for the Brethren Church at home and abroad.



THANKS

"THANKSGIVING DAY, a national holiday in the United States, commemorating the harvest of Plymouth Colony in 1621, following a winter of great hardship. Colonists and neighboring Indians shared the first feast. A national day of thanks was proclaimed by George Washington for Nov. 26, 1789. Lincoln revived the custom in 1863. Since 1941, according to a joint resolution of Congress, the holiday falls on the fourth Thursday in November. The customary turkey is a reminder of the four wild turkeys served at the Pilgrim's first Thanksgiving." * This is the definition of Thanksgiving Day that the people of a supposedly Christian Nation use.

Dear Christian reader, did you know that Jesus Christ had established "A Day of Thanksgiving" nearly two thousand years ago? Were you aware of the fact that the majority of the New Testament writings each have a thought concerning this matter of Thanksgiving? Believer, you who have confessed Jesus Christ as your Lord and your Savior; you who have promised to uphold His teachings, yea, indeed, His every command is supposed to be your ONLY guide. Why then do we have to wait to allow the National Government to establish a "Day of Thanksgiving" before we become mindful enough of our blessings to spend a day thinking of them? Or is that the reason for your celebrating Thanksgiving Day here in this free country? Have you the feeling that it has become another day when the family has a great disturbance over whose house is large enough to hold the celebration in, or what each family is to bring in as its contribution to the dinner? Is there discussion as to where the last get-together was held, and who furnished the meat, and what kind of salads and pies we are to have? That is the true spirit of Thanksgiving, isn't it?

Recently, in delivering a message the challenge was made by the writer that the Christian should spend five minutes of one of the devotion times of the day to write down all the blessings he could think of. One of the members of the congregation spoke of this challenge later, and made the statement that she could not write down all of her blessings in five days, let alone five minutes. Maybe someone ought to start writing.

Returning to the thought that Jesus established a "Day of Thanksgiving", let us consider just briefly some of the thoughts of Thanksgiving from the New Testament. Just one word will be used as an example, EUCHARISTEO. It means "to give thanks". Of some twenty-nine times this word and one similar to it, EUCHARISTIA, were considered, in a brief survey of the New Testament with the aid of Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, eight classifications were formed of the situations in which the people used the words: No. 1, Jesus Offering Thanks for Food: Matt. 15:36; 26:27; Mark 8:6; 14:23; Luke 22:17-19; John 6:11, 23; I Corinthians 11:27. Seven times our Lord gives us an example of what we should do before we partake of the food which is so bountifully supplied for our tables. Over one-half of the nearly three billion of people on the face of the earth go to bed hungry at night and yet we Americans, citizens of the best blessed nation in the world, have to be reminded that we should give thanks for our daily food.

The second classification in this study is very appropriate. One Scripture reference is all there is in this one: It is in Luke 17:16 where we read of one leper who was healed of his leprosy returning to the Lord to give THANKS. One out of ten. Just about par for the course, or do you

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Rev. H. William Fells

ally believe that ten per cent of the people of the United States offer grace at the table three times a day?

The third situation serves two purposes. It is the scene of Paul offering THANKS out on the water after being shipwrecked and tossed about the sea for a fortnight (Acts 27:35). Here the third classification comes into the picture, only he is ready to return and give THANKS after being delivered in such a mighty way. But there is more to the picture, for the thirty-sixth verse says, "Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat." A man of God, pausing to give THANKS, could bring GOOD CHEER, to the hearts of those sailors out there in that condition. This should really make us want to give THANKS.

The fourth classification of these situations brings further advice when, in Romans 14:6 and I Corinthians 10:30, he speaks of our judging by another's habits. Our time would be better spent in THANKSGIVING than in judging what the other man's conscience dictates.

The words of the fifth thought are very fitting here, for in Ephesians 1:16, Romans 16:4, I Thessalonians 1:2, II Thessalonians 2:13, and I Timothy 2:1 we read of Paul being THANKFUL for all people. Time and again he says we give THANKS to you always, remembering you always in our prayers. How many times are you grateful to God for the people around you? Or are you like the preacher that was heard just the other day to say, "People, we have our greatest trouble with people, if it weren't for people, we would be doing very nicely." Maybe that preacher and the rest of us would do well to spend a little time giving THANKS to God for the people around us.

The sixth series of scriptures in which these words meaning THANKSGIVING are used would

just enlarge this thought, for in them we read how that we should be THANKFUL in ALL THINGS. I Corinthians 14:17, I Thessalonians 5:18, Acts 24:3, II Corinthians 4:15; 9:11, 12; Philippians 4:6; and I Timothy 4:3, 4. Please note, it does not say THANKFUL for all things but IN all things. There are many things we cannot be grateful for in this life, but we need never lose the attitude of gratefulness even in the midst of adversity.

The Book of Colossians brings the seventh classification to us with the thought of just plain "GIVING THANKS" in 1:3, 12, 2:7, 3:17, and 4:2.

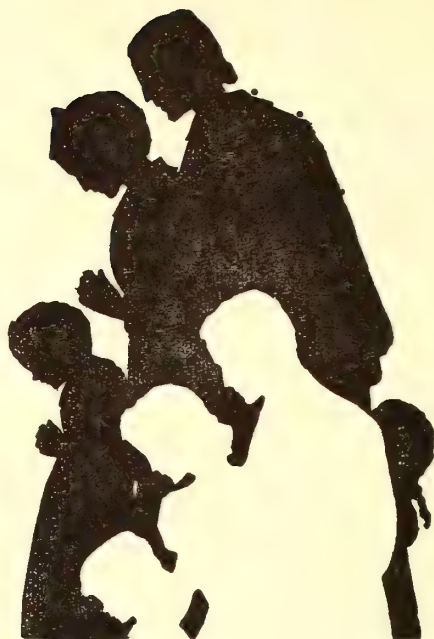
The final or eighth group gives a picture to us that we all should be holding in anticipation. From Revelation 7:12 and 11:17 we catch a glimpse of the Elders GIVING THANKS IN HEAVEN. If you and I were to get to Heaven by the number of times we had practiced THANKSGIVING in our lives, how many of us do you suppose would make it in? Yet the Church is filled with people who believe they are going to Heaven. That is their purpose for planning on going there. But God wants us there to sing His praise and offer unto Him all Glory, Laud, and Honor, for all Eternity. Maybe it would be well for us to start practicing.

Jesus endeavored to teach us the importance of THANKSGIVING when He instituted the "Lord's Supper" and allowed that part of it that should be the center, "The Breaking of the Bread and the Drinking of the Cup" to be known as the "EUCCHARIST" or the THANKSGIVING. A quotation from a small but powerful book here will further enlarge the meaning of the thought: "A second meaning of the Lord's Supper is that contained in the term, 'the Eucharist.' From the earliest times it was a joyous THANKSGIV-

ING. The 'Didache', which was written about 100 A. D., uses 'thank offering' and 'breaking of bread' synonymously in describing the Lord's Supper. Here the radiant joy which sent the early church singing through the Mediterranean world had its birth. Here it must have its resurrection. The disciples broke bread 'with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people' (Acts 2:46-47). Who has greater occasion for gratitude than the Christian, for whom the Eucharist has always been reserved? Who has more fundamental reason for optimism, for courage in the face of death and destruction, for faith in the power of Christian life to endure and triumph? We offer THANKS to God for a redemption which is a present fact as well as a future hope, for a Redeemer who brought Divinity to our common life.

"The spirit which has been described as 'the lost radiance of the Christian religion' may be recovered at the communion table, where it was lost when the church allowed other emphases to take the place of the corporate act of praise which had been known from the beginning as the Eucharist. Immediately after the first Pentecost, the mood of sadness and forboding which pervaded the upper room vanished. Before the open tomb, in the breaking of bread on the Emmaus Road and in other events the disciples discovered that Christ was victor over death. The white light of this tremendous fact suddenly illuminated everything He had ever said or done. It shone on the disciples' own lives as they 'Returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.'

"In returning to the Eucharist as primarily a corporate act of joyous praise for our redemption through Jesus Christ, the church returns to the high ground from which it started its historic mission across the centuries. It sets the act of THANKSGIVING in its proper place at the center of worship. It does not abandon penitence or individual gratitude, but it sets both in their




proper relation to the jubilant central truth that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself. In so doing, the church shines once again with the radiant joy it has lost. It recovers as a gift from God its power to turn the world of complacent evil upside down. Without worry and without laborious contriving it discovers that God is building His Kingdom through the incredible overplus which He alone can give to the puny efforts of believing men." **

Brethren, may these thoughts on THANKSGIVING add to your "Charisma" (Christian Graces) and may every day be THANKSGIVING DAY for you, from here throughout ETERNITY!

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And be Ye Thankful 

World Religious News in Review

IN MIAMI: SUN, SEA, SAND AND THE UNCHURCHED

MIAMI, Fla. (EP)—More than three-quarters of a million people in the "gold coast" area of Florida, including greater Miami, are not affiliated with local churches and synagogues.

This information was revealed in what was possibly the largest house-to-house religious survey ever undertaken. Of 1,358,191 individuals canvassed, 872,393 were found to be without a church home.

Billy Hargrove, secretary of the department of Survey and Special Studies of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, said it was the highest percentage of population of any area surveyed not affiliated with local churches and synagogues.

SCHOOLS' SUPERINTENDENT OKAYS YFC ASSEMBLIES

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (EP)—Directors of the Youth for Christ "Youtharama" programs scheduled for three city high schools here will be allowed to conduct their rallies during assembly periods according to the superintendent of Winston-Salem schools.

The pupils will not be required to attend, however, as they are when the regular assemblies are held.

Superintendent A. Craig Phillips told the YFC sponsors that if they had gone through regular channels in arranging the programs, instead of conferring with school principals, they would have been denied use of the school buildings, "in accordance with the school board's basic policies concerning such matters."

"However," Dr. Phillips continued, "because the dates for the appearances have been set and commitments have been made, the assembly programs will be carried on. Attendance at the assemblies in the three schools involved (Reynolds, Gray and Hanes) will be optional."

The superintendent stressed that the school board was not discriminating "against one individual group,"

but that the action was "simply a continuation of our efforts to control carefully the use of the school as a medium for promoting special interest groups."

PHILADELPHIANS STAGE CHRISTIAN WITNESS PARADE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (EP)—Beneath flamboyant flags and banners, marching to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," some 10,000 persons passed through the streets of this city's first Christian Witness Parade sponsored by the Philadelphia Area Sunday School Association and other church groups.

Colorful floats, arm bands and other artful designs, carried the message: "Vote for Sunday School."

Hundreds of decorated baby coaches and strollers symbolized the strength of the Christian family. A truck bore a sign saying: "Place Your Confidence in the Cross, not Canaveral." A banner carried by two teen-age girls said: "God Said It, Jesus Did It, I Believe It, That Settles It."

The Rev. Melvin M. Forney, parade chairman and president of the Pennsylvania and national Lord's Day Alliance, said the parade's purpose was to show the power of Christianity to combat atheistic Communism and moral and spiritual decline.

PHARMACIST COMPOUNDS UNUSUAL PRESCRIPTIONS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (EP)—Dr. William Strickland, staff member of the University of Arkansas School of Pharmacy, has had some interesting results with Bible prescriptions.

As part of his lecture, Dr. Strickland compounds various prescriptions that are mentioned in the Bible, and his audience, therefore, smells "the same odors that passed the nostrils of King David, Moses and Jesus of Nazareth."

Says Dr. Strickland, in Exodus there is an account of God giving Moses "the first prescription that we have any record of." It is a holy ointment that includes myrrh, cinnamon, calamus and cassia. These ingredients

were combined with olive oil to make, in Biblical language, "an holy anointing oil." But Dr. Strickland cannot compound this particular prescription because one of the ingredients—calamus—remains a mystery. No one is sure, he claims, what this is. A root in present use is called calamus, but Dr. Strickland said it is not the same as mentioned in the Bible.

Among other substances with Biblical background with which Dr. Strickland has experimented are coriander seed, saffron and aloes. He commented that these are the things that Moses and Jesus were familiar with... "the same aromas they savored in life."

TRY MID-MORNING "PRAYER BREAK"

COLUMBUS, O. (EP)—Members of Columbus' Broad St. Methodist Church have started a unique idea for prayer which is gaining popularity among members of Protestant churches all over the city.

The idea: time out each forenoon at 10 for a "prayer break."

The Rev. W. L. Steffens, pastor of the church, estimated the original dozen participants have increased in number to about 250 so far, including members of other churches and some who are not members of any church. The purpose of the break, Dr. Steffens explained, is "to keep us aware of our dependence upon God in these troubled times and to release His power through prayer."

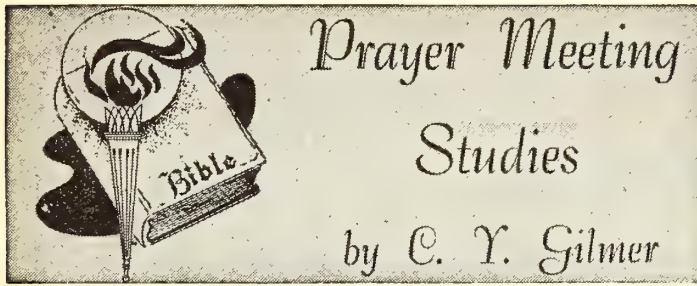
POLAND BANS RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS

WARSAW, Poland (EP)—Religious instruction will be abolished in about 5,000 Polish schools during the current school year. The policy was revealed in a statement made by Frau Maria Jezierska, general secretary of the Polish Association for Secular Schools, in an interview for the independent Cracow daily *Dziennik Polski*.

The aim of the association, Frau Jezierska said, was not to limit secularization of schools to banning religious instruction from the school premises, but to eliminate church influence from social and ethical life and replace it by secular concerns.

According to an article in *Trybuna Ludu*, official Warsaw Communist paper, the Association for Secular Schools has at present 15 branches

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WHY DO THE GODLY SUFFER?

"I know not why His hand is laid
In chastening on my life,
Nor why it is my little world
Is filled so full of strife.

"I know not why, when faith looks up
And seeks for rest from pain,
That o'er my sky fresh clouds arise
And drench my path with rain."

WHY DO THE WICKED PROSPER and the godly suffer is a question entertained by Job in his 21 chapter, verses 7-15. Yet, when the godless do suffer, it is very intense (vs. 17-21). The Psalmist points out that the wicked may prosper temporarily and that their end is terrible, whereas the righteous come to a glorious end (Psa. 37:35-40). He takes up the same problem in Psalm 73:1-14. In lieu of the awful suffering of the wicked in the next world, all the pleasure they will ever have is in this world (vs. 15-22).

Some one has to suffer for the well-being of the church (Col. 1:23, 24) to make her what she ought to be (Eph. 5:27). But the suffering of the saints is not without great comfort (Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:16-18). Sometimes the righteous would not mind suffering if they could see any benefit coming from it (1 Pet. 2:19-25). But one cannot be righteous and suffer in vain (1 Pet. 4:12-16). Their suffering is bound to build up the church (1 Pet. 4:17-19). So, we are not to shrink from the suffering that is appointed unto us (1 Pet. 3:17-18) for we shall be recompensed (1 Pet. 5:6-11).

"And, when at last I see His face
And know as I am known,
I will not care how rough the road
That led me to my home."

It is by all these things that we become more than conquerors (Rom. 8:37). God will not allow us to be tried above that to which we are equal by His grace (1 Cor. 10:13).

God's promise is not freedom
From trials in the race;
But power to transcend them
Through His sufficing grace.

Not rest instead of labor,
But in the labor rest;
Not calm instead of tempest,
But calm when sore distressed.

Not light instead of darkness
Not joy instead of grief;

But brightness in the midnight,
And in the woe relief.

Not gain instead of losses
Nor ease instead of pain;
But balm upon the anguish,
And losses bringing gain.

Not strength instead of weakness
Not smile instead of tears;
Nor peace instead of conflict,
Not song instead of fears;

But weakness filled with power,
And tears with radiance spread,
And peace amid the battle
And song e'er fears are fled.

—Rev. Norman E. Douty

GOD'S WORD

O Word of God Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging—
O Light of our dark sky;
We praise Thee for Thy radiance
That from Thy hallowed page
A lantern to our footsteps
Shines on from age to age;
It floateth like a banner
Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon—
Above a darkened world.
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging sea
'Mid mists, and rocks and darkness—
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee!

—William Welsham How.

GOD WANTS US TO STUDY THE BIBLE (Jn. 5:39). He has provided for us the Book (1 Pet. 1:10-12) and the Teacher (1 Jn. 2:27). God has commanded us to desire His Word (1 Pet. 2:2), and to study that Word for His approval (2 Tim. 2:15). However, Satan has multiplied ways of keeping us from dwelling in the Scriptures lest we become fortified against his subtle temptations (Psa. 119:11).

If you would have an increase of faith, study the Bible (Rom. 10:17). If you would have the wisdom from above, study God's Word (Psa. 119:130). Its wisdom makes one wise unto salvation (2 Tim. 3:15). Bible knowledge makes one wise in the will of God (Jn. 7:17), and in the purposes of God (2 Pet. 1:17). The Bible is not a dead book but living and powerful (Heb. 4:12) to bring deliverance to the captive soul (Jn. 8:36). Bible knowledge sets one apart (Jn. 17:17) as one who has been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

The greatest waste of time in Bible study is getting started (Psa. 119:60, 61). We should not be discouraged because of our deficiencies in Bible study (1 Cor. 13:9, 12). The Law serves as a schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:24). For Christ is the goal of all revelation (Psa. 40:7; Heb. 10:7). The things of Heaven are

"revealed" (Matt. 11:25-27; 1 Cor. 2:9-14). After the revelation of Christ's person (Matt. 16:15-17) came the revelation of His purpose (v. 18). God's purpose today is to build His Church (Eph. 3:3-11; Acts 15:14). Christ's program was for Him to die for our deliverance from the bondage of sin and death (Heb. 2:14, 15). That His work was complete is declared by His resurrection (Rom. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:3, 21). Unwittingly, Peter played into the hands of Satan to thwart Christ's program (Matt. 16:21-23). Verses 24 and 25 reveal Christ's followers. Verses 27 and 28 give the culmination of God's purpose and program. Verse 28 is explained by 2 Pet. 1:16, 17 which refers to Matt. 17:1-13, the transfiguration. Read also John 1:14. Reading the Bible...

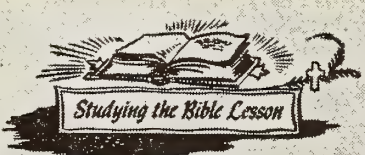
"One reads with father's specs upon his head And sees the things just as his father said. Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed Hence, understand but little what they read For, every passage in the book they bend To make it suit some all-important end. Some people read, as I have often thought To teach the Book—instead of being taught. So many people in these latter days Have read the Bible in so many ways That few can tell which system is the best For, every party contradicts the rest! But, read it prayerfully and you will see Although men contradict—God's Words agree; For, what the early prophets wrote We find that Christ and His Apostles quote; So—trust no creed that trembles to recall— What has been penned by One—and verified by all!"
—Anonymous.

Lesson

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for November 27, 1960
BE STRONG IN THE LORD
Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

EVEN CHRISTIANS WHO are opposed to carnal warfare must concede there are times to fight. "Fight the good fight of faith," admonishes Paul (1 Tim. 6:12). Of course the Apostle is referring to spiritual warfare, not carnal. This is the strife which involves the Christian.

To be successful in his spiritual conflict, the Christian must ever "Be strong in the Lord." The one who is not spiritually strong will soon fall victim to Satan's might and power.

I. TO BE STRONG OUR FAITH AND TRUST MUST BE IN THE LORD AND IN HIS POWER. "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" (vs. 10).

Phillips translates this: "Be strong—not in yourselves but in the Lord, in the power of His boundless resource."

The phrase "in the Lord," denotes that the Christian's strength lies in union with the Lord Jesus Christ. When we, through the New Birth, are joined to the Lord, HIS life becomes OUR life, and HIS strength OUR strength.

"We call attention to the tense of the verb, which is continuous: 'Keep on being strong in the Lord'... It is an hourly, yes, even a moment-by-moment drawing upon the Lord for strength. For although we, as Christians, live in the heavenlies, our feet must still tread the portals of this earth where the world, the flesh, and the devil reign" (E. Schuyler English).

II. TO BE STRONG WE MUST PROPERLY EVALUATE THE POWERS OF SATAN. "For our wrestling is not against flesh-and-blood opponents, but against the rulers, the authorities, the cosmic powers of this present darkness; against the spiritual forces of evil in the supernatural sphere" (vs. 12—Berkeley).

"It is difficult for us to comprehend all that is involved in this array of evil. The principalities and powers are angelic, comprised of the fallen angels that rebelled with their leader against Almighty God" (English).

We dare not minimize the power of Satan! The world may present a caricature of him as an imaginary being clad in a red suit and long tail. But the Bible pictures Satan as a real person possessing great power!

"The Scriptures reveal that we are surrounded by a 'kingdom of darkness,' and that there are various ranks of evil spirits who are working with Satan to antagonize the Lord Jesus at every point, and as they cannot reach Christ at the right hand of God, they attack the saints of Christ, who are His representatives in this world" (G. D. Watson).

III. TO BE STRONG WE MUST BE CLAD WITH SPIRITUAL ARMOR. "Put on the whole armour of God...Take unto you the whole armour of God" (vs. 11, 13).

The purpose of being clad with spiritual armor is very clear: "That ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (vs. 11). There may be times when there is no apparent progress being made in the battle against Satan's forces. But Paul says we should resist him and all his hosts so that "even when you have fought a standstill you may still stand your ground" (vs. 13—Phillips).

- What comprises the armor of the Christian soldier?
- 1. The Girdle of TRUTH—vs. 14.**
"To have the loins girt about with Truth means to be encased in the Truth, so as to live and walk by it. It means to be so fully under the power and sway of the Truth that our affections, habits, conduct and the whole of our life, with all its relationships and associations, ...be governed and controlled by it" (W. S. Hottel).
 - 2. The Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS—vs. 14.**
"Roman soldiers wore a breastplate of bronze which they called 'the heart protector'; righteousness in

the heart is the finest protection one can have against the evil of the world" (Frank S. Mead).

3. The Sandals of the Preparation of the Gospel of PEACE—vs. 15. This verse might better be translated: "And shod your feet with the joyful readiness to proclaim the Gospel of peace." In other words, we who are Christians ought to be joyfully engaged in proclaiming the blessed news that Christ gives peace to every troubled, sin-sick soul who comes to Him.

4. The Shield of FAITH—vs. 16.

"The Roman soldier carried a shield made of wood, canvas, and hide, against which flaming darts of burning pitch burned themselves out without burning the man" (Mead).

For the Christian, the shield of faith simply means Faith in God, Faith in His Word, Faith in His Son. Such Faith is the Christian's only defense against Satan's darts of doubt and despair.

5. The Helmet of SALVATION—vs. 17.

"Take the helmet of salvation.' The word translated 'take'...denotes to receive, the implication being, of course, that it comes from God. Thus the clause might be rendered: 'and receive as from God the helmet of salvation'" (English).

6. The Sword of the SPIRIT—vs. 17. There is no doubt as to the meaning of this, for Paul adds the phrase, "which is the word of God." Only the Word of God has the power to combat the errors of Satan.

7. The Cloke of PRAYER—vs. 18. This is not usually listed with the other parts of armor, but it was definitely in Paul's mind. Along with the Word of God, prayer is the most powerful weapon the Christian has at his disposal.

In closing, let us notice that the Apostle Paul says the Christian Soldier should put on the **WHOLE** armor of God. Not one article dare be omitted if complete victory is to be achieved.

"BE STRONG IN THE LORD"!

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

TEACHER, DO YOU KNOW YOUR PUPIL?

EVERY MEMBER of your class is an individual, but more than that, a unique individual. It does not matter whether yours is a class of two or twenty, you will have that many different personalities and minds to reach.

Each one represents a different set of inherited traits, different background of experiences, different physical and mental capacities, and different training. This is true no matter what age group you may be teaching.

You are quite aware of each one's outward physical characteristics from observing them in your class from

week to week. However, you will never get to know them just in the contacts you make with them in Sunday School on Sunday morning.

Rather it is through those informal associations—in their homes or at social events—that you will be most likely to discover the true problems and ambitions of the pupils you endeavor to reach and to teach.

When you learn to accept your students as individuals you have made an important step as their teacher.

—Promoter.

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NEW EVANGELIST SOON TO APPEAR!

Yes, the 1961 model of the **Evangelist** will soon be on the road (mail routes) and into your homes. Word from the drawing boards in Ashland assures us that the 1961 model will be bigger and better than ever before. Many new features are being incorporated into this model, also. Over-all length of the New **Evangelist** will show an increase of 20%, which means that this model will be roomier, affording more space for all.

Special features of this 1961 **Evangelist**: This magazine will show the effects of redesigning on every page. It will now come with a standard (not optional) two-tone color scheme, with a completely new line of colors to choose from. The construction material will also be of a better quality.

But I have yet failed to speak of the most amazing aspect of this new magazine. With all these big changes you would naturally expect some increase in the cost of the **Evangelist**. Yet, with this increase in cost of production, the **Evangelist** has still managed to stay in the low price field! Only \$4.00 a year is the cost of this 1961 model. That is \$4.00 for 50 bigger and better issues—just 8¢ per issue!

But let me speak for a moment of our particular section of the magazine. In an effort to improve our part of the magazine also, we hope to add more interior decorating (more pictures) and also to improve the construction material (better articles). A special feature will be articles once a month from the Sunday School Board members (one article per month). Each member will be writing on his particular field of Sunday School work.

All in all, we are looking for much better quality in the 1961 model of the **Evangelist**. Therefore my recommendation to you is that you run right out and order your copy **NOW**. Better yet, send your order for another year's subscription of the **Evangelist** to the Brethren Publishing Co. right away.



RELIGIOUS NEWS

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in Poland, with nearly 100,000 members. During the first five months of 1960 it organized over 2,000 lectures which were attended by 150,000 people. It has also established "Parents Universities" to raise the adult educational level.

TEXANS RE-OPEN SCHOOL FIGHT

BREMOND, Tex. (EP)—"It is our contention that St. Mary's School is in truth and in fact a parochial school and is being operated in violation of both state and federal constitutions."

With those words, plaintiffs continued the long trip up a legal staircase here with a hearing before the Bremond School Board. The Board voted to delay at least two weeks in replying to charges that they are operating an illegal Catholic parochial school with public tax funds.

The suit, first of its kind filed in the state, is viewed as an important test of "released time" religious instruction, the wearing of religious habits in schools, and principles of church-state separation.

CHURCHES TO PAY TAX ON PARKING LOT

NEW CASTLE, Pa. (EP)—All church parking lots here must be placed on the 1961 tax rolls, says City Solicitor Marjorie A. Young.

In a written opinion to the City Council, she cited a Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision which declared a parking lot on church property adjacent to a church was "not an actual place of religious worship" and therefore could not be tax exempt.

Mrs. Young said the Supreme Court in this decision was the "court of last resort."

TEXANS LAUNCH "RICE DRIVE" FOR CHINESE CHILDREN

HOUSTON, Tex. (EP)—Church leaders and officials of the rice industry in 14 eastern Texas counties have launched a drive here to collect 1,000,000 pounds of rice for Chinese school children in Hong Kong. The rice will be shipped by the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP).

CD OFFICE ADVISES ON RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES DURING MOBILIZATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—The Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization here has issued an advisory bulletin describing the policy of its office concerning religious observances in civil defense operations. Here is a summary of its recommendations:

A. In civil defense pre-attack operation, such as exercises and tests, it is OCDM policy to:

1. Respect the religious holy days and normal observances of all faiths.
2. Respect the dietary requirements of all faiths to the greatest practical extent.

B. In the event of an attack on this nation, it will be OCDM policy to:

1. Recognize that the primary mission of clergymen and churches is that of spiritual ministrations. Governments at all levels should make provision for the freedom of the clergy and the church in performing this mission.
2. Encourage the assignment, where appropriate, of chaplains and the provision of facilities for ministering to the moral and spiritual needs of personnel at governmental relocation sites and control centers.
3. Call upon the clergy and the churches to serve man's physical well-being by offering the use of church buildings as fallout shelters, welfare centers, or medical aid stations.
4. Identify, where possible, both the injured and the dead according to religion to assure ministrations or burial rites of their faiths.

NEWARK CATHOLIC SCHOOLS USE STATE EDUCATIONAL TV

NEWARK, N. J. (EP)—More than 200 elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark are now using educational television sponsored by the State of New York. Classes in language arts, reading, mathematics, science, Spanish, music and art are now a regular part of the daily schedule in grades four through eight. Purpose: "to provide a wider educational experience for children and a broader experience of educational techniques for teachers."

IRISH IN CONGO FORM TEETOTALER BOND

DUBLIN, Ireland (EP)—Irish troops among the United Nations forces in the Congo recently formed their own Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, and made a branch of an organization in Dublin of the same name.

A letter from the soldiers was published in "The Pioneer," organ of the association in Dublin. It warned: "Alcohol in any degree is very dangerous in the Congo. The local beer made from bananas is anything but a Pioneer drink!"

ANGLICANS TO OPEN SCHOOL FOR MEN OVER 30

ORILLIA, Ont. (EP)—Men past 30 in Canada's province of Ontario who feel inclined toward the ministry may now study in special classes near home.

The Anglican Church of Canada here approved plans by delegates to the provincial synod calling for a school either in London or in Toronto, Ont. The program will offer a three-year course—the first two years in night classes in the candidates' own churches; the last year in residence at the training center.

EAST BERLIN CHURCH-STATE IMPASSE BLAMED ON CLERGYMEN

BERLIN (EP)—Cooperation between the Soviet Zone Government and church authorities is impossible because the clergy has tied itself to militarism and NATO.

So states Walter Ulbricht, newly-installed head of the Soviet Zone State Council. In a lengthy speech before the East German parliament, he said all religious groups in the Soviet Zone have perfect freedom of worship. However, he said, ministers must quit supporting and propagating West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's "atomic war policy," and must gain a truer understanding of East Germany's "peace policies."

WEST GERMAN LAW PERMITS RELIGION IN SCHOOLS:

WIESBADEN, Germany (EP)—The government of the West German State of Hess has passed a law which makes religious instruction in schools obligatory if at least 12 students are members of a religious group.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH OF A POLICEMAN WHO BECAME A DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

RECENTLY I came across an article which struck me as being quite good. I thought it would be quite worthwhile to print it on P. 18. It will be concluded in next week's article. The speech was given at the recent Convention of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges in Detroit. Dr. James J. Brennan, Acting Director, School of Police Administration, Michigan State University, gave an address which challenged, and showed up, the futility of most of our methods of dealing with delinquency. Here are the excerpts, reprinted with the permission of *Somebody's Boy*, issued weekly by the National Juvenile Court Foundation, Inc., Hon. Walter Scott Criswell, Editor.

LITANY OF LAMENTATIONS

"A conference is held to prove that youth's delinquency is due to the existence of slums. Occasionally slum clearance results. Does delinquency disappear? It does not!

"Another conference, Another theme. More school facilities are needed and acquired. Does delinquency disappear? It does not!

"Churchmen meet and talk and plan. A religious revival is proposed. Does delinquency disappear? It does not!

"Mental hygienists meet. Pronouncements are made. Clinics appear. Does delinquency disappear? It does not!

"A conference is held. Recreation is to be the answer. More clubs and playgrounds appear. Does delinquency disappear? It does not! All too often it occurs in the very shadows of the recreation hall.

"Police heads meet. More men are put on patrol. Curfews are enforced. Does delinquency disappear? Do delinquents reform? They do not. Instead they become dormant for a while, or change their haunts. Delinquency still survives and flourishes.

"Penologists meet. Plans are discussed for new institutions, more probation, more detailed pre-sentence investigation, more vocational training, more paroles. Does delinquency disappear? It does not!

"NEMO DAT QUOD NON HABET

(IF YOU AIN'T GOT IT YOU CAN'T GIVE IT)

"First, we contend that our youth is partially the product of a culture that operates in a moral vacuum, and that our youth lives without purpose, without direction, without moral restraint. In short, they are amoral.

"Secondly, we contend that youth can only be guided and regenerated by those who possess personal and moral responsibility. 'Nemo dat quod non habet.' A thing cannot give what it does not have.

"Let us carefully consider the first proposal. Our youth is amoral. They lack moral precepts, concepts, guide and directions. Life is without a meaningful end.

"A boy stands on a hill in a park in an eastern city. He aims a .22 calibre rifle at the head of a man passing by. He kills a young rabbi here on a visit from London, England. Why? He felt like it.

"Three youths go out for an evening of fun. They torture a tramp and then kill him. They rape a girl. Why? One didn't like tramps. They all wanted some fun.

"Boys and girls, teen-agers, living in a well-to-do community establish a sex club and engage in sex orgies. They wanted fun.

"Throughout the country youth destroy property in schools and homes. Why? They wanted some fun.

"These are the actions of the socially and morally deficient. These are actions of animals satisfying primitive urges and in no way represent any rational understanding of right and wrong. We cannot cure these character deficiencies with slum clearance, volley-ball, increased income, free milk, psychiatric clinics, nor will we stop or cure them by creating prisons to house the normally deficient youth.

"I AM A SOUL AND HAVE A BODY, not,
I AM A BODY AND HAVE A SOUL

"However, we seem to have forgotten entirely the nature of man. He is not mere physical matter—he is not merely an animal—he is possessed of a body and soul. We have, wittingly or not, cheated youth of the training and nourishment for their spiritual nature.

"Man is a citizen of two worlds. He belongs to earth for now and to heaven for eternity. He must be trained for both abodes, and our intellect is prostituted if we do not appreciate the need for the greater training to prepare him to realize his final eternal destiny.

"It is tragic to realize that all too frequently those who have failed youth are those who should, and frequently pretend to be concerned about them. Let us consider these individuals and institutions.

"Amongst sociologists we find agreement in some principles. They all seem to agree that the home is the primary source of socialization of the child. The Moralists stress this responsibility and dictate that the parents bear a direct responsibility from God to inculcate concepts of right and wrong in the young.

"Psychologists are agreed that the well adjusted, the neurotic-free individuals are those whose early home life was in an atmosphere of love, affection, security and discipline. Do delinquents have such homes? Rarely have we found it so.

"All too frequently we have treated delinquent boys and girls whose parents considered them to be biological accidents. They were never wanted. Such a home does not provide love, affection and security, regardless of the I.Q. of the parents."

(To be concluded next issue)

COMING EVENT

SOUTHERN INDIANA BRETHREN YOUTH RALLY

Saturday, November 26, 1960

8:00 o'clock

The Women's Corner
by Helen Jordan

Dear Friends,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we find ourselves composing Litanies and expressing thankfulness in different ways.

When a gift is given us or a friend performs a kind act, we hasten to write a "Thank you" note in appreciation. I wonder if we always remember to thank our Heavenly Father for the wonderful gifts He daily gives to us. We can do this through prayer any moment of the day or night, which is indeed a privilege in itself.

But what if we were to write a "Thank You" note to God? Perhaps this sounds quite superficial and very feminine, but why not try it?

I think mine would read something like this:

Dear God,

I want to thank You for the members of my family who have always been so dear to me. I thank Thee for the love of a departed husband who was also my pastor and friend.

There are so many little things, too, like the coziness of my home when the drapes are pulled on a winter evening; the sound of the rain on the roof and windows; the warmth of the sun as it gently unfolds beautiful flowers; the smiles of people I meet each day; the clasp of a hand in sympathy; the thoughtfulness of friends far and near; the privilege of loving other people's children; for new friends, laughter, music and books and for all the opportunities to serve Thee through our work each day.

I am also mindful of the wonderful country in which we dwell, our freedom, education, churches and all who labor in the many walks of life to serve mankind.

May I be worthy of Thy blessing is my prayer. Thank You, God.

Sincerely,
Rachel Ault.

THOUGHTS WHILE WASHING THE
THANKSGIVING DINNER DISHES

DID YOU EVER THINK about being thankful for a greasy plate? Or thankful that you can walk down the street in decent clothes? You should.

I had a letter from a friend in Germany, just after World War II. In it he told of the great need of meats, butter and fats of all kind. He said, "After a meal my wife so quickly washes her dishes, for none of them are in any way greasy." He also told of the arguments he used to have with his wife over which pair of patched trousers he should wear down the street. "On the other hand," he continued, "it is not nice to take walks when you are hungry, even if the dress is in good shape."

There are so many things that we should thank God for; little things that we take for granted. There is the beauty of this old world of ours, the blue sky above us, a green field, a river or a flower in the park.

Then there are our friends, and sometimes a smile or friendly word from someone you have never seen before.

Our good health, we seldom appreciate until we lose it. So say thank-you when you get up in the morning feeling good.

When the telephone rings, thank God for the free enterprise of America that makes this and all the other modern conveniences in your home possible.

Most of us have good homes, and families whose love we share. Say thank-you. Thank God that your children have adequate clothing, although they are not the best dressed ones in school.

Say thank-you for the car you have, even if it is 5 or more years old and, if some morning it won't start, be thankful that you have decent clothes and the good health to get out and walk.

And mothers, don't fuss so much over your housework. Be thankful that you have a home to clean. Be thankful that your children are normal, healthy kids and are sure to get themselves and the house a bit dirty.

Be thankful that you have nourishing food to set before your family. And when you wash those dishes you might even be thankful that your plates are greasy.

Mrs. Hugh Logan,
Bridgewater, Va.

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HAVE FAITH IN GOD

Doubt sees the obstacles;
 Faith sees the way!
 Doubt sees the darkest night;
 Faith sees the day!
 Doubt dreads to take a step;
 Faith soars on high!
 Doubt questions, "Who believes?"
 Faith answers, "I".

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NO POCKET IN A SHROUD

Spend your money while you're living;
 Do not hoard it to be proud;
 You can never take it with you;
 There's no pocket in a shroud.
 Gold can take you on no farther
 Than the graveyard where you lie;
 Though you're rich while you are living,
 You're a pauper when you die.

Use it, then, some lives to brighten,
 As through life they weary plod;
 Place your bank account in heaven,
 And grow richer toward your God.

Use it wisely, use it freely;
 Do not hoard it to be proud;
 You can never take it with you;
 There's no pocket in a shroud.
 —Selected.

ARE YOU WHAT YOU WANT YOUR CHURCH TO BE?

This is my church. It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

I want it to be a church that is a lamp to the path of pilgrims, leading them to goodness, Truth and beauty. It will be, if I am.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.

It will do a great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith; and a church with a noble spirit—if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all of the things that I want my church to be.

—Unknown.

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BUILDING

"We are building every day,
 In a good or evil way;
 And the structure as it grows,
 Will our inmost self disclose.

"Build it well, whate'er you do,
 Build it straight and strong and true,
 Build it clean and high and broad,
 Build it for the eye of God."

—Sel.



"Prayer is so simple,
 It is like quietly opening a door
 And slipping away into the very presence of God,
 There in the stillness,
 To listen for His voice,
 Perhaps to petition,
 Or only to listen;
 It matters not;
 Just to be there,
 In His presence,
 Is prayer."

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LIFE IS SO SHORT

Margaret Scott Hall

Let's smile and be kind—life is so short
 And most of the way so rough
 The times are trying, the road is grade,
 And always trouble enough.
 Yesterday's hurts we'll try to forget
 And tomorrow's cares can wait
 Today with diligence let us keep
 Our hearts from the stain of hate

Life is too short for spite and revenge

And paying back wrong for wrong
 Try patience and love and forgiveness,

Meet slights with a smile and a song;

The sad world with all its repining
 Its bitterness, care, and tears
 Needs the wealth of your loving kindness

To sweeten the sin-soiled years.

Yes, life is too short to be hateful
 Or scorning any you meet,
 Then strive to be pleasant and generous
 To always smile and be sweet
 For the sunshine of love is needed
 To warm the world with its light
 And to shed abroad its effulgence
 To bless humanity's night.

—Gospel Herald

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The Editor's Pulpit

A Busy Month Ahead

DECEMBER promises to be one of the busiest months of the year, as it seems always to be. Most families will be neck-deep in Christmas preparations and celebrations. Would that all such were designed and motivated with the desire of giving honor and glory to the Christ who took on human flesh as the Babe of Bethlehem. Christians will do well to control their activities so that Christ, whom they profess to be their King, may truly be the center and the object of their worship in all Christmas doings.

December promises to be a busy month around your Publishing Company, too. We are not going to burden you with any detailed account of what's ahead; just to mention what every good Brethren should already know. Your Church paper, **The Brethren Evangelist**, is to have just three more issues in its present state. These will be dated the 10th, 17th and 24th. There will be no issue the 31st. Beginning with the first issue of January, **The Evangelist** is to be a 24-page, two-color, weekly, combining the other Brethren magazines under the same cover. We knew when this venture was suggested, and was later passed by General Conference, that we would have problems—and we are having them. But each passing day, and some mid-night burning of oil, sees a little more progress toward the day when we shall see the first of the new **Evangelists** roll from the press.

To this end we covet your continued support and prayers. Each church pastor, or secretary in pastorless churches, has received a packet of promotional materials for the new **Evangelist**—posters for the church and brochures for each church family. We trust that these are in evidence in your church by the time you read these words.

December also is the month for the lifting of the White Gift Offering for the denominational support of our Sunday School Board. Their work and their needs are ably presented in this White Gift promotional issue of **The Evangelist**. We urge you to read carefully the material presented, and give as the Lord has blessed you, for the need is truly great.

Finally, December gives many opportunities and challenges for Christians to stand up and be counted—against the secularism of a commercial Christmas, against the pressure and demand of social activities which degrade Christian morals and concepts of decent living, and against the inroads of paganism and false religions.

This month, and the year ahead, promise us the greatest challenge to Venture With Christ to greater heights of glory unto His name, of Christian service, and personal victory in His name. Are we ready for the busy, yet rewarding, days ahead? W. S. B.

Evangelical Leaders speak on Christian Publications:

The chief value of a good Christian magazine is to be a living witness to its own generation, something even the greatest book can do only briefly for the reason that it is soon dated by the swift passage of time.

Men of yesterday found Christ to be their own contemporary, and said so; but times change, conditions alter and people think differently from those of the generation just gone. The church

must hear that Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever and that He is every man's contemporary. The Christian magazine can bear this witness so well that nothing can quite take its place.

To interpret Christ to a world that changes each month or each week, that is the task of the Christian periodical. We cannot have too many of them.

A. W. Tozer, Editor
The Alliance Witness

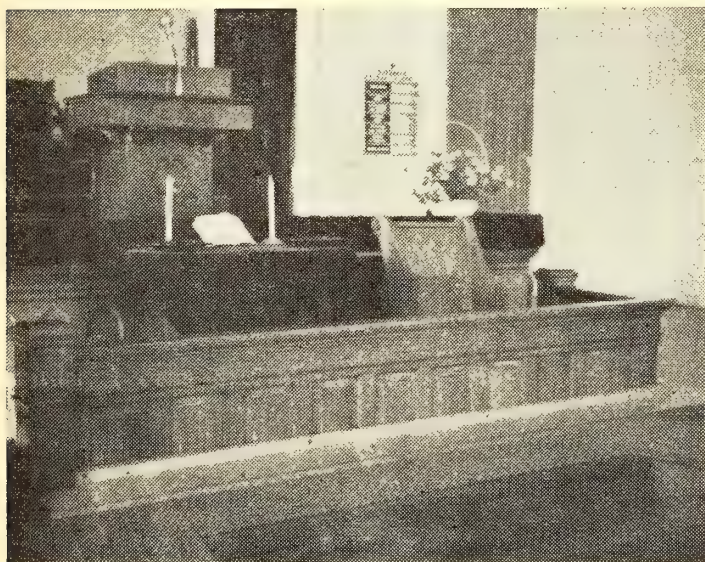
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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT FORT SCOTT



Front view of the Fort Scott Brethren Church interior

Since our last report, two more persons have been added to the church roll by baptism: one, an adult, and one, a young girl. This makes a total of 38 members. Our attendance has been holding up quite well and our prospect list has been growing to about 250. There are many young couples on this list, but they seem to be difficult to reach.

At present visitation packets are being made up for members to use as they make calls at the various homes. This should be helpful to many of them who feel incapable of making calls without training, by making them feel better equipped. We are hoping for at least 100 in attendance at our revival and for at least one fourth of them to make definite decisions.

Our Homecoming will be held on November 20. Special form letters and posters are being made up to send people who have ever attended this church. Reverend Harold Barnett will be the speaker for the entire week. It should be a mountain-top experience for all of us here at Fort Scott.

Although we have not been able to start the Boys' Brotherhood yet, definite plans have been made to organize one in two weeks. About seven boys of that age are looking forward to this new fellowship. Our laymen hope to organize next month. There is much for them to do. It is hoped that they will take hold and move ahead.

Meeting every Monday night, the B.Y.C. has become very active in our church. They have devotional study, a fellowship time, food, and games at their meetings.

We have been averaging about 10-16 at these meetings. Some new material on youth work has been ordered and should be ready for use soon. At our present rate of growth, before long the group should be divided into junior and senior organizations.

They have engaged in numerous activities: car wash, Halloween party, hay ride, etc. Besides this, they have challenged any church in the district to \$200 on the national B. Y. C. project. They will be able to make it.

The choir is improving nicely. It meets at 7 P. M. on Wednesday evening; then most of them stay for prayer meeting. They have presented some excellent numbers and have done much to improve our congregational singing. We are looking forward to having them present a cantata.

Plans for a new teacher-training class are in progress—possibly using some visual aids, films, and records. We need more teachers, but we do not have qualified people to train them yet. Some duplicating material and a second-hand record player have been secured. They are being used to good advantage in various areas of our work. At our prayer meeting we used the film strip, "Pilgrim's Progress," obtained from the Sunday School office in Ashland. This was both interesting and enlightening to those who saw it.

Some new additions have been made to the church building: a bulletin board which attracts those going by, with lighting equipment that turns off and on at scheduled times—this was dedicated on October 16; an altar railing, reclaimed from older material and refinished. This improvement lends itself to a more worshipful atmosphere which even the children recognize and appreciate. We dedicated this on October 23. New wood

SHANKS' ADDRESS

Beginning immediately, send all mail to Reverend and Mrs. Glenn Shank at the following address:

Reverend and Mrs. Glenn Shank
C. B. M. Marama
P. O. Biu, Via Yola
Nigeria, West Africa

BISCHOF'S ADDRESS

After December 1, Reverend and Mrs. Robert Bischof and children may be addressed at 1014 Grant Street, Ashland, Ohio. They will be visiting with relatives and friends in Louisville, Ohio, and in Pennsylvania until that time.

shingles for the steeple repair have been secured. After staining them, we will engage a contractor to do this work. It will cost us about \$575, over our budget.

Mr. Russell is carrying dirt out of the basement in preparation for cementing it. This should be done by next summer; then we will have more room for classes.

As to the budget report, in spite of hesitation on the part of some, we are doing quite well. By April we should be able to cut another \$750 from the support being provided by the National Missionary Board and \$250 from that given by the District Mission Board. This is a considerable amount; but with God's help, it is possible.

Kenneth L. Howard

THE BRETHREN IN FLORIDA

ALL FLORIDA is doing a fine job of "selling" the state to the rest of the United States as an ideal place to live, either for those who have retired or to young active people who are seeking to build a business or other employment opportunities.

Now our sister church, The Church of the Brethren,—the Florida District—is making an additional effort to sell Florida to those of Brethren faith who are looking forward toward relocation. To this end they have prepared a brief brochure, giving the location and advantages of each community in which they have a church. Furthermore, they have shown their fine spirit of fellowship with The Brethren Church by listing our Sarasota church after this manner: "SARASOTA—At this well known city our fellow Brethren (Ashland Group) have a rapidly growing church and they find joy and inspiration in a full cooperation."

A fine spirit of cooperation is being built up between our two groups. Our pastor, Rev. Hamel, is being well received and our young people have found fellowship with Church of the Brethren youth in attending their Summer Camp near Orlando and in a recent attendance at a district young people's banquet. Rev. Hamel spoke at The Church of the Brethren District Conference in October and ten of our young people enjoyed the banquet, which was held on Saturday evening. Our pastor spoke at the Sebring church on November 3, (Sebring is their largest church) on an assigned subject, "The Presidency and Religion."

There is a large and growing field in Florida for the Brethren Church. Other denominations are advancing at a rapid pace and the Brethren also have a wonderful opportunity in a state that is being populated at an astounding rate—estimated in the thousands per week. Whether we as Brethren advance along with the increase in population here and "sell" the Brethren cause in these new communities, forming so rapidly, is entirely up to the entire Brethren Church over our country. When movement is made to Florida, Brethren should consider the place where there is a Brethren Church, or come with the desire to establish one in the community to which they go.

In the Sarasota church the Brethren faith and doctrine, although new to the Southland, are being well received and adopted readily. The study class being con-

ducted in conjunction with our mid-week prayer service—in which we are using our new book, "Our Faith"—is increasing in attendance and interest each week. October 19 found 37 earnest seekers in enthusiastic discussion of the cardinal points of Brethren faith and practice. Not many churches can report more than one-third of their membership in attendance at a prayer service and Bible study. More later. F. C. V.

CURTISES RETURNING HOME

The William Curtis family will be returning to the States about December 2, after two terms of language study in Costa Rica. Because of prevailing circumstances, their return will be earlier than had been anticipated originally.

They will arrive by plane at Miami and continue the remainder of the way by car. Remember them in your prayers that they may have a safe journey and direction into their future work. It is hoped that they will be enjoying a pleasant Christmas season with their families and friends.

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PASTOR NEEDED

The Cerro Gordo, Illinois, Brethren Church will be without a Minister after January 1st. Anyone interested, write any one of the pulpit committee:

Mrs. Pauline Ryder, Chairman,
Mrs. Helena Rogue,
Mr. Carl Peterson,
all addresses, Cerro Gordo, Illinois.

Young Men's and Boys' Brotherhood Program

Topic Editor: BRAD WEIDENHAMER

This material will supplement the 2nd section of the Brotherhood study book, "Meeting the Test." These comments and scripture references should be used as discussion material in your meeting.

I. When I get sore, look out.

Everyone has a temper. As Christians we are expected to control our tempers at all times when we come into contact with other people. Therefore, it is dangerous for us to become angry with others. Jesus says that anger itself is a breach of the Sixth Commandment, and if allowed to express itself in action will result in **murder**. I John 3:15 states that anyone who hates his brother is a murderer. A man also cannot hate his brother and love God at the same time (I John 4:20).

II. What are you looking at?

Jesus declares that the Seventh Commandment is broken not merely by a sinful act, but by any impure desire. As young men we have to continually guard against impure thoughts and desires which can very easily enter our hearts and minds. Proverbs 6:25 warns us not to be taken in by a woman's beauty. We are reminded in Ephesians 5:5 that people who habitually have evil thoughts and desires have no place in the kingdom of God.

III. How good is your word?

Christians are supposed to mean yes when they say yes and no when they say no. In the Old Testament the law allowed oaths to be taken as safeguards against the dishonesty of the human heart. Now the Lord has come to deal with our hearts so that we don't need to take oaths any more. James 5:12 says that we don't have to swear by heaven, earth, or any other oath. Our Christian witness should show everyone that we always tell the truth.

IV. You might start a revolution.

This is a contrast between Jesus' law of perfect love and the Pharisees' interpretation of an Old Testament idea which they used as an excuse to gain revenge or strike back. We young people today are to follow Christ's example of love for all men whether they be friends or enemies. We cannot use the excuse of "an eye for an eye" to gain revenge and satisfaction for ourselves. Romans 12:17 tells us not to pay back an evil man evil for evil.

V. The challenge of the impossible.

In these days it is easy for us to hate our enemies whether they be down the street, in another city, or in another country. The title for this section is very appropriate, because "loving your enemies" is practically impossible for many people. Anyone can show selfish love or natural affection. If we wish to become the sons of God, we should display the perfect love which Christ displayed. Romans 12:14 states that we should bless those who persecute us and not curse them.

VI. How to get to the top.

This section contains an idea which was revealed in the Old Testament (Genesis 17:1) and still pertains to us today—being perfect. Of course we cannot be absolutely perfect, for we all have sinned, but this should not stop us from making perfection the ambition of our lives. I do not think that this is too much to ask of a Christian. If we get into the habit of striving to live like Jesus now, while we are young, then we will develop a strong foundation in our conduct and be much stronger Christians as we grow older.

COMING EVENTS

NORTHERN INDIANA DISTRICT LAYMEN

The 95th meeting of the Northern Indiana District Laymen will meet December 5th, in the North Liberty church. Send reservations to Mr. Durwood Clark, North Liberty, Ind.

George Kerlin, Sec'y.-Treas.

A WORD ABOUT OUR QUARTERLIES

THE PUBLICATION BOARD, in order to bring about a more realistic approach to the cost vs. revenue picture of our Sunday School quarterlies, has gone into the matter very thoroughly.

Total costs were considered; prices of quarterlies from other publishing houses were compared, and prices adjusted on our own quarterlies. As a result, the price of the Brethren Bible Class Quarterly is now 25 cents per quarter, when five or more copies go to one address. The single yearly

rate is \$1.20. Individual copies are 35 cents. The Youth Quarterly is now 20 cents per quarter, when five or more go to one address; yearly single rate is \$1.00, and individual copies are 30 cents.

This move has been deemed essential to a stable operation of your Publishing Company, in the view of constantly rising costs of production. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to produce a high quality Brethren literature for Brethren people.

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. Pastor J. D. Hamel was radio devotional speaker over WSPB the week of November 7th.

CAMERON, W. VA.-QUIET DELL, PENNA. Pastor Cecil Bolton, Jr., was the speaker for services at the McConaughey Rest Home the afternoon of October 30th.

JOHNSTOWN, PENNA. (THIRD). Pastor William H. Anderson conducted the devotional period over WJAC-TV the afternoon of November 16th.

GOSHEN, INDIANA. Revival services were held in the Goshen church from November 14th through the 20th. Rev. Richard Burger was the Evangelist.

COUNTY LINE, INDIANA. A Gospel Team from Ashland College conducted services in the County Line church on November 13th.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA. The combined choirs of the South Bend and Ardmore churches are scheduled to present a Christmas Cantata on the evening of December 11th in the South Bend church.

CENTER CHAPEL, INDIANA. A musical program by the Fred Thrush family is scheduled for the Center Chapel church the evening of December 4th, with proceeds to go to the parsonage fund.

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS. Rev. Merle Hawbecker was the guest speaker in the Milledgeville church on October 30th.

TEMPE, ARIZONA (PAPAGO PARK). Brother H. Francis Berkshire notes that their Second Anniversary Sunday was observed on November 6th. Attendances were 4 for worship and 84 for Sunday School. Two were baptized at the evening service.

STOCKTON, CALIF. Ordination services for new deacon and deaconess, Mr. and Mrs. Harlin Lawrence, were held on the afternoon of November 13th. Elders officiating were: Milton M. Robinson, J. Wesley Platt, and Alvin H. Grumbling.

vant girl made a liberal offering. It was the opinion of her employers that she had given much more than she could afford, but no comments were offered to her.

After several weeks Maizie sidled up to her mistress and said, "You know, I never get even with the Lord. I gave more to that offering the other week than I could afford, but I thought I would do without something so that I could give as much as I did. But last week my sister Nina came home and she brought me handkerchiefs, underwear, and two dresses. I couldn't have bought half of them for what I gave to the Lord in my offering. No, indeed, I just can't get even with the Lord."

The faithful maid had only found what everyone who accepts God's challenge in Malachi, to bring ALL the tithes into the storehouse of God, will find. God promises that He will pour out such blessings—and in such degree—that the faithful child of God shall not be able to receive it, that is to care for it. "Prove me now...", saith God. Have we proven Him?

Laid to Rest

STIFFLER. Florence Stiffler, Ebensburg, Pa., went to be with the Lord, Oct. 21, 1960, at the age of 90. Lifelong member of the Brethren Church. Survived by three children. Funeral services conducted by the undersigned.

STIFFLER. Harvey N. Stiffler was called home to be with the Lord, Oct. 26, 1960 at the age of 90. Oldest member of the Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Survived by two daughters. Funeral services conducted by the undersigned.

DYSERT. Charles (Ted) Dysert, Jr., was called to his eternal home with the Lord, Oct. 28, 1960, at the age of 62, following several months of illness. Active member of the Third Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Survived by his widow, three sons, and his mother. Funeral services conducted by the undersigned.

William H. Anderson.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Dyoll Belote

GETTING EVEN WITH GOD

(Stewardship)

"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall we not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" Matthew 6:30.

A WRITER tells of a servant girl who, though she was poor, did have a profound faith in God. Upon one occasion, when a strong plea had been made at the church for the support of a special offering, this ser-

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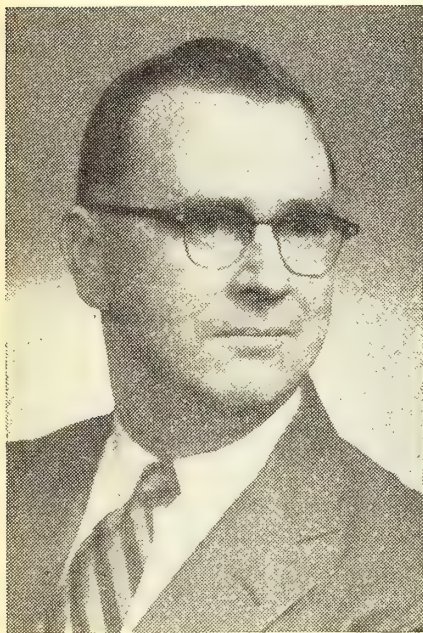
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KNOW HIS WORD

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS MUST TEACH THE WORD

THEY WORD—A GUIDE FOR OUR VENTURING



Reverend Henry Bates

read and understand his blueprints and his instruction sheets. Similarly, the Christian venturer must read and understand his book of instructions, his guide, his divinely-given master-plan—the **Bible**! Of course we can read (and certainly should read) this Book of Books in our individual homes; we read it and hear it read in the worship services of our churches; we listen to radio and television speakers as they seek to enlighten us on what the Bible has to say—but the most effective, the most concentrated, the most systematic study of the “guide to venturing” is that which is done in our **Sunday Schools**! If Brethren people are going to know **His Word** as they “**Venture With Christ**” they are going to have to learn it primarily through the channels of our **Sunday Schools**.

WE HAVE BEEN HEARING AND READING a great deal during the past few months about a great venture taking place within the Brethren Church—“**Venturing With Christ**.” The word “venture”, as used in this year’s theme, carries with it the idea of launching out; of branching out into new areas and new fields; of enlarging our horizons. Such launching out, or venturing, requires some preparation and some planning; it makes necessary a guide or a master pattern—a “map” to guide us as we launch out into new seas in this great program of venturing.

Where can the Brethren Church find such a master plan? Is there available a guide to help us as we seek to “**Venture With Christ**” not only during this Conference year but throughout the years ahead? We believe that such a plan is in existence, and we believe that such a guide is available to the Brethren Church if she will just reach out and take a hold of it. This guide, this pattern, this master plan for all types of venture with and for Christ and His cause, is the **BIBLE**! Whether we are venturing in missions, in evangelism, in stewardship, in Christian education, in publications—the Word of God is a sure guide! As long as we use it in our planning and in our venturing we need have no fear as we launch out into previously unknown or untouched areas of Christian witness and Christian work!

But for any guide or map to be useful or helpful, it must be read and understood. The sailor must read and understand his maps and plottings; the builder must

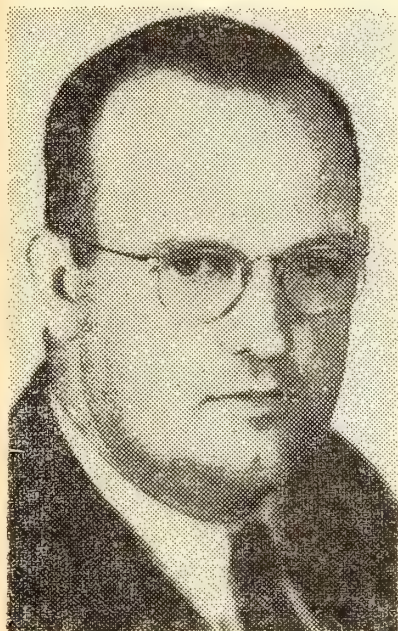
Realizing that our launching out into almost any area of Christian life is dependent upon our knowledge of God’s plan and God’s guide—which are found in the Bible—can we be satisfied merely to keep our Sunday School pupils occupied for the Sunday School hour; can we feel that we have done a good job if we have been able to keep their voices down to a shout; can we be satisfied just in “sermonizing” a little about a few verses of the Bible?

Let me ask you, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Boards, Deacons, “Are your people actually learning God’s Word in your Sunday School?” If you were to give every member of your school a test next week on the simple, basic history of the Bible; on the Biblical plan of salvation; on the Scriptural teachings concerning faith and venturing—what sort of grades would your Sunday School people make? (What sort of grades would **you** make?)

Brethren, the Sunday School is the greatest teaching institution in the world as far as learning God’s Word is concerned. The final success of the Brethren Church program of “**Venturing With Christ**” will, to a great extent, be determined by how closely the Church has followed the only sure plan and guide for venturing—and how closely the Brethren Church follows this guide will be determined very largely by the effectiveness of our Sunday Schools in teaching the **Bible** itself to our people. May every Brethren Sunday School this year be “**VENTURING WITH CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MUST LEARN THE WORD

APPROVED OF GOD



Reverend Smith F. Rose

NO GREATER HONOR can be given to a person in the work of the church than that of becoming a teacher in the Sunday School. This position is often despised as being of little significance. Many who teach do so because of a sense of duty rather than accepting it as a privilege to influence lives for Jesus Christ.

It should be understood that one should be better informed than those he would teach. This will require serious and continual study if the teacher is to truly teach. In the work of the Sunday School this means that the teacher will be a pupil of the Word of God. A conscientious teacher will realize the issues in terms of the souls that be brought to Christ. The Word of God is the basis for all such personal dealings with those pupils who have not accepted Christ as well as a means of instruction for those who would grow in the Christian life. This emphasizes the need for the teacher to be always learning more and more in the Word of God and to be always growing in his own Christian experience.

There is a discipline for personal study which is exerted in the life of the teacher as he realizes that he must be prepared for the weekly session of his class. Problems raised by the pupils in class discussion require intelligent prayerful investigation so that the proper answers and guidance may be given. There is an awareness that the teacher is representing God through the study of the lesson to be taught. This must be communicated to the pupils so that they will receive the lesson as being God's message for them for that time.

Personal study is profitable but is dangerous in that it limits the horizon of the teacher to the particular level or age group which he is accustomed to teach. This may dwarf the growth of the teacher in his own personal life. He may find himself living on a "Junior level", so to speak. This points up the necessity for a group experience in the study of the Word of God as it relates to the life of the teacher. Thus the teacher grows by the invigorating experience of the sharing of new ideas with others who have the same interests as they study the scriptures together. Their study has a two-fold purpose: to learn the Word of God more fully for themselves and to learn how it may best be presented to their pupils. To this end the Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church has set up a curriculum of study to guide and encourage such teacher growth.

One of the tragedies of Sunday School work is that some teachers are honored for having taught a given class for a long period, say 20 years. Yet instead of having 20 years of experience and growth as a Christian teacher, they have just repeated the same experience twenty times.

Each teacher has a double responsibility. He is responsible to his pupils to guide them aright in the things of God. He is also responsible to God to have properly represented Him as he has taught His Word from week to week. A text for every teacher to ponder is, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

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KNOW HIS WILL THROUGH

WHAT SUNDAY SCHOOL

MEANS TO ME

Mr. Frank Barber

HOW WELL I REMEMBER the first time I attended Sunday School. I was about nine years old. My brother and I walked the half mile to our neighbor's farm so that we could ride with them to Sunday School. From that time on, until we moved out of the state, with or without my brother, I attended Sunday School in this manner.

Even after we had moved to another state, I still felt the need of the Sunday School, much as one feels the need of food when he is hungry. So, I attended Sunday School very regularly.

It was through the efforts of the Sunday School that the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ was brought to me. There will always be gratitude in my heart for those who taught and gave witness, that men such as I might be saved.

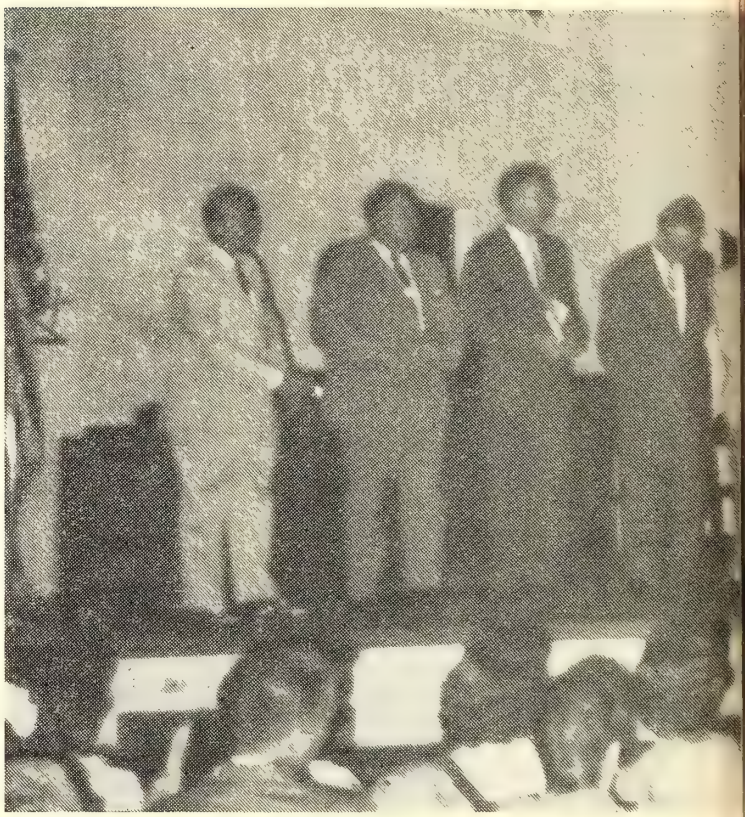
There is no doubt that Sunday School means different things to different people. I suppose that it has meant different things to me at different times.

When I first became a Sunday School superintendent, I made an effort to evaluate the school and was disappointed to learn that it meant very little to some. This was somewhat of a shock to me, because I had looked upon the Sunday School as the organization that had presented the Grace of God to me.

I believe the Sunday School should take its work more seriously. It should, above all, be evangelistic. The Word, which is Jesus Christ, should be taught from the nursery up, without apology.

The Jewish youth are taught the Old Testament well. The Roman Catholic classes in Catholicism equip their youth with the tools of the church.

MR. FRANK BARKER served as superintendent of the Tucson Brethren Sunday School during the past year. His Sunday School rated as one of the "Top Ten" Brethren Sunday Schools for this period of time.



Above are the representatives of the "TOP TEN" recognition at the

How then, are we to reach our youth? How are we as a church to equip them with the knowledge of the Word of God, that will be like an armor for them throughout this life? The Sunday School can do this, if it will quit playing the part of the nursery school, or a chit-chat club, and get down to business—the business of leading souls to Christ.

Today many people are fat and overfed, but their souls are literally starving to death. Are we prepared to direct them to the source of this life giving food, or are we more interested in numbers and figures?

Many times the Sunday School finds itself in keen competition with the entertaining faction of society, and are borrowing their methods to attract numbers. We are not in competition with this faction. Name one of this group that is offering God's Word to the people. If we find that we have too much competition, we had better check into what we are peddling. Too often we desire success as measured in numbers and lose sight of the

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



ools of the Brethren Denomination as they receive
neral Conference.

will of God. We attempt to draw people by offering them
he things of an entertaining nature, and find that we
cannot compete.

Are we helping youth feed the flesh, or are we teach-
ing them how to feed their souls?

We have the Bible, the inspired Word of God, to offer.
We have the hope, the faith, the peace and the eternal
security found in Jesus Christ, to offer to a sick world.
In this we have no competition; interference yes, but no
competition.

Better it be said when we make our report to the
Great Judgment Seat that: Christ was taught in our
Sunday Schools, than: the attendance was good and the
offering was comparable.

So let us get busy with the task the Lord has en-
trusted to us; the commission of leading souls to Christ.
Let us venture out into the deep, with Christ as our
Helmsman.

PRICELESS ENTHUSIASM

Mrs. John Weigley

WHAT DOES SUNDAY SCHOOL mean to me and
my church? Every person becomes responsible as
soon as he is born again to bring forth fruit for the
Lord. To me it means Life, Joy, Peace, Enthusiasm and
Power. The true fruitage of every life will some day
be shown.

Real Christianity is something you cannot bottle up.
It is uplifting, vibrant, and powerful, changing the lives
of people from littleness to greatness and from defeat
to victory. I raise with you a vital question. Are you fully
alive? Does life pulsate through your being as Christ
intended? If not, take hold of life which is life indeed.
I Timothy 6:19 R. S. V.

Someone has said there are three kinds of people:
folks who make things happen, others who see things
happen, and still others who don't know what's hap-
pening. Do we trust God enough, to put all things in
His hands? If we do, God will honor it. Use God's stand-
ards.

We often wonder how we can best discharge our re-
sponsibility to the task assigned us as Superintendent.
First and best is prayer. There are no short cuts. Our
inspiration comes from God's word and the Holy Spirit,
also pure Gospel awareness. We need new blessings ev-
ery day, also a new sense of sufficiency of His Grace for
our job.

Whatever your problem, there is a solution. Look upon
the problem as a challenge to your God-given powers.
Ask God to help you solve it. Have faith in Him and
do not permit yourself to become discouraged. He will
guide you by His counsel. It is our work to inspire
teachers, therefore, bringing inspiration to the entire
Sunday School.

We pray for an unshakable Faith, a clearer testi-
mony, more evangelistic zeal, an undimmed vision of Thy
will for our lives, a more perfect understanding of how
we as a Sunday School and church can best serve our
Lord and Master here in Sarasota, Florida.

MRS. JOHN WEIGLEY formerly served as Sunday
School superintendent of the Sarasota Brethren Sun-
day School. Under her leadership, the Sarasota Sunday
School rated among the "Top Ten" Brethren Sunday
Schools in 1960.

LEARNING HIS WILL IN BRETHREN CAMPS

CAMPING DIVIDENDS IN 1960

Walter and Wadena Wertz

BRETHREN CAMPS ARE A REAL INVESTMENT FOR THE BRETHREN CHURCH. Through our camps many boys and girls and young people have a closer walk with the Lord, and many accept Him as their own personal Saviour. Our District Sunday School Boards with the help of the Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church are contributing much in training our youth for Christian service in our local churches and our National Brotherhood.

It was our privilege to visit and work in camps from the East to the Mid-west. We first were in the Pennsylvania CAMP JUNIATA for two weeks of exceptionally fine Spiritual camping with a very cooperative staff, counselors, cooks and 163 campers. The visible results of these two weeks will attest to the Spiritual atmosphere of the camp with 12 first-time confessions, 9 rededications, 20 life recruits and 8 baptisms. Candlelight service and candle floats were very beautiful with Rev. William Anderson, Dean of Senior camp, speaking, and Rev. Henry Bates and Rev. W. B. Brant speaking Junior week. Rev. Cecil Bolton, Jr., was the Dean of the Junior camp.

This was the first time that approximately 30 Junior camper pre-registrations were refused for lack of room. We did use some army cots to accommodate an overflow.

NEXT DESTINATION — Southeast CAMP PINNACLES, where we found Rev. George Solomon, Director, and Rev. Robert Hoffman, Dean of 69 lively Junior campers. There we found improvements anticipated and promised for many years; namely, showers and flush toilets.

The climb to Vesper Circle was a little strenuous at first for us "oldsters", but as the week progressed we adjusted to the ascent.

A candlelight service was very impressive and when Brother Hoffman gave the invitation, 16 made first confessions of faith in the Lord, and 10 decided to follow the Lord in full-time service. At Vespers the following evening, when Brother Solomon asked if anyone else wished to make a decision, five more first confessions and one more life recruit were added.

At the close of **Camp Pinnacles** we spent Saturday night with the Hoffmans and took part in the Maurertown Sunday School and worship service the next morning. On our way home we stopped at Wayne Heights and visited with Sister N. V. Leatherman and the late Brother N. V. Leatherman, our much-loved friend who pioneered Brethren camps. We were so happy we had accepted his insistent invitation in the light of the sad news we received later.

FOLLOWING A FEW DAYS AT HOME to unpack and repack, we were off to CAMP BETHANY in Ohio,

where Rev. Charles Lowmaster was piloting 29 Seniors. Quite a bit of enthusiasm was dampened here when the faculty and campers' ball game was rained out after the first inning.

It was almost unbelievable how the lake had filled and changed in color since last year. The beach, too, was greatly improved.

SHIPSHEWANA was our next stop. Rev. Austin Gable directed 69 Juniors. We were happy to hear news of the new **Kokomo church** where Brother Gable preaches.

A unique camp fire demonstration by Rev. William Cole showed the conflict between Elijah and the prophets of Baal.

From Shipshewana it was off to the Mid-west, but we couldn't resist stopping to say "Hello" to our friends at the Brethren's Home, and particularly to "Daddy" Belote.

WHEN WE ARRIVED AT CAMP WYANDOTTE, the 26 Senior campers were leaving, but 29 Juniors had already arrived. At this camp, Rev. Kenneth Howard was in charge.

Many improvements were noted—one of the biggest—a new shelter where classes were held and vespers, also, when it rained. Temperature-wise, Kansas was very pleasant this year...compared to some years we've been there. Only one day the thermometer went to 105 degrees at camp.

The final night of vespers, when Walter presented the invitation, eight confessed Christ as Lord for the first time, and three rededicated their lives. The Spirit also moved two more to make decisions at Chapel on Saturday when Rev. Albert Curtright spoke.

ON OUR WAY EASTWARD we stopped at the Ohio Intermediate **Camp Bethany** where Rev. Phil Lersch supervised the activities of 63 campers. He also was the speaker for a beautiful candlelight service on the lake with a large lighted cross in the water. At this service there were a number of decisions; 27 rededications and seven life recruits.

Rev. Donald Rowser took over the final week of the Ohio Junior camp. We were glad to be able to stay here several days and assist a little with his 73 enthusiastic Juniors.

The Lord has really blessed our Brethren camps. The Spiritual atmosphere was foremost in all our camps visited. With cooperative staffs, counselors, cooks and campers, we feel that all had a closer walk with Christ.

OUR BRETHREN YOUTH have an opportunity for **VENTURING WITH CHRIST** in our camps. Here the campers may **KNOW HIS WILL** through the courses of study, the fellowship and counseling with our ministers, and the programs in which the young people par-

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KNOW HIS WORK

BRETHREN SUNDAY SCHOOLS—WHAT THEY MUST DO

VENTURING FOR CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Dr. Joseph R. Shultz

Sunday school than what goes out from the pulpit. The reason is that what is said in the pulpit will soon be forgotten (or forgiven), but what happens in the Sunday school will long be remembered. If the children are not learning and unhappy, the parents and grandparents are unhappy; regardless what an eloquent preacher may say about the glorious Gospel of God.

In the Brethren Church is there one Sunday school that is completely graded from the Cradle Roll through the Adult Department, with separate assembly rooms and classrooms for each department? NONE! I am of the opinion that the Brethren Sunday schools are at least two generations behind the proven principles of Christian education. Because of the "horse and buggy" situation it will be necessary to double the effort, just to catch up.

ENHANCE YOUR CHRISTIAN VISION

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." God is living, God's power is available. Jesus Christ is the ONLY Savior. Salvation comes through the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. There is heaven for those who believe, and eternal hell for those who refuse to believe. These are the truths that must grip our being before we can have a real Sunday School.

Step back from your Sunday school and take a good long HONEST look.

What do you see? Evidence of the power of the living God, or evident puttering of "half-born" men and women; principles of Christian education or prejudices of unChristlike people; 10% growth each year or just "holding-our-own". Does your Sunday school come any way near the building and teaching standards of the public school in your community? Why not? Your school has eternal spiritual consequences.

This is God's work, God's school; give Him a chance to work through it. By the power of God we can have a growing school even in a community that is not growing, much more so in the communities that are growing. The reason? The majority of people everywhere are NOT CHRISTIAN and God loves them and wants them!

EXAMINE YOUR ORGANIZATION

What do you find? (1) A department for each age group for any school with an attendance of 125 or more. A department consists of a place to meet for the opening WORKSHIP ASSEMBLY, a superintendent for each department, teachers and assistants for each class, and graded materials for the age group. (2) Classes of not more than 20 for each adult age group, (3) Adult age grouping; 18-21, 21-25, 25-30, 31-36, 37-42, 43-50, 51-60, 61 and up. (4) A new adult class formed every three years to accommodate those coming up through the Young People's department. (5) A good record system. (6) A visitation program in the Sun-

DEATH

Basements and balconies; both are death traps! Perhaps the reason Brethren Sunday schools are BELOW AVERAGE is because they are BELOW GROUND. Basements are not good enough for cows or pigs, for garages or grocery stores, for public schools or public halls. Why then do we persist in thinking that they are good enough for teaching the Gospel in Sunday School? If you want to BURY your Sunday school put it in the balcony or basement!!

OR LIFE

Venturing with the Living Christ will bring glorious victory. More Units, More Workers, More Space, More Training, More Visitation. This is the sure and tested formula for Sunday school growth and soul winning.

HAVE YOUR CHOICE

As a Pastor I am becoming more concerned with what goes on in the

day school. And (7) A complete staff of well-trained, consecrated teachers.

ENLARGE YOUR FACILITIES

"We shape our dwellings, then our dwellings shape us" Churchill. This is true of Brethren Sunday schools. Basements and balconies, anti-rooms and pews are not good teaching facilities. The Brethren Church must build more modern educational facilities.

ENLIST TEACHERS AND WORKERS

Surely the basic key to all Sunday school growth lies in trained teachers and workers. When the teachers are genuine Christians, who study and know the Word of God, and understand and apply the five steps of "venturing", then the Sunday school will grow and more souls will be saved.

The BRETHREN SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING MANUAL outlines the courses and procedures for any and every local Sunday school. You can obtain a free copy by writing to the Brethren Sunday School Board, Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio. Each Sunday school must have a minimum of two training courses each year, just to keep pace. A planned training program over a period of years will produce the much-needed teachers.

ENTREAT PEOPLE TO COME

"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." The Gospel, Gospel teachers, good modern educational buildings, and an open door with a sign "out front" are not enough. Simply to splatter over

Department	Ages	Suggested Attendance Capacity Per Department	Suggested Attendance Capacity Per Class	Department Arrangement	Floor Space Per Person
Nursery	1-3	5-20	4	Open Department Room	16 to 25 square feet
Beginner	4-5	5-25	5	Open Department Room	16 to 25 square feet
Primary	6-8	10-30	8	Open Department Room	16 to 25 square feet
Junior	9-12	20-50	6-10	Assembly & Classrooms	14 to 18 square feet
Intermediate	13-16	20-50	6-10	Assembly & Classrooms	14 to 18 square feet
Young People	17-24	20-50	12-25	Assembly & Classrooms	14 or 15 square feet
Adult	25 up	50-100	15-25	Assembly & Classrooms	14 square feet

In determining the total number of square feet of educational space required, the planning and survey committee should add to the floor space mentioned above, space for corridors, stairways, rest rooms, storage space, service space, and such other features as study, offices, library, music, kitchen, a youth center, fellowship and recreational rooms, and others. This means that the planning and survey committee should estimate a minimum of from 30 square feet to 40 square feet per person to be provided for in the educational and activities building.

ENHANCE YOUR CHRISTIAN VISION,

EXAMINE YOUR ORGANIZATION,

ENLARGE YOUR BUILDING FACILITIES,

ENLIST TEACHERS AND WORKERS,

ENTREAT PEOPLE TO COME.

our stationery and bulletins and signs that we are a "friendly church with the whole Gospel" may win one in a million, if you are lucky!!

"Person to person" is the way the Christian faith grew in the first century, and it is the only way it will grow in the twentieth century.

At the heart of all growth in the New Testament Church, there must be a real concern for reaching people for Christ. This concern cannot be

motivated by the desire to build a large church or Sunday school just for the sake of numbers. Neither can successful visitation be built on spasmodic attempts to reach goals and set attendance records. The real motive for visitation is the conviction that people without Christ are lost from God, and bound for eternal Hell. EVERYONE WINNING ONE FOR JESUS CHRIST. This is the genuine mark of the Christian.



HOW ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS?

WHITE GIFT OFFERING

Give through your local Church, or if this is not possible, note the following information. Church Treasurers, also please note:

Make checks payable to Henry Bates, Treasurer of the Sunday School Board of the Brethren Church, and address to Rev. Henry Bates, Rt. 1, Mineral Point, Penna.

TRAINING LEADERS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE IMPERATIVE OF HIGHER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Reverend Jerry Flora

AS WATER RISES no higher than its source, so a church will rise no higher than its leaders.

A football team without a quarterback, a symphony orchestra without a conductor, an army with no general—these will get nowhere. Just so a church without adequate leadership will die.

THE VISION

The apostolic church grew because, among other things, it possessed Spirit-trained, Spirit-filled, Spirit-controlled leaders. Peter led the eastern expansion of the church, Paul led the western; both men had been supremely trained by Jesus Christ Himself, either in the flesh or in the spirit.

The Reformation church grew for the same reason. Martin Luther was a university professor, John Calvin was a brilliant lawyer, Menno Simons was a converted priest. Our own Alexander Mack was well acquainted with the men, the movements, and the literature of his day.

If the Brethren Church is to move ahead it must have trained leadership. In a fast-moving, highly specialized, technological world it is imperative that the leaders of the Brethren Church be men and women possessing the best training available. Nowhere is this need more acute than in the area of Christian education.

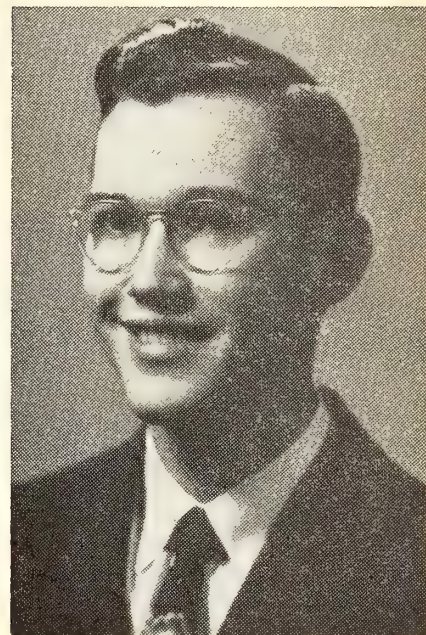
Ashland College and Seminary exist for this purpose. Professional church workers and lay leaders alike receive at Ashland the training they need. In almost every district of the Brethren Church the key leaders are ministers who are graduates of Ashland Seminary.

THE VENTURE

Our seminary has departments of Old and New Testament, Christian doctrine, church history, and practical theology. One of the acknowledged current needs is for an adequately-staffed department of Christian education. In such an area prospective ministers could be trained in the proper methods of building effective Sunday schools, youth programs, and evangelistic outreach in their congregations.

There are local churches in our denomination which are large enough to employ full-time ministers of Christian education—professional men specifically trained in organizing and operating an efficient reaching, teaching work in the church. These men should be trained in our seminary school.

The Sunday School Board, with the seminary, is looking forward to the day when there will be a department of Christian education in Ashland Theological Seminary. Each year the Sunday School Board allocates a sizable portion of its budget as a special gift to Ashland College and Seminary. This gift originally was to endow a chair of Christian education. At present it goes to the general operation of the institution, looking forward to



the time when Ashland Seminary will be able to have its own department of Christian education.

IN CONCLUSION

The Sunday School Board believes that the Brethren Church will move no farther or faster than its leaders. We believe that trained leadership is imperative if our denomination is to venture with Christ effectively. We believe that God can use an ignorant man, but that he will not use his ignorance. Therefore, we actively support the cause of higher Christian education in Ashland College and Seminary.

CAMPING DIVIDENDS IN 1960

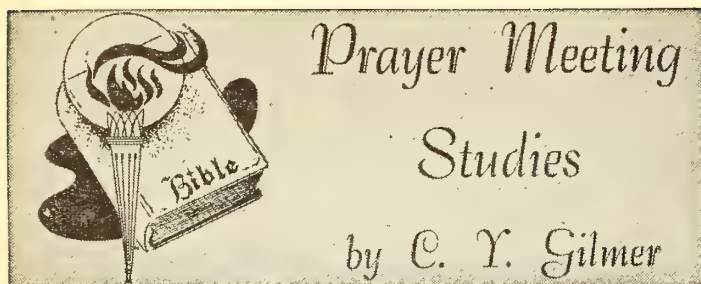
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participate. Just a look at our active ministers, our missionaries, our lay workers in Sunday School, Youth and Church work will reveal that these made decisions at camps. They truly knew His Will, as do the many young people in our camps today. We see the results in the decisions that are made, and the close walk of many with Him reveal that many **Know His Will** in their lives.

The Districts appreciate the financial assistance, and also the Sunday School Board's representatives in their camping programs.

It was a pleasure for us to serve our Lord as representatives of our Sunday School Board. To work with directors and helpers in Brethren camps who are interested in training our youth was a real joy. We pray that we have represented you and our Lord faithfully. The Good Lord gave us wonderful traveling mercies for which we are truly thankful.

Our thanks to you for your confidence in us to serve you in our camps.



PRAYER FOR HOLINESS

I have a life—but one—to live,
O let me live it all for Thee!
Let no dark sin abide within
Or bind with mock humility.

I have a life—but one—to live,
O cleanse and purge it in Thy flame;
Then draw it forth imbued with power
And tempered to exalt Thy name.

I have a life—but one—to live,
'Twill serve to either blight or bless;
So stamp it with Thy image, Lord,
It shall reflect Thy holiness.

—W. A. Wood

INNOCENCE is purity by birth; holiness is purity by choice (Psa. 51:7). Innocence is untried holiness; holiness is tried and tested innocence (Job 23:10). The Child Jesus as a babe in Simeon's arms, untempted and untried, was white as snow (Lu. 2:25-30). When Jesus as Man returned from the wilderness, after having been tempted of the Devil, strong and victorious, His character was whiter than snow (Matt. 4:10, 11). There can be no nobility where there is no conflict (Rom. 8:35-39). God wants us to have clean, white hands, not gloved, but strong in defensive purity (Psa. 24:3-5). It is the whiteness of holiness, of aggressive righteousness, to which our Father calls us, a purity that is whiter than snow (Rev. 3:4, 5). Although the Tempter breathes upon us in a worldly atmosphere, what does our Lord expect of us (Rev. 16:15)? Does God expect us to retain our whiteness (Psa. 119:1-4)? He demands that we keep ourselves "unspotted from the world" (Jas. 1:27). Our Master prayed that we might be in the world, and yet not of it (Jn. 17:14-17). Yes, He proposes that we pass through temptation to stand before Him without spot (Eph. 6:27).

But what is the remedy for those who do not wear the white flower of a blameless life (Rev. 7:14)?

"Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb;
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean,
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb."

Jesus keeps those clean who keep their sins confessed (1 Jn. 1:9) "with the washing of water by the word" (Eph. 5:26).

The sinner needs the "DOUBLE CURE", forgiveness of sins and the lust for sins cured (Psa. 103:3).

"Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed
Be of sin the DOUBLE CURE,
Save from wrath and make me pure."

Another version of the last line above says, "Cleanse me from its (sin's) guilt and power." We need forgiveness for guilt, and deliverance from the "dominion" of sin (Psa. 19:13; Rom. 6:14). Jesus came not to save people in their sins, but from their sins (Matt. 1:21).

Jesus of Nazareth passed through our world unspotted (1 Pet. 2:22). God has not promised that the Christian will be sinless, but He has made us able not to sin (1 Cor. 10:13). When Jesus was in this world He had an overwhelming sense of God's immediate and continuous presence with Him (Jn. 8:16, 29, 16:32). He drew "His breath in the fear of the Lord," and He knows how to deliver us out of temptation (2 Pet. 2:9). Temptations are presented to every one (1 Cor. 10:12, 13a). The one who fails to resist temptation does so of his own free will (Jas. 1:14, 15). Satan must be resisted (Jas. 4:7). "Ask the Saviour to help you" (Heb. 2:18).

"More purity give me, More strength to o'ercome;
More freedom from earth stains, More longings for home
More fit for the kingdom, More used would I be;
More blessed and holy, More, Saviour, like Thee."

Lesson

Comments

by

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Lesson for December 4, 1960

THE NEW COVENANT

Lesson: Jeremiah 31:3, 7, 31-34; Romans 8:1-2, 38-39

GOD HAS MADE many "covenants" (promises) with man, and He has never broken any of them! Man has made countless "covenants" with God, and he has kept few of them!

Let us notice some of the promises God made with His people Israel. Many of them have already been fulfilled; others are now being fulfilled; and some are yet to be fulfilled.

In Jeremiah 31 the LORD is speaking to Israel about her day of restoration. Many writers seem to think that all the prophecies relating to Israel's restoration were fulfilled at the close of the captivity period. This could hardly be so. Many of the prophecies will not, and cannot, be fulfilled until Jesus Christ comes again to sit on David's throne.

I—ISRAEL WOULD AGAIN BE KNOWN AS GOD'S PEOPLE. "At the same time, saith the LORD, will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people" (vs. 1).

Following the reign of Solomon, the nation of Israel was divided. Jeremiah longed for the time when the entire nation of Israel would be united with God as its head. God promised that this would take place, and that He would again be "the God of all the families of Israel."

Would to God that the Church might find that same spiritual unity! Not the ecumenicity of which the world speaks, but that "unity of the Spirit" and "unity of the truth" of which the Bible speaks (Eph. 4:3, 13).

II—ISRAEL COULD BE ASSURED THAT GOD HAD NEVER STOPPED LOVING HER. "The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee" (vs. 3).

"The years of ancient times were glorious years; but now it is otherwise; what good will it do us that He 'appeared of old' to us when now He is 'a God that hides Himself' from us? (Isa. 45:15)...To this He answers with an assurance of the constancy of His love: 'Yea, I have loved thee,' not only with an ancient love, but 'with an everlasting love,' a love that shall never fail, however the comforts of it may for a time be suspended" (Matthew Henry).

Dare we not believe that God's love is steadfast and sure? Let us believe, with the Apostle Paul, that NOTHING "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39).

III—ISRAEL WAS TO REJOICE THAT GOD WOULD PARE HER. "Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save Thy people, the remnant of Israel" (vs. 7).

God had permitted His people to be scattered so that they might learn to love and trust Him. But God promised them, while they were still in captivity, that He would restore them as a nation:

"He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock" (vs. 10).

The LORD also promised that Israel's tears of sorrow, because of her sin and waywardness, would be turned to joy:

"For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow" (vs. 13).

IV—ISRAEL WAS TO HAVE A NEW COVENANT TO REPLACE THE OLD. "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah" (vs. 31).

1. The New Covenant was unlike the Old—"Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers..." (vs. 32).

- a. The Old Covenant was legalistic, impossible to keep, written upon tablets of stone, and, according to Peter, "a yoke...which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear" (Acts 15:10).
- b. It was outward and consisted of works.

2. The New Covenant was inward and spiritual, and written upon the pages of their hearts—"I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be My people" (vs. 33).

The result would be, said God, that "they shall know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (vs. 34).

3. The Old Covenant failed because "it was weak through the flesh" (Rom. 8:3). That is, because of man's weakness and inability to keep the moral law.

4. The New Covenant was to be fulfilled by those who, in the strength of God and His Spirit, "walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:4).

Referring to this New Covenant, Matthew Henry says:

"This covenant refers to gospel times, the latter days that shall come; for of gospel grace the apostle understands it (Heb. 8:8-9), where this whole passage is quoted as a summary of the covenant of grace made with believers in Jesus Christ."

Thus, we in this day of grace have far greater privileges than the Jew who lived under law. He had the promise of the Messiah's coming, but we have the Messiah Himself in the Person of Jesus Christ.

The writer of Hebrews, therefore, says:

"And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect" (11:39-40).

Lesson for December 11, 1960

THE GREATEST PROMISE

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7; Galatians 4:4-7

H. C. TRUMBULL RELATED an event in his life which had great significance to him:

"The writer found himself, in the fortunes of war, a prisoner in the Libby, at Richmond. One evening, as the prisoners lay down to sleep, the story was whispered among them that a flag-of-truce boat had come up the river, and that some one of their number was to be released the next day. That was glad tidings for all. But the question in every prisoner's mind was, 'Am I to be released?' There were many dreams of home that night on that prison floor. In the early morning, after roll-call, there was breathless expectancy for the name of the favored prisoner. It was the name of Chaplain Trumbull. Those glad tidings had a meaning for him they could not have had for any of his companions. To him there came that day the message of deliverance from bondage, and he passed out from the prison-house thanking God that the message was to him."

On that first Christmas morn the angel said: "For unto you is born this day...a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). That word "you" embraced the shepherds who heard the message. But that "you" was so universal in meaning that it included every person of every age willing to believe.

God's promise of a coming Savior, in Isaiah 9, was first given to the people of Israel. In a real sense, however, it was spoken to all men. It was for Jew and Gentile; for those of yesterday, as well as today.

GOD PROMISED ISRAEL LIGHT INSTEAD OF DARKNESS. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined" (9:2).

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NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

WHAT IS NEEDED?

(Continued from last issue)

"We wonder if what is needed is a description of techniques or an exhortation to forget differences, barriers in education, titles, professions and the like. Once again we must say we have seen such efforts made in the past and they have failed miserably.

"Instead of diagrams and descriptions of referral procedures, intake processes, and further organizational agenda, we should like to press for a moment of quiet reflection. Let us ask a few questions. The answers to these will determine the needs and the success of our future efforts.

"What are we working for? Why are we working for it? Are we only looking for an immediate, stopgap, temporary sense of protection and security? We could look up all youth and get that. Are we looking for a veneer of good citizenship predicated on fear, or brought about by miracle "drugs"? Or are we taking a new look at youth? Do we see him completely? Do we see his soul as well as his body? Do we see only the need to feed him, to clothe him, to train him in the arts and vocations, and to provide for his free time? Or do we also see his other side—his spiritual nature? Do we see his need for eternal truths, for an unchanging moral code, for guide posts that are fixed? Do we see his need for responsible parents? For schools that educate the total man? For honesty in his government? His police? The agencies that serve him and communicate with him?

"If we only see the material needs of youth we work in vain. If we see the total that youth is and if we are impressed with the far greater importance of his spiritual needs, we need no directives.

"For God's sake, let us look beyond the now and see the eternal future of the youth with whom we deal—then let us work so that we can share in the joy of their eternal glory and not bear the responsibility for their eternal loss.

"In a home where love and reverence for God prevail and where the members of the family have mutual love and courteous consideration for each other, delinquency simply does not appear.

"There is, in such a home, order, decency, unselfish devotion and discipline which has been, in the language of psychology, internalized. The law becomes resident in the heart as well as the head. The 'words' (WORD) 'becomes flesh and dwells amongst us.'

Now that you have read the article in its entirety, I hope that you will stop and reflect on it. Are we giving our youth what they need?

BRETHREN YOUTH HERE FOR BRETHREN COLLEGE DAYS

42 high school juniors and seniors from Brethren churches from 4 states met on the Ashland College Cam-

pus November 4-6 for the annual Brethren College Days. The three-day program was designed to provide Christian fellowship, fun, and a close look at the opportunities for Brethren Youth at Ashland College.

Friday evening at the Progressive Rally, presentations were made by the Drama Department in the form of Choral Reading by a section of Miss Jenkins' Oral Interpretation class; and the Music Department in the form of vocal and instrumental numbers. The first part of the Rally was held in the Little Theater.

From the Little Theater the students moved to the Seminary Building for the Devotional part of the Progressive Rally. They were welcomed by Dean Flora, Dean of the Seminary. After some singing and devotions, Professor J. Ray Klingensmith of the Seminary gave an inspiring message to the youth on "Jesus, the Carpenter."

After the devotional part of the Rally, the youth then went to President and Mrs. Clayton's home for refreshments of cider and cookies. The evening closed with singing around the Clayton's piano.

After breakfast on Saturday morning, the young people met in the college chapel where the Men's and Women's Gospel Teams held devotions. President Clayton formally greeted the students and then went on to tell something more about Ashland College. After his welcome the students were then conducted on a tour of the campus.

At 10:30 A.M. a symposium on college requirements housing, and job opportunities was held in the Little Theater. Participating in the symposium were Dean L. E. Lindower, Mr. Arthur Petit, Dean George Guiley, Dean Delbert B. Flora, and Howard Dulmage. Rev. Virgil Meyer, Director of Church-College Relations, presided.

After the lunch hour in Jacobs' Hall, the high school students met with the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women. Dean William Mast talked to the fellows about dorm life in the Men's dorm, and Dean Mary Alice Daffert talked to the girls about cost and life in the women's dorm.

A movie, "The Difference", was shown to the students dealing with a young fellow and his rebellion against and then acceptance of a small church-related college. In the end he did realize that there was a difference between a church-related college and a large university.

Recreation and free time was next on the agenda for the Brethren Students.

A Brethren Youth Banquet was held at the Park Street Brethren Church. 66 high school and college students attended. Entertainment was furnished by the well-known College group, the "Ivy Leaguers". Rev. Phil Lersch, pastor of the Park Street church made a few remarks and welcomed the students to the church.

When the banquet was dismissed, the students went to the football stadium where they saw the Ashland College Eagles battle it out with the Otterbein team. Unfortunately, Ashland lost. Many of the students went to the Student Union after the game to get warmed up and have some refreshments.

Sunday morning the students attended Park Street church for Sunday school and the morning worship service. Rev. Phil Lersch brought the message.

It is hoped by the college and Brethren Youth that those who attended Brethren College Days gained a clearer knowledge about the college.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

THE VISIT OF THE WISE MEN

"...lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh" Matthew 2:9-11 (RSV).

IT IS EASY TO IMAGINE the Wise Men in their long trek across the desert. They had lit their Zoroastrian fires and studied their ancient manuscripts; for long hours their eyes had searched the heavens, seeking to penetrate the mysteries of the stars. Theirs were the minds which probed the unknown truths of the universe; at last they were on their way toward their expected goal.

There is something significant which we may learn from a brief analysis of their visit.

First, they were sincere seekers after truth, just as Christians are today, when they read their Bibles and seek God's will in prayer. Second, they truly believed. So do thousands of Christians believe today. Third, they knelt in earnest devotion, just as many modern Christians do, when they worship truly. Fourth, they gave gifts, just as Christ's sincere followers still do—and often to needy babies.

And yet, the Wise Men returned to the far East, whence they came; and their homelands, Persia and Mesopotamia, did not become Christian lands. They had known a tremendous experience; yet so far as we know their world was no different after they had lived and died. In a sense, they were failures.

What did these men perhaps lack, with all their faith and devotion and generosity? Was it a sense of mission? Did they fail to tell anyone else what they had found? If they told others, they must not have recited the story with effective zeal.

God grant that in this confused and tragic era, when the right answer to countless questions is so desperately needed, we who have found "the Way, the Truth and the Life," will not fail to pass on our faith in Christmas and the Christ Child to others.

—Evelyn Wood Owen.

Sunday School Lesson Comments

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"Judah was in great anguish because of the Assyrian invasion (7:1-9, 17-25; 8:1-8). Her darkness was dense and her distress painful. Whether she looked to Heaven or down to the land of Judaea, there was nothing but darkness and distress...The Prophet gives a promise of hope through the mercy of God. The

darkness that is now upon the land...shall not always last. Light shall arise for her" (W. S. Hottel).

We must believe that the darkness which often engulfs our lives is but a temporary thing. One day darkness shall be turned to light! John says in the Heavenly City there will be "no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it...for there shall be no night there" (Rev. 21:23-25).

GOD PROMISED ISRAEL JOY INSTEAD OF SORROW. "Thou hast multiplied the nation, Thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before Thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil" (9:3—R. S. V.).

What comfort these words must have brought to the sorrowing people of that day! According to Gray and Adams, "this verse is most naturally regarded as picturing the joy of the people in the dawning light of Messiah".

GOD PROMISED ISRAEL FREEDOM INSTEAD OF BONDAGE. "For Thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian" (9:4).

For 70 long years the Jews in Babylon longed for freedom! Isaiah came to them with Jehovah's promise of FREEDOM instead of BONDAGE.

GOD PROMISED ISRAEL PEACE INSTEAD OF STRIFE. "For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire" (9:5—R. S. V.).

"The Prophet declares that all the weapons, armor and garments drenched in the blood of the slain shall be destroyed as the fuel is consumed by the fire. The coming Messiah, the 'Prince of Peace', will put an end to all war and will establish universal righteousness and peace" (Hottel).

ALL GOD'S PROMISES TO ISRAEL WERE CONSUMMATED IN THE PERSON OF THE MESSIAH. "For unto us a child is born...and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end" (9:6-7).

Matthew, under the inspiration of the Spirit, links Jesus Christ with the ninth chapter of Isaiah's prophecy (Mt. 4:12-16).

Likewise, Luke identifies Jesus with the words of Isaiah when he gives to us the angel's message to Mary:

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32-33).

FINALLY, THE PROMISE OF THE MESSIAH WAS GIVEN TO THE GENTILES AS WELL AS THE JEWS. Read Galatians 3:26-4:7.

The barrier between Jew and Gentile was destroyed at Calvary. This was the thought of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 2:14-17:

"For He (Christ) is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us...For through Him we both (Jew and Gentile) have access by one Spirit unto the Father."

How thankful we are that God kept His promise and sent Christ into the world!

VENTURING WITH CHRIST KNOW HIS WORK

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET

ASHLAND COLLEGE AND SEMINARY \$ 2,250.00

Given towards the establishment of a Chair of Christian Education in the Seminary so that our ministers may be better trained for leadership in our SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

SUMMER CAMPS \$ 5,500.00

IS IT WORTH THIS? In 1960 there were 1167 Campers in Brethren Camps! Of these, 109 made First-Time Confessions of Jesus Christ; 163 dedicated themselves for Life-Time Christian Work; and 282 rededicated themselves to the Lord!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION \$ 2,100.00

You benefit through a fine filmstrip library, local and district workshops, Conference Speakers, Conference Workshops, Teacher-Training Program, Sunday School Literature — to name a few.

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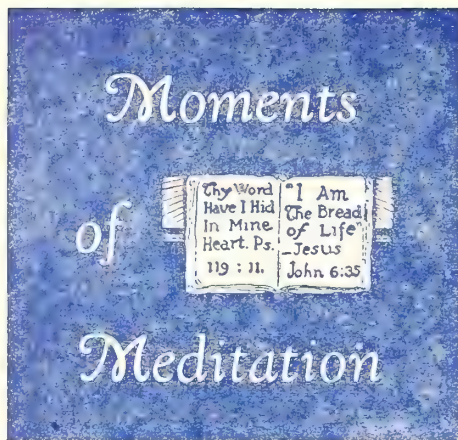
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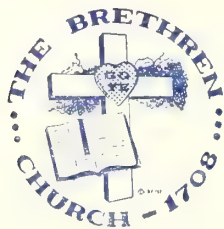
"I didn't get much out of my church services yesterday," one member said to another at a civic club meeting. "What do you mean?" the man across the table asked. "I don't go to church primarily to get something. I go to give—to God the adoration and the praise His child should give Him!"

As a listener, I was able to distinguish in a moment the man of worship and the man who develops into the constant critic. One goes to "get something," and if his fancy is not struck, he doesn't like the service.

The other goes to glorify God—to give himself in adoration and praise, and he returns satisfied. The creature has glorified his Creator and Redeemer!

"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Psalm 95:6.

by Rev. A. Purnell Bailey



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A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

A diamond in the rough
Is a diamond, sure enough;
For before it sparkles
It's made of diamond stuff.

Of course, someone must find it,
Or it never will be found;
And then someone must grind it,
Or it never will be ground.

And when it's found,
And when it's ground,
And when it's burnished bright,
That diamond's everlastingly
Just flooding out its light.

—Selected.

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ERRANDS TO GLORY

Marie Day

"I have been running errands to glory all morning for my mother and aunt," a little girl told me. What she really meant was that she had been running errands galore!

Why not run errands to Glory for others? It is a duty and a privilege for a child to do errands. So it is for the child of God. Let's start today running errands to Glory, for there are errands galore to be done!—Selected.

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HOW OFTEN SHOULD WE PRAY?

A family was sitting down to dinner when little Sally turned to her father and asked, "Why can't we pray once a week? Why do we have to ask for our daily bread every day?"

Looking up in disgust, her younger brother remarked, "Do you think we want stale bread?"

The brother's remark is a good scriptural answer. The truth is taught in Lamentations 3:22, 23 "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

OFFERINGS OF PRAISE

Recently an American poll of favorite hymns revealed the fact that the song "Holy, Holy, Holy," was on the list of favorite hymns. Until recently this great hymn had appeared high on the list of well-loved hymns.

Does this mean that we have forgotten how to worship God? Is worship self-centered or God-centered? A glance at the index of many hymn books will reveal the surprising fact that only a few hymns are addressed to God while many are the beginning with "I" or "My."

What would it mean to the hearer of our wonderful Lord if His people everywhere—in churches, in private devotions, and in their gatherings together—would exclaim with one voice, "Holy, Holy, Holy," even the living creatures before the throne of God who rest not day and night in their offering of praises?—American Holiness Journal.

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WHY WORRY?

There are two days in every week for which there is no use to worry.

One is yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains. It has passed beyond control and is forever gone.

The other day is tomorrow with its possible adversities and blunders. Until its sun rises, we have no stake in it, for it is yet unborn.

That leaves only one day—anyone can fight the battles of only one day.

It's only when WE add the burden of THOSE two days of eternities yesterday and tomorrow—that we are liable to break down.—Medical Journal.

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The Holy Spirit is the enemy of wrong-doing, self love, evil imaginations and religious hypocrisy.

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The Editor's Pulpit

Preparing For Christmas

WITH THE YULETIDE SEASON in full swing, the pressure is on the Christian as to what kind of a Christmas he is going to have. The annual push to separate the American from his money (and his credit) is likely to reach new heights this season. The commercial aspect of Christmas is indeed damaging to the true observance of the season. Coupled with a sincere effort to observe the coming of the Christ in Bethlehem, there is the awful pressure of "giving gifts equal to the gifts expected to be received." This "status-standing" giving often times puts families in financial straits for a year or more. It does nothing to encourage a proper observance of the Christmas season.

We are not against the giving of gifts; properly done, such giving is truly an expression of love, friendship and appreciation of a happy relationship throughout the year. But when it comes to being a fantastic "can you top this?" scheme, then we have lost the whole point and purpose of giving. Yet many families, even Christian families, find themselves woven permanently into such a pattern of gift giving at Christmas time.

Each Christian family, of course, will have to answer the question of extensive gift buying personally, but a good rule to follow is this: "If gift buying for the ones we want to remember creates financial hardship, causes us to go extensively into debt, deprives us (and our family) of things essential to normal daily living, and tempts us to 'cheat' on the Lord, by using the money out of our income which really should go to Him, then such gift giving is way out of line for the Christian." A commercialized Christmas does not honor Christ, and Christian families who find themselves financially "ruined" for another year because of their splurge for the Christmas season, have reason to examine their thinking and approach to Christmas as the birthday of the Christ.

In the midst of a vast commercial and pleasure season, the Christian can find real peace and real satisfaction by keeping to the forefront, in planning and observing Christmas, the fact that

this Day honors the coming of the Son of God into the world for His all-important work of obtaining eternal salvation for those who will come to Him, and who will honor Him with their lives.

No better preparation for Christmas can be made than to consider Christ in all His glory and power as He humbly and willingly went to the cross and laid down His life for us. Again we say what we have been saying for some years that we need to see in the background of the manger scene at Bethlehem, the cross of Calvary. Perhaps some day some inspired artist will paint an immortal picture of the nativity scene with the Calvary scene in the background. There could also be a touch of the resurrection scene, too, because Christ who came at Bethlehem also said, "Because I live, ye too, shall live."

The picture of the Giver of Life coming into the world in human life at Bethlehem is too pretty, too wonderful, and too sacred to desecrate by a greedy commercial and worldly-pleasure observance by Christians. This year, let us put the coming of Christ at Bethlehem into its proper perspective in preparing for, and observing of Christmas. The season can be a time of great rejoicing, of giving, of sharing and of worshipping in the true Christian spirit. Such an observance will bring strength and peace to the heart. It will result in a true spirit of growing in grace by "Venturing With Christ in a Christian Observance of Christmas." W. S. B.

PASTORS NOTICE

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VENTURING WITH CHRIST IN THE "INREACH"

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"A multitude of laymen are today in serious danger. It is positively perilous for them to hear more sermons, attend more Bible classes and open forums, and read more religious ethical works, unless accompanying it all there be afforded day by day an adequate outlet for their new-found truth." (John R. Mott's conclusion thirty years ago.) Today, this danger appears to be leading to death in our Church.

The Great Brethren Give-Away... What reasonable explanation can be given for the fact that during the past conference year more members were deleted from than added to the denomination's rolls? The highest ever, 1,136, or 6% of the total membership, "erased" in a single year! Since the new era beginning in 1940, there have been almost as many members erased as were recorded. Since 1940, there have been 11,892 Brethren members "given away."

How can a local congregation anticipate the love and grace of God, when they have lost hundreds of members who once named the Name of Christ? Our problem appears to be "inreach," rather than the usual "outreach." One could almost say, **The Brethren Church is guilty of murder.** What can be done to conserve and save church membership?

SOME PRICELESS PRINCIPLES

Christ rather than the Church... Converts to the faith join Christ first; the Church second. When there is genuine conversion to Jesus Christ, there will be genuine joining of the Church. The reverse is not true. If first allegiance is given to the church, sooner or later the local church will fail and the individual will lose faith. Christ never fails, and the convert to Him is established upon the Rock.

Convictions, rather than catering... A modern church-goer remarked that the minister reminded him of the TV wrestlers: he wasn't real. We must choose between flattering sophistication and faithful salvation in preaching. The Christian's conviction of sin and salvation, life and death, heaven and hell must burn in his heart, inflame the Sunday school teaching and preaching, and set afire our lives. When the reality of hell for our family and friends grips us, then we will teach and preach Christ as the only answer with conviction. The Christian faith is an "either-or" proposition.

Challenge rather than comfort... A gospel of action will rescue men from despair. The Brethren Church needs to begin to preach about purposeful action and about the exciting good news which says that God is in the midst of the struggle and in the center of the crises, calling upon each man to stand by and lend

a hand. **IT IS NOT HARD WORK THAT KILLS BUT MEANINGLESS WORK.** Every new convert Christ in the Brethren Church needs to hear that Christ needs him in His service. **EVERY NEW MEMBER SHOULD HAVE SOME DEFINITE RESPONSIBILITY OF SERVICE.**

SOME PRACTICAL PROCEDURES

Reach all you can... Sixty percent of the Protestants in the Washington area are not affiliated with a Protestant church! Yet, some of the local church leaders try to dissuade the minister and say there is no need for adult visitation, no use in Sunday school contests. Shallow, lazy thinking! (1) Every Brethren Church needs a **Church Visitation Program**. Whether it be done each week or through the Sunday school, it must be done. It must be definite and organized. It can be done for absentees, for prospects, or for general survey. Both young people and adults have the responsibility of reaching.

Washington Brethren conduct a visitation program each Friday evening. "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:23)

(2) Washington Brethren uses Sunday school contests to reach out and enroll. Conversions have resulted from these programs. (3) Direct mail followed by personal or telephone calls, has resulted in reaching others. (4) Perhaps most important in reaching is the general interest and enthusiasm in witnessing by the total membership.

Teach all you can reach... Read Romans 10:14 again. The doctrines of faith, repentance, baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment must be taught. The best teaching situation is in Sunday schools with qualified teachers and adequate facilities. One teacher to four pupils in pre-school; one teacher to eight pupils in the children's department; and one teacher to twelve pupils in the adult department are the best teaching circumstances. **BRETHREN SUNDAY SCHOOLS WITH LARGE ADULT CLASSES ARE LOSING. NEW ADULT CLASSES MUST BE FORMED EVERY FEW YEARS (2 or 3). THIS IS "INREACH."** Any Brethren Sunday school with an attendance of 125 or more should have a department for every age group for the best teaching of the Gospel.

Win all you teach... Teach for decision. Preach for decision. If you don't win them to Christ, you will lose them anyway. We are not teaching quarterlies; we are teaching the pupils. And unless the pupil has made application of the spiritual truths to his own life, the

teacher has not taught, however eloquent he may be. Be not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ. Invite all men to become active members of the fellowship of the unashamed! Men will respect and respond to challenges, rather than apologies.

Enlist all you win....This is the crux of the "inreach." The biggest mission field in the world is in the local church where those who bear the name of Christian do not bear commensurate fruit. Churches—filled with empty people. And many of these fruitless Christians are barren because they don't know how; they have never been taught; and they haven't been asked. Every new member should be asked where he could serve. A talent-sheet is valuable in suggesting all the possibilities of service in the church. Again this must be organized and definite. Each year a church or Sunday school committee should review the membership for the purpose of assuring the enlistment of all in the program of the church. Circumstances change. Keep asking a person who has refused to accept a certain responsibility. Everyone wants to be wanted.

Train all you enlist....In Sunday school, two leadership training courses each year are a minimum. Enroll the teachers and workers; charge a fee; give a text book; and plan in advance. Secure a new teacher as often as possible. Use Vacation Bible school as a laboratory for new teachers. (Another reason for each local church having its own school.) In relation to the church, training is also essential. A Sunday evening attendance of 25, 50, or 100 is a difficult congregation to "preach at," but it can form the basis of a wonderful "large" class. Experience is not enough; good church workers need directed training. Once a Christian tastes spiritual fruit, he will not be satisfied with less.

IN CONCLUSION

The Brethren Church must enlist herself or be erased. New administrative methods in the church, like the unified budget and every-member canvass, and the principles of better education in the Sunday school, must be used in place of the methods that are used just because they were used in the past. **The Brethren Church no longer has a choice; our generation must take a leap of faith in every area, or the next generation will die an inevitable death.** One single, solitary life, when totally dedicated to Christ, is the strongest argument for the Christian faith. You, YOU, must be that dedicated life.

Items of General Interest

LINWOOD, MARYLAND. Brother John B. Mills notes that seven new members, six of them by baptism, were to be received into the church on November 27th.

Brother Mills also notes that the barn on the parsonage lot is to be converted into use as a recreational center and for Sunday school class rooms.

The Linwood Choir will be participating in the Christmas carol sing at the Westminster shopping center on December 23rd.

CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND. Brother D. C. White, of Berlin, Penna., is serving as interim pastor at the Cumberland church. He began his work with the Cumberland Brethren the last of October.

VINCO, PENNA. Brother Henry Bates reports the reception of seven new members recently.

Missionary Robert Bischof was the speaker at the public service of the three Woman's Missionary Societies the evening of November 20th.

CAMERON, W. VA. Cameron Brethren hosted the annual Union Thanksgiving service on November 23rd.

FAIRLESS HILLS-LEVITTOWN, PENNA. Pastor W. B. Brant was speaker at the Thanksgiving service in the St. Paul's E. U. B. church on November 23rd.

LOUISVILLE, OHIO. Pastor L. V. King was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Minister's Breakfast in the Freeburg church on November 28th.

SMITHVILLE, OHIO. The W. M. S. public service was scheduled for December 4th with Missionary Jane Byler as speaker.

PLEASANT HILL, OHIO. The Pleasant Hill church was host to the Union Thanksgiving service on November 23rd.

WILLIAMSTOWN, OHIO. The Hancock County Chorus presented a concert of sacred music in the Williamstown church the evening of November 27th.

GOSHEN, INDIANA. Pastor Spencer Gentle reports nine first-time confessions and five rededications as a result of their recent revival.

Baptismal services were scheduled for December 4th.

HOWE, INDIANA, BRIGHTON CHAPEL. The Homecoming services were held on November 27th. Brother O. A. Curtright was the speaker at the afternoon service.

ELKHART, INDIANA. The public service of the Junior W. M. S. was held the evening of November 20th. Elizabeth Burnham was the speaker.

AKRON, INDIANA. Brother and Sister Horace Huse held open house at the parsonage the afternoon of November 20th. Brother Huse began his work as pastor of the Akron Cooperative church this fall.

MILLEDGEVILLE, ILLINOIS. Brother C. A. Stogsdill brought the message at the 10 A. M. service in the Church of the Brethren, appearing in his own pulpit at the 11 A. M. hour, on November 27th.

TEMPE, ARIZONA. A representative of the Gideon's Organization brought the message in the Papago Park church on November 13th.

OUR COVER PICTURE: Don Knight photo.

COMING EVENTS

**MIAMI VALLEY DISTRICT
BRETHREN YOUTH RALLY**
Saturday, December 17th—1:30 P. M.
Pleasant Hill Brethren Church
Pleasant Hill, Ohio

THE PERFECT PLAN

A Sermon for Youth

by

The Rev. Phil Lersch, Pastor
Park Street Brethren Church
Ashland, Ohio

(formerly Youth Director for the Brethren Church)

The message of the morning

Worship Service

May 15, 1960

(Youth Sunday)

INTRODUCTION:

"Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be;
The last of life for which the first was made.
My times be in His hand who saith, 'A whole I
planned;
Youth shows but half. Trust God, see all, nor be
afraid.'"

With these words Robert Browning began his pro-
vocative poem, "Rabbi Ben Ezra."

God is saying here,

"I've planned a whole life for you—each one of you.
Trust me and let me show it to you."

Do you believe this?

Do you really believe this?

Are you glad that you're getting one day older
every day—

because this allows you just twenty-four more
hours to realize what God's plan is for your life?

And you realize that in younger years you cannot
see the whole thing?

Youth shows but half!

TRUST GOD—and see what the rest might be.

God does have a plan for His universe.

Regardless of what man does,

God's will will ultimately be victorious.

Nothing can overthrow the ultimate word of the Al-
mighty, not even the sinfulness of man.

This greatness of God overwhelms us.

Since God is so mighty,

so everlasting, how could we ever fit into the picture
anywhere along the line?

But never let us forget that the perfect plan of God
is for imperfect people, like us.

Christ didn't die for saints.

He died for sinners.

The point at which we approach perfection

is when our will coincides with the plan of God for us.

This is a position

which we determine.

...This is the Perfect Plan of God
for us

TODAY OF ALL DAYS,

We need to bore a hole...into the heart of every
young person;

And bury there the truth I have just proclaimed
GOD does have a plan for every life—

A plan that is not extinguished...

...even at death!

The Apostle John says it this way:

"The world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but
he that doeth the will of God abideth forever."

(I John 2:17)

The Chapel Choir last year sang it still another way

"He's got the whole world...in His hands!

He's got you and me, Brother...in His hands!

He's got you and me, Sister...in His hands!

He's got the itsy, bitsy baby...in His hands!

He's got the WHOLE WORLD...in HIS HANDS!"

Do we believe it?

Do we really believe it?

Do our youth believe it?

Have we taught them to believe it?

That the whole world is in God's Hands!

THE WORLD OF MANY TEENAGERS TODAY is pa-
thetically in the hands of:

—the factory employment director

—the chairman of the draft board

—Mr. Nikita Khrushchev

—the marriage counsellor

—their own selfish ego

—or the social circle in which they swirl.

It is true, these people will affect their lives

—in drastic ways.

But the destiny of our world is not in the hands of
—Khrushchev —Eisenhower —Syngman Rhee
or any other man—or man-made power.

Our hope is still in the never-changing God:

who gives us, —not only bread,

*but meat to put between the bread.

who gives us, —not only light,

*but objects of beauty to see in the light.
 who gives us, —not only minds,
 *but intelligent truth to comprehend with our minds.
 who gave us His own Son that we might live abundant
 lives, —not only now,
 *but hereafter as well.

IT'S ALL LAID BEFORE US—

—Next is your move and mine!

This suggestion I would offer:

TRUST GOD FOR EVERYTHING:

(A) Accept Him as Reliable

(B) Use Disappointments for God

.. TRUST GOD FOR EVERYTHING—ACCEPT HIM
 AS RELIABLE:

Four men came to the house of my mind this week.
 They asked for time to speak this morning...

...to attest to the Reliability of God.

We'll grant them permission to speak at this time!

1) "My name is NOAH:

In the days in which I lived there was a tremendous
 wave of wickedness and evil over the then-known world.
 As every year passed the wickedness became more acute.
 For 120 years I worked for God. I preached to these people
 to repent of their evil ways. At God's instruction
 I built an ark because we were forewarned that a terrible
 destruction was coming.

People laughed at us when we built that ark. They
 scorned! They mocked! They would not listen to my
 preaching. No converts—in 120 years. But these people
 had a different cry when the water became ankle-deep
 and then knee-deep. Then they cried out—but it was too
 late. The destruction was upon them.

As I stand before you today—as Noah—I implore
 that you rely upon GOD—

He is reliable—in two ways:

God is reliable for good things.

He instructed me to build the ark,

This ark was my salvation,

and the salvation of my family.

Trust God for good!

He is reliable for good!

God is also reliable for destruction.

He does not cause this destruction,

But if He tells you it's going to come,
 it will!

I stand before you today

to tell you that God is reliable for good, but when
 His word says that final destruction and judgment
 are coming, you can rely upon that as well.

If you're prepared and trust Him,
 it doesn't matter.

—My name is Noah."

2) "My name is JETHRO:

Moses married my daughter. After Moses had led the
 children of Israel out of Egypt, through the Red Sea,
 and through this exodus experience, I came to him one

day. He was telling me of all the wonderful things God
 had done for him and his followers as he led them out
 of this bondage in Egypt.

On that day I said to Moses, 'I know that the Lord
 is greater than all gods.' I still believe it today. I told
 Moses, 'Look at the wonderful way He's led you out
 of this bondage.' I tell the people of the twentieth century,
 'God is just as reliable to lead us out of the bondage
 of sin, and tragedy today.'

I pray that everyone who ever reads about my son-in-
 law, Moses,

will know that

you can depend upon God for deliverance from sin
 and from anything that may plague your life
 and keep it from being what it ought to be.

God is reliable.

—My name is Jethro."

(3) "My name is JONATHAN:

I was fighting one time against the Philistines with
 my father, Saul. I took my armor bearer. We went off
 in our attack upon the Philistine garrison. I didn't tell
 Dad about it. It was sort of a foolish thing, I guess.
 But we went anyway. I somehow felt that the strength
 of God was with me this night. We waited upon His
 leading. As my armor-bearer and I approached the camp
 this night we felt that we would be hindering God's
 leading if we held back and so we went ahead.

On that night I told my armor-bearer, 'There is no
 restraint to the Lord, to save by many or by few.' We
 were victorious. We conquered. It was not my strength.
 It wasn't the ability of my armor-bearer. But God was
 with us and we realized there was no restraint in what
 He could do with our lives.

This was a trouble-spot in my life—

When we viewed the camp of the Philistines, I
 didn't know whether to go forward

...or hesitate.

It was a trouble-spot,

but God saw me through—because He is reliable.

At every trouble-spot in your life, God will also see
 you through—

If you trust Him for everything!

My name is Jonathan."

(4) "My name is JOB:

If you look closely...you might still see some scars
 on my hands from boils. When I was tested by Satan...
 I lost everything—my possessions, my household, my
 cattle, my servants, my own children, and even my wife
 attempted to turn me against God. I had nothing of my
 own to rely upon. Certainly not my own strength with
 my boil-infested body.

My whole hope was in God. If He failed...I was gone.
 Everything else had left. Yet I couldn't help crying out,
 'I know that my redeemer lives, and that He shall stand
 in the latter day upon the earth.'

God is reliable. I trusted Him. I remained faithful.

I didn't curse Him...

...He gave me the strength to do this.

After it was all over,

everything I had formerly was replaced

and multiplied.

God is Reliable!

My name is Job."

My name is PHIL LERSCH:

We heard from Noah,
from Jethro,
from Jonathan,
and from Job.

I hope you can see past the method in which these case studies were presented.

Do you see these men's lives involved—

Noah's, Jethro's, Jonathan's, and Job's?

Do you see how they trusted God for everything?

There is no situation in your life
more acute than what we have just been remembering.

Trust God for everything.

These men tell us to.

He's reliable!

B. TRUST GOD FOR EVERYTHING — USE DISAPPOINTMENTS FOR GOOD:

Robert Browning continues:

"Poor vaunt of life indeed,

Were man but formed to feed

On joy, to solely seek and find and feast:

Such feasting ended, then

As sure an end to men;..."

If life were only joy and feasting,
it would be over when the punch and cookies are gone!
Someone has said, "Your disappointment may be His appointment."

A minister friend of mine recently suffered a heart attack. During the time of his convalescence he listened to some tape recordings of some preaching he had done. He realized that he was constantly telling the people, "Trust in God, trust in God." But very seldom did he ever tell them **how** to trust in God.

He commented to me that at least one great value had come out of his heart attack and sickness. Actually, he had to listen to his own preaching. He used it for good and realized that there were some things lacking in his own ministry and preaching. He looked at the good side of what was a certain disappointment.

When we attempt to bring some comfort and strength to someone

who has experienced disappointment,
or grief

or illness for an extended time,
it's so easy to glibly and piously repeat Paul's advice to the Romans:

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Then we say,

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

This has to be something more than simply repeating scripture.

These things are true!

Disappointments are often disguised blessings!

But unless we learn this
our lives are just one disappointment after another

The events of this life

were never meant to be ends in themselves

This life is not all there is to living!

God never intended it to be that way!

Christ didn't die for that cause!

But unless we can see the total picture,

we're living in a series of disappointments

PSALM 23 has a verse that we glide over all too rapidly—

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

I will fear no evil."

You will notice

that the Psalmist David said,

"Yea, though I walk **THROUGH**

the valley of the shadow of

death I will fear no evil."

THROUGH is the important word.

Last summer I heard a minister say that you can endure just about anything if you know you are going to get through it.

Yet we piddle around living as though David said,

"Yea, though I walk **IN** the valley of the shadow of death,"...thinking

we are the ones who have to find

all of the answers

and know all of the results.

Trust God.

Walk **through** the valley of the shadow of death,
or of any disappointment.

You can endure

just about anything—

if you know you're going to get through it

PAUL HAD THIS CONFIDENCE:

He wrote to the Corinthians,

"We are troubled on every side,
yet not distressed;

we are perplexed,

but not in despair;

we are persecuted,

but not forsaken;

we are cast down,

but not destroyed...

Later in the same chapter Paul said,

"Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Paul tells us that as we look at life now,

we are looking at it through cloudy glasses.

We are looking at the underside of the pattern.

It looks ragged with all of the strings hanging down
—disconnected

How could any perfect design come out of this kind of life?

But then, Paul says,

BUT THEN, on the other side—

—we see through glass as clearly
as God sees us now.

We will see the topside of the design.

We will see the perfect pattern of life.

order to live now...as if we were looking from the top down,

we must trust in God;

For He is the only one that sees both sides.

HAVING THIS KIND OF TRUST AND CONFIDENCE,

Paul could truthfully say to the Romans:

"I am fully persuaded, that neither

—death, nor life

—nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers

—nor things present, nor things to come,

—nor height, nor depth,

—nor any other creature,

...shall be able to separate us from the love
of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

You must add to this list:

"I am fully persuaded, that neither

—hurt feelings,

—nor crowded schedules,

—nor indifference,

—nor self-made excuses,

—nor sickness,

—nor loss of life,

...shall be able to separate me from the love
of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Even in these experiences,

a child of God can see clearly his Heavenly Father,
and with meaning.

Martin Luther proclaimed the truth when he wrote

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

"The body they may kill," he said,

"God's truth abideth still,

His Kingdom is FOREVER."

Do you believe it?

Even in disappointment?

Life was never meant to be "just a bowl of cherries."
Not even for the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

"Hard it is, very hard,

To travel up the slow and stony road

To Calvary, to redeem mankind; far better

To make but one resplendent miracle,

Lean through the cloud, lift the right hand of power

And with a sudden lightning smite the world perfect.

Yet this was not God's way, Who had the power,

But set it by, choosing the cross, the thorn,

The sorrowful wounds.

Something there is, perhaps,

That power destroys in passing, something supreme,

To whose great value in the eyes of God

That cross, that thorn, and those five wounds bear
witness."

(Dorothy L. Sayers)

See God in your disappointments of life
and use them for good.

Trust God for Everything:

—He is reliable
He never Fails.

CONCLUSION:

The conclusion to "Rabbi Ben Ezra" by Browning is this:

"So, take and use thy work;
Amend what flaws may lurk,
What strain o' the stuff,
What warpings past the aim.

My times be in thy hand!

Perfect the cup as planned!

Let age approve of youth, and
death complete the same."

In this age when young people are exhorted to
"take hold of life and make it your own,
be master of what you want to be,"

—these things need to be said:

My times are in thy hand;

Perfect the cup as you've planned, God.

Let age approve of youth,

and death complete the same.

This closing little verse, entitled HIS HANDS:

"The hands of Christ

Seem very frail

For they were broken

By a nail.

But only they

Reach heaven at last

Whom these frail, broken

Hands hold fast." —John Richard Moreland.

Not everyone takes the broken hands of Jesus Christ.

Many people never grasp those hands—

—never experience a trust in Jesus Christ

—and a trust in God.

This little verse is true...

Only those will reach Heaven who have
taken the hand of Christ,

broken,

though it is with the nails.

Won't you accept His offer

and put your complete trust in Him?

THIS IS THE PERFECT PLAN!

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NATIONAL GOALS PROGRAM

OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH

(See special article on previous page concerning the Goals Program)

Revision of 1960

Report of The Brethren Church
for the Year ending June 30, 1961.

Value

Score

I. DENOMINATIONAL MEMBERSHIP GOALS

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|---|---|-------|
| 1. One new member added to church for each ten members now on roll..... | 4 | _____ |
| 2. Every member an active member | 4 | _____ |
| 3. Every member tithing his income through the church | 4 | _____ |
| 4. Promote and subscribe to the \$1.00 per member budget of the Central Planning and Coordinating Committee | 2 | _____ |
| 5. \$15.00 per capita giving to denominational programs | 2 | _____ |
| 6. Full quota of delegates to General Conference | 1 | _____ |
| 7. Semi-Annual Communion with 100% of resident members present | 4 | _____ |

II. MISSIONARY GOALS

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| 1. Regular missionary instruction for all age groups | 2 | _____ |
| 2. Missionary prayer group (other than regular Prayer Meeting and W. M. S.) in the church | 2 | _____ |
| 3. Definite support of new churches, projects, or personnel—in addition to regular missionary offerings and Ten Dollar Club | 3 | _____ |
| 4. 50% of church families members of Ten Dollar Club | 3 | _____ |
| 5. Missionary offerings from the church amounting to not less than equivalent of \$5.00 per member per year. | 2 | _____ |

III. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GOALS

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|---|---|-------|
| 1. Sunday School represented in District Camp | 1 | _____ |
| 2. Sunday School following the "Standard of Excellence" | 3 | _____ |
| 3. Sponsoring, or participating in, Vacation Bible School | 2 | _____ |
| 4. Lifting of a White Gift Offering | 1 | _____ |
| 5. White Gift Offering showing an increase over last year | 1 | _____ |

IV. PUBLICATION GOALS

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| 1. The Brethren Evangelist in every Home | 3 | _____ |
| 2. ALL available Brethren Sunday School literature (including Youth Quarterly) used in Sunday School | 3 | _____ |
| 3. All Sunday School literature ordered through the Brethren Publishing Company | 2 | _____ |
| 4. Lifting of Publication Day Offering | 1 | _____ |
| 5. Publication Day Offering showing an increase over previous year | 2 | _____ |

V. BENEVOLENT BOARD GOALS

1. Pastor's participation in Retirement Fund and/or Social Security	2	_____
2. Lifting of Benevolent Day Offering	1	_____
3. Benevolent Day Offering showing increase over previous year	2	_____
4. Each church having a definite project for the Brethren Home (Contact Mr. and Mrs. Kuns)	2	_____
5. Participation in "Food for the Faithful" project	2	_____

VI. ASHLAND COLLEGE AND SEMINARY

1. A member of the local church enrolled in Ashland College or Seminary	2	_____
2. One new recruit for the Brethren ministry enrolled in Ashland College under auspices of Ashland Seminary	3	_____
3. Support of Expansion Program for Ashland College	3	_____
4. Lifting of an Educational Day Offering	1	_____
5. Educational Day Offering showing increase over last year	2	_____

VII. ACTIVE AUXILIARIES IN LOCAL CHURCH

1. Woman's Missionary Society affiliated with National W. M. S.	2	_____
2. Junior and Senior Sisterhood of Mary and Martha	2	_____
3. Laymen's Organization	2	_____
4. 50% of men registered with local and National Laymen's Organization	2	_____
5. Boys' Brotherhood	2	_____
6. B. Y. C. or C. E. (Sunday Evening youth group)	2	_____
7. Signal Lights and/or Junior Church	2	_____
8. A Local Brethren Youth Board and Brethren Youth director in each church.....	2	_____

VIII. CHURCH PROMOTION GOALS

1. An Every Member Visitation Evangelism program	3	_____
2. Mid-Week Prayer Service	3	_____
3. Average morning worship service attendance for the year at least 80% of Sunday School attendance	3	_____
4. Regular (monthly or more frequently) stewardship instruction in both Sunday School and Church	2	_____
5. At least one sign directing visitors and strangers to church, or, a sign or bulletin board outside church. (As regulations permit)	1	_____

TOTAL POINTS FOR THIS CHURCH..... 100

_____ **Your Score**

NOTE: For goals partially met take partial credit. For instance—if 50% of members are active take 2 points under goal 2 of Denominational Goals; if Brethren Evangelist is in one third of church homes claim one point under goal 1 of Publication Goals; etc.

The National Goals Committee:

Jerry Flora, Chairman
Richard Kuns
Ralph E. Mills
Margaret Litton
Dorman Ronk
Helen Shively

The Brethren Evangelist for September 3rd, reported the names and scores of the sixteen highest churches in the Brotherhood on the Goals Achievement Report. We would encourage all of our churches to participate in the 1960-61 Goals Program so that there might be a greater total of churches reported, and points attained at next Conference time.

W. S. B.



What's Doing in the Churches



ROANN, INDIANA

The Brethren of Roann have accepted the challenge that Dr. Joseph Shultz gave in his moderator's address this year at National Conference. This was the challenge: "I challenge any church to give their Evangelist for revival meeting in their own church to a new mission church to be used to encourage labors in the new field of endeavor." Our people have taken a real interest in the Kokomo and Mishawaka churches. Kokomo however is the nearest to Roann. The writer presented Dr. Shultz's challenge for our folk to think and pray about. On Sunday morning September 25 a ballot vote was taken to receive God's leading of our people. The result: 70 voted yes to allow Brother Harry Richer and his wife to go to Kokomo and hold special meetings during the same time we were to have them in Roann. There were two who voted no. Immediately Brother Richer and Brother Gable, pastor of the new Kokomo Church were contacted. When told of the idea and the willingness of the Roann Brethren to give up their evangelist for the new work, they too received the idea as surely the will of God. One week later the Kokomo Brethren sent word that they would gladly receive our Evangelist, and expressed their joy in our wanting to help them.

Here is the plan as followed: Rev. and Mrs. Harry Richer of Peru, Indiana will hold nine days of meetings in the Kokomo Brethren Church, located on S. Market St., during the dates of November 9 to 20. While Brother Richer is holding meetings in Kokomo, the Roann Breth-

ren will be taking the Gospel into the homes of their community. We shall meet for prayer each night during the dates of November 9 to 20, and then have a systematic visitation, concentrating on backslidden members and those who need salvation in Christ. One night of each week we plan to be present in Kokomo with a large delegation from Roann. We will have special music each time. Pertaining to the expense of the meetings, Kokomo will take care of the advertising and can give a love gift to their evangelist, but Roann agrees to give the remaining balance that should be given to the Richers. We do not want a financial burden upon Kokomo. Our intention is to help encourage the workers in this new field.

Pray that the Roann folk will win many souls to Christ.
Herbert Gilmer, pastor

BRIGHTON CHAPEL, INDIANA

We moved from the Brighton Church to Linwood on August 3, which was just two years to almost the very day of serving these fine people.

Many time, when leaving a church after a short stay, people get the impression that trouble has developed. However, I can truthfully say this was not the case with us.

We enjoyed a fine relationship with the folks of the Brighton area and shall always hold a warm spot in our hearts for these people.

During the two years I was privileged to serve them as pastor many things came to pass in the church. A new addition was built with money given by a member who had passed away. A new organ was given to the church by a former member of the church.

Besides the W. M. S., Sisterhood, and Youth group, the church also accepted a Boy Scout troop. This troop, with the direction of a very fine Christian man, has developed into the largest troop in the county in less than two years. The troop has won several blue ribbons for outstanding achievement. Devotions were conducted in the troop meetings at least once a month. To many of these boys this was the only contact with religion.

Brighton Chapel Brethren Church, showing the new addition.



It was our privilege to receive ten new members into the church during the two years. Four were received into the church the very last Sunday we were there. One of the young men received into the church is now enrolled at Ashland College in a Pre-Seminary course.

The good folks at Brighton were very good to us and we shall always be thankful and grateful for this. The going away present was much appreciated. We pray that the Lord will direct these folks in their work and that the Lord will lead someone to them as their pastor.

J. B. Mills.

FAIRLESS HILLS-LEVITTOWN, PA.

The attendance at Levittown has continued to grow. In October we had an average attendance in Sunday school of 94 per Sunday. Two adults and three children were received on October 2nd into the church, bringing our total active membership to 75.

Levittown was host for a youth rally of the Delaware Valley churches on October 22. There were 34 young people and adults registered from the Georgetown, Delaware and Levittown, Pa., churches. The program was directed by Maj. and Mrs. Charles Clague. Chaplain Richard Miller from McGuire AFB, New Jersey, was the guest speaker for the evening service. He chose as his subject, "Christian Missions in Japan." He presented his message with color slides.

A delicious meal was served by the W.M.S. ladies under the supervision of Mrs. Elizabeth Welty.

Our pastor, the Rev. W. B. Brant, conducted communion services for the Calvary Baptist Church, New Jersey, on October 23rd.

Mrs. Charles Clague.

MISHAWAKA GROUNDBREAKING

Groundbreaking services for the Mishawaka First Brethren Church were held on Sunday, October 9, 1960. Rev. C. A. Stewart conducted the program attended by seventy-one people.

Breaking ground was Rev. C. A. Stewart followed by Moderator, Ivan Hunn; Chairman of the Building Committee, Lee Dreibelbis; **Chairman of the Trustees, Herbert Summersgill** and President of the W. M. S., Mrs. Lee Dreibelbis. Special requests were made and granted to have Deacon and Deaconess Mr. and Mrs. William Meinke break ground.

Ministers participating in the service were Rev. J. Milton Bowman, Elkhart; Rev. John Byler, South Bend and Rev. C. William Cole, Ardmore. Mr. Everett Miller, New Paris and Rev. W. C. Berkshire represented the National Missionary Board and Mr. Dick Sigrist, Napanee and Rev. H. Gilmer, Roann, represented the District Mission Board.

The prayers and words of encouragement spoken by these men of God, are greatly appreciated as we go forward in the building of this church to glorify God.

Our average Sunday School attendance for September was twenty, Church attendance was twenty-four.

Through gifts received and pledges made, our building and now stands at \$1,701.50.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

Mrs. Richard Deranek,
Corresponding Secretary

AKRON, OHIO

Akron Firestone Park Church is happy to report a very successful Fall Rally Campaign. Our program consisted not only of the traditional "Rally Day" where we set an all-time record of 212 persons, but we also held a two-week Evangelistic service which was preceded by 30 days of prayer meetings held each evening and special Thursday night visitation programs.

As a result of the efforts of our people and the wonderful blessing of our Lord, nine have been added to the church, many of our inactive people have returned, and our average attendance has shown an 80 percent increase in the last 60 days. We give all glory and praise to God for what He is doing for us.

James R. Black, Pastor.

COUNTY LINE, INDIANA

On October 23rd a farewell dinner was held for the Rev. Charles Perrin family who are returning to a pastorate that he started in 1952 and near his home. We had the dinner one week early because of the full schedule of his last Sunday with us.

During the afternoon of the same day the Rev. Charles Kraft family came to the parsonage and then conducted meetings for both the BYC group and the evening church services. He showed slides from Nigeria and explained them as shown.

On October 26th, Rev. Perrin, 14 ladies and nine children motored to the Flora Home, taking 260 quarts of fruit and vegetables canned by the ladies, and individual gifts for folks at the Home. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all and a program was given in the afternoon.

That night, Teegarden met with us for baptismal services. Five young people, four from County Line and one from Teegarden, were baptized.

October 30th, Rev. Perrin gave the morning service message and then at 2 P.M. we met again for his ordination service. Rev. William Thomas gave the ordination message. Assisting in the program were Rev. C. Y. Gilmer, Rev. Herbert Gilmer, Rev. Hays Logan, Rev. William Cole, Rev. Percy Miller, and Mrs. William Cole gave prayers of consecration for both Rev. and Mrs. Perrin with laying on of hands on Mrs. Perrin.

We have considered it a privilege and a challenge to better Christian living for having had Rev. Perrin with us for a short while and pray God's blessings on their work in Pennsylvania.

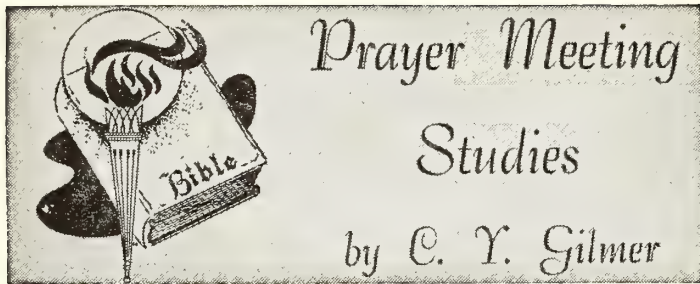
Helen Gillis, secretary.

ASHLAND, OHIO

Reverend H. E. Barnett, Kentucky pastor and principal of Riverside Christian Training School, spent the week of November 6-13 **preaching for spiritual enrichment** at the First Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Services held nightly inspired those who attended to rededicate their lives to the Lord and to seek new ways of being His effective witnesses.

Reverend Barnett soon impressed the Ashland congregation with his Biblical knowledge, his fluent speaking, his zeal for God's message and his warm, winsome

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THE HIDDEN LIFE

We live our inmost lives alone;
At best we are but little known,
And even those who know us best
Have probed to find within our breast
That secret place, that hidden source
Of life's expressions. But, of course,
They probe in vain. The life lived there
No mortal soul may with us share,
Deep in the confines of the heart,
Where all life's mighty issues start
There is a hidden sphere, unknown
To others—there we live alone.

Alone! Alone! We long in vain for sympathy—
For sympathy to ease our pain,
For some heart that can understand.

But no! How wisely God has planned
To keep life's center in its throne
Reserved to Him, and Him alone.
We turn to God, and seeking find
What friends, however good and kind,
Gave not. He understands and feels;
He every bleeding heart wound heals;
The realm we occupied alone
He fills. Our lives to Him are known.

—Selected.

SAMSON TOLD DELILAH all his heart "and he wist not that the Lord was departed from him" (Judges 16:16-18, 20). No Israelite, much less a Nazarite, was to intermarry with the heathen (Deut. 7:3; Josh. 23:12, 13). Thus Solomons' many wives turned away his heart from the Lord (1 Kgs. 11:1-4) and caused the shameful division of the kingdom (vs. 9-13). Long before the kingdom God had said that no king was to have a plurality of wives lest his heart be turned away (Deut. 17:17). No one, however intimate, was to lure a man's heart from his God (Deut. 13:6). God is rightly jealous of the hidden springs of a man's heart because of His love (Deut. 4:25-32). God judges a man by his heart (1 Sam. 16:7). God tests the human heart (1 Chron. 29:17; Jer. 11:20). God knows our hidden life (Psa. 44:20, 21). Backsliding is in the heart (Prov. 14:14). "There are many devices in a man's heart" (Prov. 19:21).

All evil expressed by man originates in the heart (Eccl. 9:3). It is the heart that is deceived (Isa. 44:20). Rebellion against God originates in the heart (Jer. 5:23, 24). Jesus knows what is in man (Jn. 2:25). He knows what evil has done to man's heart (Matt. 12:34, 35; 15:18, 19). It is the Devil who puts evil into a man's heart (Jn. 13:2). But a man can purpose in his heart against evil (Dan. 1:8); in singleness of heart fear God

(Col. 3:22), and with a fixed heart (Psa. 57:7) cleave unto the Lord (Acts 11:23). True obedience to God's will is from man's heart (Rom. 6:17; Eph. 6:6). Thus is "the hidden man of the heart" adorned with a "meek and quiet spirit" (1 Pet. 3:4).

To help the sinner, God seeks to give him a new heart (Ezek. 36:26). He expects a godly sorrow for sin (2 Cor. 7:10). He expects a heart faith (Rom. 10:9, 10). He promises great comfort for contrition (Psa. 34:16). He dwells with those of a contrite and humble spirit (Isa. 57:15). He establishes the heart with grace (Heb. 13:9) as the conscientious convert seeks to grow (2 Pet. 3:18). The inner man is fortified against sin by the Word (Psa. 119:11). Christ indwells the heart by faith (Eph. 3:17). He forgives our sins (1 Jn. 1:9); dispels our fears (Jn. 14:27); gives us His peace; gives us His life (Jn. 10:10); gives us "the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

"When peace is filling my soul like a psalm,
When He has spoken the storm to a calm,
No one can help like Jesus;
O He can give such a wonderful peace,
Joyful thanksgivings which never shall cease,
How from my burdens He gave me release;
He only knows my sorrows and woes,
No one can help like Jesus."

Lesson

Comments

by

William H. Anderson



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Lesson for December 18, 1960

THE GREATEST SERVANT

Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4; 10-11; Matthew 11:27-30

JESUS CHRIST, the KING of kings and LORD of lords, was the greatest of SERVANTS. What a paradox! Yet it was so, for Christ said of Himself: "For the Son of Man Himself has not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life to set many others free" (Mark 10:45—Phillips).

CHRIST WAS PROPHESED AS A SERVANT

Prophetically Isaiah speaks and says: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me..."

"Who is the person speaking here?...He who had been appointed to be the Mediator of a new covenant, the light of the Gentiles, the salvation of Jehovah for the whole world, and who would reach this glorious height, to which He had been called, through self-abasement even to death" (Franz Delitzsch).

It was none other than Jesus the Christ! On the occasion of Christ's first recorded sermon in Nazareth, He identified Himself with this very passage saying: "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:16-21).

Although He came as a Servant, Christ had divine credentials. He was endowed with "the Spirit of the Lord GOD." And He had been "sent" by Jehovah.

As the Servant of Men Christ was to minister unto man and his needs. Notice of what His works were to consist:

1. **"To preach good tidings unto the meek."** Berkeley says this word "meek is variously translated: poor, needy, weak, afflicted, lowly."

2. **"To bind up the brokenhearted."** How desperately the world needed then, as it does today, One who can mend broken hearts!

3. **"To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."**

"There is no captivity like that of sin and its binding habits. A man may boast of his liberty, but he has none if he is a captive of sin...But Christ through His death has declared the great emancipation from sin. 'If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed' (John 8:36)" (H. M. Freligh).

4. **"To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God."** The "acceptable year" is the age of grace which we now enjoy. The "day of vengeance" has not yet come. But for those who repeatedly spurn the offer of salvation and pardon, that day is inevitable!

"We have the gospel summed up, (Mark 16:16), where that part of it, 'He that believes shall be saved,' proclaims 'the acceptable year of the Lord' to those that will accept of it; but the other part, 'He that believes not shall be damned,' proclaims 'the day of vengeance of our God,' that vengeance which He will take on those that 'obey not the gospel of Jesus Christ' (II Thess. 1:8)" (Matthew Henry).

5. **"To comfort all that mourn."** As long as sin remains in the world there will be sorrow and suffering. And as long as sorrow and suffering exist, there is need of comfort. Thank God for One **"who comforteth us in all our tribulation"** (II Cor. 1:4). The song writer found comfort in Christ, for he wrote:

"When I am sad, to Him I go,
No other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad He makes me glad,
He's my friend."

6. **"To give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."** What an exchange! **Beauty for ashes! Joy for mourning! Praise for heaviness!**

This was to be the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ when He came to earth. Did this come to pass as Isaiah had prophesied? For the answer we turn to the New Testament.

CHRIST FULFILLED THE ROLE OF A SERVANT

"COME unto Me..."

"TAKE My yoke upon you..."

"LEARN of Me..."

For the one willing to heed the words of Jesus He gives the following promises:

"I will give you rest...and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

This is an invitation. To partake of these benefits Christ's blessed invitation must be personally accepted. Only in this way will Christ the Servant come to you and minister to your spiritual needs.

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

THE TASK OF THE TEACHER

THE TASK OF THE TEACHER IS CLEAR—the scholar is to be taught to apply the truth of the Word to his daily life. To accomplish this assignment, the teacher needs to be physically fit, mentally alert and spiritually alive. The teacher ought to face his class with energy and real enthusiasm. Teaching is a complicated and demanding process. He should constantly, systematically and intelligently prepare himself to assume his important role as teacher. It takes skill, concentration and self-discipline to succeed in teaching. A personal ministry to his own spiritual needs should be maintained. The teacher can accomplish this with a daily diet of the Word of God, seasoned with fervent prayer.

A thorough knowledge of the material to be taught is essential. A teacher can face his class with enthusiasm and anticipation only when he is fully prepared. He must have a complete understanding of the lesson the scholar is to learn. Maximum results can never come from minimum preparation.

An understanding of the scholar is basic to teaching. Each scholar is an individual with personality, capacities, interests and problems. The scholar's characteristics are clues to the mystery in the teaching-learning process. An understanding of the physical, mental, social and spiritual attributes of the scholar serves as a key to his mind and heart.

A use of familiar terms is necessary. The language of the teacher must be understood by the scholar. The teacher fails unless words are used that can easily be associated with the scholar's daily life. The teacher should state the truth to be learned in familiar words and simple sentences. Failure here often creates the "I-should-be-teaching-adults" attitude.

A bridging of the gulf between teacher and scholar is imperative. Teaching is a close personal relationship and involves an intimate association with the scholar. A sincere desire to teach should be tempered with kindness and consideration, and forged with punctual and consistent attendance. This will produce a warm and human relationship between teacher and scholar. Class participation in the teaching session cannot be produced until this relationship is procured. After a teacher has bridged the gulf, he can point the scholar to the truth of the lesson and lead him into a personal relationship with Christ.

An application of truth must be made. The truth taught is to be applied to the scholar's life. It is best when this application can be made by the scholar him-

self; however, the teacher should be ready to give the necessary guidance in the applying of truth to life.

A living example is most important. Scholars must see in the teacher a living example of what is being taught. Practicing what he teaches enables the teacher to stimulate the scholar to follow his Christian example. When the scholar sees the evidence of the truth taught, he will apply the truth to himself and accept the spiritual guidance of the teacher.

The teaching ministry is a most challenging, exciting and rewarding opportunity. The satisfactions are many. These words of Christ define a teacher's task more completely. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: and whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." John 15:16.

By Hollis L. Green.

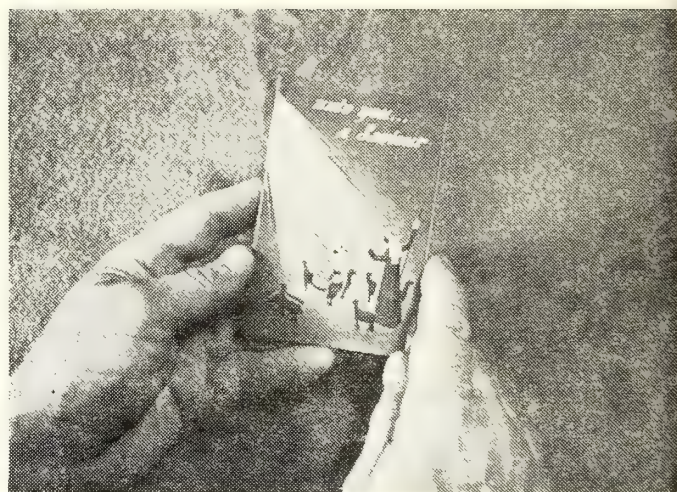
AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY OFFERS SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SCRIPTURE PORTIONS

To encourage families to read aloud together on Christmas Eve the Biblical story of Jesus' birth, the American Bible Society is prepared to distribute ten million copies of "Unto You...A Saviour"—an attractive, pocket-size reprint of Luke 1:5-2:40.

"Many families," the Society states, "are so carried away by the commercial and festive aspects of Christmas that the religious significance of the day is forgotten or ignored. If churches and individual Christians everywhere will encourage the custom of family Bible reading on Christmas Eve, the occasion will become as beautiful and meaningful to millions of people today as it was to the shepherds and wise men who, with Mary and Joseph, were the first to rejoice at the birth of our Saviour."

The Christmas Scripture booklet is printed in large, easy-to-read type, with an attractive cover. Single copies may be obtained without charge by writing the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

Churches and other groups wishing to distribute quantities of the booklets to their members and to others in their communities may obtain them from the Society for \$3 a hundred, which is less than the booklets actually cost. They are available at the same rate to individuals



This pocket-size (3" x 4½") reprint of the Christmas Story from the gospel according to Luke is being distributed by the American Bible Society. The society hopes millions of families will observe Christmas Eve sitting down together in their own homes and reading this story out loud. The society offers to send a single copy free to everyone who asks for it. Quantities available for \$3.00 a hundred. The address of the American Bible Society is 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

who would like to enclose them with their Christmas cards, or give them personally to neighbors and friends.

The booklets are available in either the King James or the Revised Standard Version. Please specify which you desire.

World Religious News in Review

EDUCATOR URGES RELIGION BE KEPT IN CLASSROOMS

Thomas D. Bailey, Florida State School Superintendent, has declared

that if education is to reflect the community in which our people live and prepare children for adulthood, "religion and the moral and spiritual val-

ues which are a part of religion must not and cannot be ignored in our schools."

"It will be a sad day in America," Bailey wrote in "The Florida School Bulletin," at a time when an all-out legal attack on religious observance in Florida schools is underway, "if legal concept of separation of church and state ever denies children and youth in public schools the fundamental of our nation's birthright—the right to know 'about' religion and moral and spiritual values necessary

sary for the formation of character, and non-sectarian reading of the Bible... To ignore in our schools any reference to God, when our Declaration of Independence, our National and State Constitutions, our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and our coins in daily use all refer to the existence of an Almighty Deity, is to ask our teachers to instruct in darkness." (EP)

MAURITANIA INDEPENDENCE TO FAVOR ISLAM

When the African nation of Mauritania becomes independent in November, its new name will be "The Islamic Republic of Mauritania." Government officials reportedly want to keep the nation Islamic.

Article 2 of the new constitution specifies that Islam is the state religion. The guarantee of freedom of conscience given in the same article is seen as a mere formality. Mauritania's population is about 700,000, the majority of whom are nomads. (EP)

CHURCHES AND CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: THE COUNT IS UP

NEW YORK (EP)—Figures compiled by the Bureau of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches show that Roman Catholic Church membership increased faster than the U.S. population last year while Protestant growth lagged slightly behind the population's upward trend.

Roman Catholic membership rose to 40,871,302, a gain of 1,361,794 or 3.4 per cent while Protestant membership reached 62,543,502, a gain of 1.7 per cent.

During the same period, population gained an estimated 1.8 per cent.

The survey revealed that of all Americans, 63.4 per cent belonged to a church or synagogue in 1959, compared to 63 per cent in 1958. Figures showed also that 33.8 per cent of the U. S. population is Protestant and 23.1 per cent are Roman Catholic. In 1950 the comparative totals were 33.8 per cent Protestants and 18.9 per cent Catholics. Back in 1926, the percentages were 27 per cent Protestants and 16 per cent Roman Catholics.

Additional statistics (gleaned from 254 different religious bodies and gathered for use in the *Yearbook of American Churches*, 1961) showed

that in America there are also 20,000 Buddhists; 484,489 Old Catholics, Armenian and Polish National Catholics; 2,807,612 Eastern Orthodox members and 5½ million Jews. There are also 3,572,963 teachers and officers of 286,572 Sunday or Sabbath schools.

Ordained clergy in the country totaled 373,589, with 243,203 of them having pastorates. Of the total, 6,777 (or 4.1 per cent) are women.

Among the Protestants, the various Baptist bodies reported the highest inclusive membership: 20,879,220. Next largest were the Methodists with 12,358,861; Lutherans, 8,021,091; Presbyterians 4,202,956; Christian churches, 3,809,064; and Eastern Orthodox, 2,807,612.

METHODIST BISHOP UPHOLDS U. S. STAND ON RED CHINA

TAIPEI, Formosa (EP)—Free Chinese need have no fear that America will recognize Red China because "no government shall ever recognize the Peiping regime," as long as it fails to mend its present evil ways.

This emphatic statement was made by Bishop W. Angie Smith, 65, President of the Methodist Council of Bishops during his recent visit to Taiwan.

Bishop Smith admitted that some fellow clergymen in the United States advocated the recognition of Red China and its admission to the UN, but he said that the "overwhelming majority" of the American Christians are adamantly opposed to it.

The high-ranking Methodist is leader of some 12 million people in his denomination and is also bishop for the Oklahoma and New Mexico area, while serving concurrently as bishop for the Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao area. He observed the work of various institutions and the educational program of The Methodist Church in Free China.

ATHEIST PROTESTS BIBLE-READING IN SCHOOL

BALTIMORE, Md. (EP)—Declaring that both she and her son are avowed atheists, a Baltimore woman has withdrawn the 14-year-old boy from school in protest against Bible reading in his ninth-grade class.

"I'm determined that my son is not going to bow down to any concept of what an average American is given to be," said Mrs. Madalyn Murray in

explaining that her son, William J. Murray, III, will not return to school. She said that she will appeal to the Supreme Court if necessary.

Charging that a 55-year-old school board rule stating that the Bible or Lord's Prayer, or both, shall be used in opening school exercises is unconstitutional, Mrs. Murray said her son will continue his studies at home. Under state law, children between seven and 16 are required to attend school. Mrs. Murray said she does not intend to meet the requirement by placing her son in a private school.

FREE METHODIST LEAD IN PER CAPITA GIVING

NEW YORK (EP)—A report from the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches indicated that members of 49 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations in the U. S. contributed a record of \$2,407,464,641 for all church purposes in 1959. This represented a gain of \$55,305,351 over the total reported for 1958.

The figure showed that the Free Methodist Church led in per capita giving: \$269.71.

Among so-called major denominations figures ranged from \$99.42 (Southern Presbyterians) to \$48.52 (Northern Baptists).

Although the over-all figures showed a 4.6 per cent increase over 1958, the total for foreign missions (\$56,123,349) represented a rise of only 1.8 per cent over the previous year.

MILLION MORE UNCHURCHED EVERY YEAR

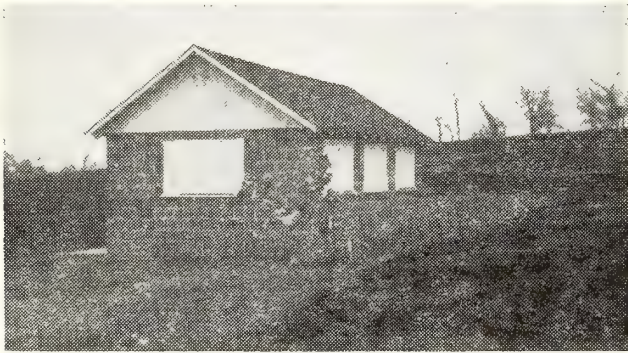
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (EP)—Dr. Donald L. Houser, executive secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, told delegates to the denomination's 22nd biennial convention here that "every year an additional 1,000,000 persons are being added to the 66,000,000 Americans who have no church home." He warned that if allowed to continue, the situation would "bring about a post-Christian era" in North America.

"Church attendance is no longer popular," he said. "The church no longer receives a welcome reception as it enters a new community. Only by recapturing the sense of urgency to carry out our mission and allowing the Holy Ghost to compel response can the tide be turned."

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

PICS OF THE WEEK



CAMP WYANDOTTE, KANSAS

The cement block house serves as one of the cabins for the camp. The other structure serves as headquarters for the camp. The wooden structure was built recently on top of the old building below. The Mid-West District is fortunate to have its own camp grounds. There is real value in having a camp for the young people. If your district has a camp of its own, or is considering getting one all its own, I hope that you will support its endeavor.

"VENTURING WITH CHRIST IN THREE-DIMENSIONAL LIVING"

The above was the theme of the Tucson Brethren Youth Retreat held at Mt. Lemmon, Arizona on October 7, 8, and 9, 1960. Don and Janet Rinehart, advisors for

the Tucson youth were in charge. Guest speaker and discussion leader was Rev. Dean Miller, the new Church of the Brethren minister in Tucson.

Friday evening after everyone arrived and after a tiring hike, Rev. Miller began the discussion with the topic, "Launching the Venture". Saturday morning, the topic for discussion was "'Conform Completely', shouts the Christ". The other topics were, "'Escape Individuality', howls the Beat"; and "'Live Abundantly', says the Christ".

Besides the discussions, they had a "Depth Bible Study", dealing with Romans 12:1-8. The topics and theme were chosen to point out the fact that there is another dimension of living besides today and tomorrow, or the present and the future, and that is Christ and Eternity.

To assist the Rinehart's, were Frank and Audrey Barker of the Tucson Church. Mr. Barker, by the way, will be entering Ashland Theological Seminary next fall. There were 17 high school young people and five adult advisors at the retreat. This was also the third retreat that the Tucson Church has had for its young people.

The way they conducted the Bible study was quite unique. The passage was Romans 12. The retreaters read the whole text together, aloud. They were given 10 minutes to study quietly to themselves, marking the passage in the following manner: a lightbulb beside a phrase or sentence that gave them a completely new idea—something they had never thought of before, a question mark beside a phrase, etc., which puzzled them, and an arrow beside something which hit home to them directly—something that "Hit them right between the eyes." After this ten minute study period, they had a discussion period. Where someone had a lightbulb, somebody else had a question mark, etc. The youth really got a lot out of this.

I feel that the Arizona youth should be commended for the fine retreat they had in October.

"SERVING OUR GENERATION"

Seventy young people and adults registered for the Winter Rally in Masontown, Pennsylvania. Johnstown III won the banner for the most there. After the registration period, Mina Stutzman led in group singing.

The special speaker was Mr. Eugene Herr, the Youth Director of the Mennonite Church. His message was about "Serving Our Generation". Dinner was served in the Presbyterian Church. Cream Chicken on biscuits was the main course.

At the business meeting the money for the district project was turned in. Thus far, the Pennsylvania district has raised 980 dollars for Cabins for Camp. They also set a goal of \$1,000 to be raised for the Radio Station in the Argentine. The next rally will be January 21, 1961 in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania.

THOUGHTS TO CONTEMPLATE

TO ARGENTINA OR BUST, THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW. This is the slogan on the Peso banks that you should have received by now. Place these banks in the vestibule of your church or in your youth room. They should help to raise some money for your group.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

THE FORGOTTEN MAN OF CHRISTMAS

OF ALL THE SEASONS of the year, Christmas is the happiest. In spite of the cold, this season brings the greatest joy because of its associations.

The cause of this gladness is, of course, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into the world, for He brought the message of "peace on earth, good will to men." Because He came, men have realized that God has extended His love toward us, and that He has given to us the greatest present that He could give—His Son. Even those who do not believe on Him at all still think of Christmas as an occasion for more kindness and graciousness than prevails in their lives during the rest of the year.

Few realize, perhaps, that the first Christmas, though it did bring joy to the shepherds, was a major tragedy. The great gift was unappreciated save by a few, and the light of His advent only etched in sharper silhouette the grim shadows of human darkness. The first news of His arrival did not bring joy, but produced gloom and fear. When it was announced, "all Jerusalem was troubled". That first Christmas was tragic in its significance. Ignorance was the first aspect of this tragedy.

The tragic indifference of men to Christ is most obvious at Christmas. "Unto us a Child is born," and we do not welcome Him; "unto us a Son is given," and we do not appreciate Him. "The government shall be upon His shoulder," and we put our trust in all sorts of political expedients. He is the Prince of Peace, and His voice is drowned out by the rattling of sabres and the thundering of guns. Jesus is the forgotten Man of Christmas.

Worse even than the indifference of the scribes and religious leaders was the hypocrisy of Herod. With feigned enthusiasm and with a smooth tongue he urged the Magi to inform him when they found the infant King. The wily monarch had no intention whatsoever of worshipping Jesus; but he dissimulated his feelings in order to maintain a cloak of respectability. Hypocrisy, however, is unstable; it cannot be maintained as a neutral attitude. Sooner or later it will show itself for what it really is—hostility.

Herod's hostility to Jesus was not prompted primarily by dislike. He had never seen Jesus; and furthermore one cannot logically hate a baby because of its personal characteristics since a baby has not developed a distinct character. Herod's hatred was the product of fear and jealousy.

Jesus' claim to lordship over all men arouses their fears and jealousies. Christmas brings the tragedy that the only One who has the right to rule over humanity is rejected by those who ought to receive Him. The tragedy of Christmas is the tragedy of the cross, where the hostility of man's sin to God's righteousness found its ultimate expression.

Why then is Christmas not a gloomy and depressing season now? Because the Lord Jesus Christ was greater than all tragedy. He did not overlook it; He overcame it. His birth was a direct challenge to the power of evil; His life was a struggle against evil; His death was a voluntary acceptance of the worst that evil could do, as well as an atonement for sin, and His resurrection was the victory over death.

—M. C. Tenney.

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

(Continued from Page 13)

personality. Every night he presented a vast subject in a sweeping panorama opening up wide vistas for meditation. Underlining the Word of God were homey illustrations and Kentucky mountain humor that kept the worshipers constantly within the hearing of the speaker.

These are the subjects viewed:

"Sin, Death, and Hell" (Satan's Children)

"God's Wondrous Love"

"The Fire of God"

"Highway of Holiness" (Sainthood)

"Bible Prophecy"

"The Eyes of the Soul" (Faith)

"Christ in you, the Hope of Glory"

"The Challenge"

Musical director Leo Jones had provided for special music each evening and hymns that fit amazingly well into the various themes. The guidance of the Holy Spirit was evidenced in this and other features of the meetings. The three church choirs—cherub, carol, and senior; a men's vocal ensemble; an instrumental trio from the W. M. S.; vocal solos by choir members; a college mixed quartet and ballads sung by the speaker prepared the worshipers for their spiritual enrichment at each meeting.

The Evangelism Committee—Dr. L. E. Lindower, Mrs. Myron Kimmel, and Mr. Robert Newcomb had stressed particular groups' attendance recognition as follows:

Monday—W. M. S. night followed by a meeting of one of the women's groups

Tuesday—Visitors' Night when all were urged to bring guests

Wednesday—Family night preceded by a carry-in supper

Thursday—Laymen's night followed by refreshments for all men in the basement

Friday—Youth night

Saturday—Kentucky night when Harold spoke specifically of his work illustrated with colored slides. Delegations from the Mansfield, Ohio, Brethren church were present several evenings.

The week of preaching certainly resulted in spiritual enrichment for all who attended. Individuals responded to the challenge by soul-searching and reconsecration. Believers at the Ashland First Brethren Church are grateful for their recent feast with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when they came to hear preaching for spiritual enrichment.

E. Phil Lersch, Pastor

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LET ME THINK!

- If I give nothing,
I cast a vote in favor of closing my church.
- If I give only to local support,
I vote to stop missionary activity in this hour of great world need.
- If I give grudgingly,
I shall find no joy, nor receive the blessing of the Lord.
- If I give proportionately,
I shall give something even if, of necessity, mine must be small.
- If I give systematically,
I make it possible for my church to plan in advance and make it easier for myself.
- If I give sacrificially,
I shall testify to the high value I place upon Christ and the church in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of suffering humanity.

—The United Brethren.

BEATITUDES FOR
TEACHERS OF CHILDREN

Blessed are you when your church says, "Teach our children," for then you are numbered among those who follow the great command, "Go, teach."

Blessed are you when children think of you as a trusted friend, for in establishing this relationship with the children you have attained one qualification of a good teacher.

Blessed are you when with the children, you see beauty, love, truth, and live in righteousness, for as you teach, you will also learn and grow.

Blessed are you when you are able to think of the needs of every child as you plan your work, for understanding, affection, and security are essential to Christian life and growth.

Blessed are you when other teachers seek your counsel and help, for comradeship is the source of mutual strength and confidence to those who share a common purpose.

Blessed are you when fathers and mothers recognize your sincerity of purpose, for Christian teaching is doubly sure when the home and church are partners.

Blessed are you when you are not satisfied with your ways of teaching children, for self-improvement is always possible for those who earnestly desire to become better friends and guides of children.

Blessed are you when zeal for the Kingdom of God fills your heart, for he who guides children in the way of love, good will, and righteousness is already building the Kingdom of God.

—Selected.

DEIFYING MAN

Years ago a tourist attended a service in a Scottish church. She greatly enjoyed the sermon and was spiritually blessed. Later she asked the minister was. "He was Ebenezer Erskine," she was told. "I will surely hear him again next Lord's Day. It is wonderful!" She did this but got a little out of the sermon. It seemed to lack power. She related her experience to Erskine. Said he, "A Madam, last Sunday you came here to worship the Lord Jesus and to hear His voice. Today you came to hear me and exalt me in your heart. That is why you are going away spiritually empty!"

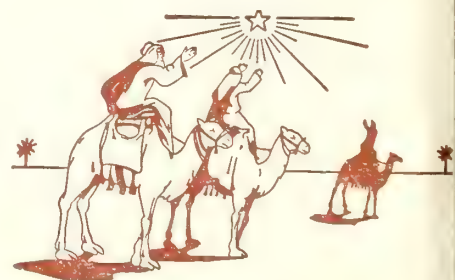
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YOU CAN BE USEFUL

If you cannot climb a mountain
And become a man of fame,
You can be a man of honor,
And respected for the same,
You can love the Lord supremely,
And be faithful in His will,
Helping others on life's journey
Travel higher up the hill.

If you cannot be a master
In the sciences of earth,
You can help to lead your fellows
To the light of greatest worth—
Help them with their many problems
As they run the Christian race—
Help them work and shine for Jesus
And grow deeper in His grace.

Walter F. Isenhour

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The Editor's Pulpit

The Wooing Song

THE YEAR 1960 continues to be a year of important, future-shaping events in the world. Not the least of these by any means is the recent 55-minute visit between Pope John XXIII and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Prior to this meeting, over a period of several years, there have been comments, suggestions, overtures, invitations and veiled promises, indicating that perhaps the day has arrived when the Roman Catholic church and Protestants could "get together." It is the feeling of some that this recent meeting was a step toward laying the groundwork for increased unity between Roman Catholics and Protestants.

Since this was the first meeting between a head of the Roman Catholic church and a primate of the Church of England, it is well to note some comments made at the meeting. Seventy-nine year old Pope John spoke, and has spoken on other occasions, of his hopes that "separated" Christians will return to the Roman Catholic church. Protestants are considered to be those who are "still far from the true church." The Archbishop expressed considerable caution, saying that he did not know what the results of this meeting would be. He said that he did not feel that Christian unity necessarily meant reunion with the Roman Catholic Church.

If one considers the word "protestant" by which our Christian churches are known today, we can see that we are "against" something, or that we are protesting something! The reformers buried in Westminster Abbey must surely be shaking in the dust of their bones at the thought of overtures being made to "call" the "protesters" back into the Roman Catholic church. Many of

them, and many others, paid with their lives in their protest against the abuses and practices of the Roman Catholic church at the time of the Reformation and since!

The main difference between the Roman Catholic church and Protestantism is that the Roman Catholic church assumes the authority to speak for God, while the Protestant churches recognize the authority of the Scriptures (The Bible, the Word of God) to speak for God. Even a casual observance of Roman Catholic practice will note the words, "The Pope says," while in Protestantism, it is, "The Scriptures say." We do recognize that many areas of the Protestant faith have grown cold, lacking the spiritual fire of the early reformers, leaving today's patrons without much conviction on these matters. Lacking spiritual fervor, such become easy prey for propaganda encouraging steps to unity in a form yet to be defined.

Martin Luther had a point. Other reformers of his day, and since, have had a point. We have a point today. Luther protested against the abuses, the vices, the paganism, the idolatry and the authority taken from God by the Roman Catholic church. The Roman Catholic church has not changed its basic tenets, nor its approach to the Protestant believer. Today, virile Protestantism must take a stand on the same ground as those who dared to put God and the Holy Scriptures ahead of servitude to a church order which exacted much and gave little to its patrons. We must not be carried away by the siren wooing song, but rather must consider who is doing the wooing, and what we could lose by hearkening to it. W. S. B.

Evangelical Leaders speak on Christian Publications:

The man or woman who doesn't know what the Holy Spirit is doing in the world today is cheating himself. Only in Christian periodicals can we as Christians expect to keep up to date with the progress of the Gospel. A good Christian magazine is more important to a Christian than a trade

magazine is to an engineer or a professional man. It should come second in importance only to his Bible.

Robert Walker, Editor
Christian Life

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HELPING AND HARVESTING AT HADDIX

AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS working at Haddix, Kentucky, I retired last April, because of my age and ill health. I am now living with my daughter at Udall, Kansas.

When God called me to work at Haddix sixteen years ago, Carrie Stoffer and I labored together, teaching the Bible and in the public school, conducting Sunday schools, prayer meetings, and young people's meetings.

During the first four years, we lived in one room which was roughly boarded up in the back part of the school. This room was unfinished and had no ceiling—just the rough boards. It did not look very homelike, but we were too busy and interested in our work to let that inconvenience bother us.

On Sunday mornings we used to hold Sunday school there in the chapel above the two school rooms. After lunch we would go up the hollow and hold a service with the people living in that area. We sowed the good seed and trusted God for the harvest. A number of souls made the start heavenward as the result of our labor.

After a time I quit working in the public school and put in my time teaching the Bible classes. The school grew until it was necessary for us to move out and give more room for the school. In 1948 the W.M.S. built the mission cottage for us; that was home.

As time went on, we had some revival meetings, and new members were added to the church, but it usually



MRS. MYRTLE KESSINGER



Haddix Brethren Church, Haddix, Kentucky

takes a resident pastor to build up a strong church. We had none.

On January 29, 1957, we experienced a terrible flood, when most of the families in Haddix had to leave their homes. The water was 30 inches deep in my house.

On December 20, 1957, Carrie Stoffer suddenly passed away to be with the Lord. I continued to teach the Bible in the school until the county took the school away. Then, because of the new road going through Haddix, our building had to be moved; it was taken down.

We continued our Sunday school for more than a year by meeting in the mission cottage from the time the old building was taken down until the new church was finished. This new place of worship was dedicated on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960. The church is built of cement blocks with steel frame windows; it has a basement and a furnace. The rooms in the basement are occupied by Sunday school classes. I am glad to say that the building was free of debt before I left Kentucky.

I just recently received word that Mr. Charlie Gross and family are moving into the mission cottage. He has been a faithful worker, always present and on time, although he is almost blind, and he had about two miles to walk over the hills. Now he will be near the church and the work.

Reverend Harold Barnett, who is pastor at Lost Creek, reaches on Sunday nights at Haddix. I feel that Harold will do a good work there, as the people enjoy his preaching. He is young and capable, although he has more work to do than one man should have.

I know I have many friends in Kentucky, and I am much interested in the welfare of their souls. I pray that God will lead them to see their need of a savior and to prepare while they have the opportunity.

I wish to thank those who sent in used clothing, who aided in my support, and who contributed gifts and prayers during my stay in Kentucky.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us...

In His blessed name,
Myrtle Kessinger

"...GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT"

Mrs. Myrtle Kessinger merits heartfelt thanks from the brethren for her faithful ministry to the people of Kentucky through sixteen years in that community. She asked very little for herself, but constantly sought the good for others.

None of us can estimate the blessing she has brought into the hearts and lives of needy people.

"Through such souls alone, God stooping, shows sufficient of His light for us in the dark to rise by."

Friends who want to write to Mrs. Kessinger may address her in care of Mrs. Carl Sherman, Rt. 1, Udall, Kansas. We all wish for her joy in the memories of her past service and continued blessing as she serves Him.

NEW ADDRESS FOR THE BISCHOF'S

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bischof may be addressed at: 526 S. Silver, Louisville, Ohio.

NEW TEN DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS

New Ten Dollar Club memberships continue to arrive—not as rapidly as we would like, to be sure—making a steady increase. Since the last report (October 22), the following have joined:

- Mrs. Lewis P. Mackell—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Mrs. Frank Arnold—Terra Alta, West Virginia
- Reverend and Mrs. Robert Madoski—Mulvane, Kansas
- Mrs. D. Elmer Cripe—Flora, Indiana
- Reverend and Mrs. Fells Lam—Annandale, Virginia

(St. Luke & Liberty churches)

- Fred Frye—Flora, Indiana
- Gerald D. Hamer—Conemaugh, Pennsylvania (Vincos)
- Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parsons—South Bend, Indiana
- Homebuilders' Class—South Bend, Indiana
- Pioneer S. S. Class—Tucson, Arizona
- Mrs. William Beatty—Fremont, Ohio
- Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Huber—Goshen, Indiana
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Self—Goshen, Indiana
- Comrades S. S. Class—Milford, Indiana

All members of the Ten Dollar Club may be looking forward to a new call about January 1, which will be issued for another home mission church.

Items of General Interest

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. A special two-hour service of prayer was conducted by the Sarasota Brethren the morning of Thanksgiving Day. People were invited to attend, to come as they could and stay as long as they could. There were no audible directions given; each attendant was given a small manual of suggested prayers and instructions, for personal use during his or her stay in the church.

HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND. The Laymen's Family Banquet was a scheduled event of December 14th, with Mr. Abbud Solomon Dahbura, a Jordanian, a native of Bethlehem, now living in Hagerstown, as the speaker.

ST. JAMES, MARYLAND. Pastor Frank Rottier was the guest speaker at the Union Thanksgiving Service in the Manor Church of the Brethren on Nov. 23rd.

Krypton, Kentucky, Missionary Margaret E. Lowery was speaker in the St. James church, her home church, on November 27th.

VINCO, PENNA. A new feature in the Vinco church is the observance of "Sunday School Night" at one Sunday evening service a month. Classes are encouraged to sit together; the class having the best representation is honored.

SERGEANTSVILLE-CALVARY, NEW JERSEY. Mrs. Lawrence Emmons, Secretary of the Sergeantsville church, writes: "The members of the First Brethren Church of Sergeantsville, have recently called to their pulpit the Rev. Clarence R. Kelley, Th.D., of Uniontown, Penna. He is a graduate of the Dallas, Texas, Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Ruth, have moved into the parsonage at Sergeantsville. The members and friends of the church and of the Calvary church, which Rev. Kelley is also supplying as pastor, gave the Kelleys a reception on November 19th."

MASSILLON, OHIO. Sunday, December 4th, marked the beginning of regular Brethren Sunday services in a suburban community on the northeast edge of Massillon, Ohio. The duplex dwelling located on a three-acre plot, fronting on Route 241, is being used as a temporary meeting place. This property has been purchased by the Ohio District.

Fourteen people attended the morning services and ten attended in the evening. A detailed report will appear soon.



Our word "merry" generally suggests mirth, gaiety, and jollity. It bespeaks fellowship, high spirits, and lightheartedness. All of these are a part of the wish we extend to our friends. But centuries ago the word "merry" had other meanings and connotations. "Merry" meant peacefulness and blessedness. It was as though one were saying, "A peaceful Christmas to you" or "May Christmas bring the blessings of God to you."

Charles L. Allen and Charles L. Wallis
in CANDLE, STAR AND CHRISTMAS TREE
(Fleming H. Revell Company)

The Legend of the

ONCE UPON A TIME a magnificent church was being built in a certain city and there was need for one great stained glass window to go in a certain conspicuous wall. The committee in charge felt that it would be wise to have artists from all over the world submit designs for this window, so they issued a general notice about their requirements and set a date when all sketches would be due. Many very famous painters entered drawings in the contest, but the one design on which all the committee agreed unanimously was made by an artist of unknown name and fame. The committee wrote him enthusiastically that they could not imagine any design which could better fill their requirements for the Church of the Redeemer than his sketch entitled "The Place Where the Young Child Lay." It was exactly what they wanted, so they commissioned him forthwith to go ahead with the work, the details of which they entrusted to him, warning him to have all in readiness for the dedication of the church on Christmas Eve.

The unknown artist was naturally very much elated at this fine opportunity to win fame and money, and also he saw in it a chance to work out a certain grudge which he had against all mankind—a grudge so deep and bitter that he thought of it day and night, and kept himself secluded in his attic studio rather than try to mix with the people whom he hated. He took the sketch of which the committee approved so enthusiastically, and he made certain little changes here and there with almost wicked delight; then he called in his wife and baby so they could pose for the enlarged painting which he must make.

Now it just happened that his wife had been hanging out the family washing, and she came in wearing a shawl over her head and carrying the baby in the clothes basket. After she put down the basket she leaned over it, then looking up said gently: "Sh! the baby is sound asleep! If I pick him up he will waken and cry..."

"Don't pick him up," cried the artist, "stay just as you are; that pose is perfect! Imagine that the clothes basket is a crib, that you are Mary, the mother of Jesus and you have leaned over to see if He is sleeping, but now you look up because you hear the approach of someone. Someone outside on camels; the three Wise Men—way up here at the top of the canvas. See, I shall paint the star that came and stood over where the young child lay... Stay perfectly still, dear... Don't move... fine..."

So the painter's wife kept the pose that he thought was so perfect, and with quick, sure strokes he painted her as she knelt there. And it was a far lovelier picture than he had planned to make it, because in the heart of his wife there was none of the bitter grudge that was in his heart. For when she looked down at her sleeping child, a great peace stole over her, and when she glanced up at her husband painting so rapidly and eagerly a

great contentment stole over her that at last his true talent had been discovered and that the fame he deserved was to come to him. Then, too, as she knelt there in that quiet room she began to realize whom she represented. Mary, the mother of Jesus—the mother of the Saviour—ah, what a wonderful thing to feel that in the life of your one little sleeping baby the hopes of the whole world centered. She fell to wishing that her little boy could grow up with hands that would bless all mankind, with lips that could comfort those in trouble as the Saviour's lips always comforted the sorrowing.

As she brooded, there came over her sweet tired face a peace and beauty that was quite different from any look that had ever been. And the artist gasped with surprise, catching the rare charm of her expression and painting her in hushed delight.

Yet all the time, underneath his delight, the same old bitter hatred for mankind was working, and he kept saying to himself with fiendish glee, "The lovelier I make this picture, the better I can pay them back for all these years of hate and insults and injustice!" So with one-half of his soul he loved this wife who was so unexpectedly contributing to his picture, while the other half of his soul was steeped in unworthy mirth at the awful sensation he was going to create in that distant church on Christmas Eve.

Finally his masterpiece was done and ready for the stained glass factory workers. And here his difficulty lay, for if they discovered his secret, everything would be spoiled. But he thought of a plan—a clever, secret plan that could not help but work out as he wished—and the week before Christmas the various parts of the window arrived in that distant city where the new Church of the Redeemer was already completed. Trained workers began assembling the bits of glass and putting them in place, when a strange oversight bewildered them. Neither face nor arms of the Madonna and Child could be found high or low! The workmen were nearly frantic until the artist arrived and calmed their fears by saying he had brought the missing parts of the window with him separately. It was a whim of his to put in the faces and arms himself after all the rest of the window was ready.

"Just a sentiment of mine," he assured them. And when they discovered that he had mastered the correct process of fastening those extra pieces of glass in place, it was only natural that they agreed to his request. It was not at all the usual way to put up such a window, but surely the success of this one was his special concern, for it would be his dream come true.

With set lips and grim determination he climbed the ladders and with solder and lead and little instruments he fastened in place the lovely brooding face of the Madonna and her tender protecting arms hovering over the sleeping Child, whose face and limbs he also attached in place.

BLACK MADONNA

"Now!" hissed the artist vindictively, "now I have paid back the world for its treatment of me! Now all these Christian folks will have a new idea. They will be furious! They may even feel disgraced! Serves them right, but at least they will have a new idea. And I shall be more famous than they dreamed."

When the time arrived for the dedication of the church, he slipped inconspicuously into a back pew; for he was unknown as yet to the committee. And just as he imagined, the entire congregation was looking up at his window with startled, disapproving glances. There was whispering...nudging...occasionally even an angry gesture.

After the service a group gathered around the window. "The face of that Madonna is certainly BLACK!" everybody was saying.

"She looks exactly like a Negro. Even the baby looks like a Negro baby. Where is that artist anyhow? We cannot permit such a window in this magnificent church..." "Disgraceful! A black Madonna here? Of course not! Never!"

The artist, lurking behind a pillar, chuckled with high glee. "Paying you back, all you fine white Christians, you! All you superior, disagreeable, lordly beings, you! Who knows but that the Christ-child was dark-skinned, anyhow?"

The midnight chimes rang out on the Christmas air, but the congregation had left the church with anything but goodwill for men in their hearts. News of the marred window was telephoned all over town, and although the service early Christmas morning was generally attended by only a few faithful souls, this year the capacity of the building was taxed. Everybody had come to see for himself and herself that black Madonna.

Now is the time to tell you of the minister. For he was a very good man; and he had lain awake all night long wondering, wondering, how he was ever going to reach the sermon he had announced from the text which was printed in that now famous window: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." He had intended to build his whole sermon around the window; he had intended to point at the Christ-child and tell how the hopes of all mankind had once clustered around the place where the young child lay...but now, should he point at that window? At that black Madonna and Child? He could hardly eat breakfast, and seven o'clock found him walking into the dimly lighted pulpit with a miserably sinking in his heart as he saw the church packed with a curious crowd gazing in one direction.

"This settles it!" said the minister to himself, "I must reach about the window as I planned. But, O Lord, help me to find the right words to say!" Yet he really had no idea what he should say, even when at last he arose and announced his text: "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."

The congregation was reading those very words in the glass of the window, and some of them were resenting such words under such a picture; when suddenly the winter sun came blazing forth that Christmas morning with all the extra dazzle of a snowy day! And as its beams came breaking through the stained glass window a gasp of sheer surprise spread through the church, for in that blaze of sunlight the Madonna's face was shining, pure as an angel's and the little Christ-child was a sheen of dazzling glory!

"In Him was life," repeated the minister, pointing upward, "and the life was the light of men." And inspired by the miracle of the transfigured black Madonna and Child, he preached a sermon that marked a milestone in the life of every person present.

"Who are you and I to say we do not want a black Madonna in our church? In that great day of beginning when the Lord God made man, did He specify, 'Let us make white men in our image?' No—'Let us make man!' And to some He gave black skins; to some, yellow skins; to some brown skins, and to some, white skins. He must have seen but little difference in these external colors, for it pleased Him to have an Africa with a hundred million black men; a China with four-hundred million yellow men; a Europe and America with several hundred million white men. So in deep humility this Christmas Day I ask you—last evening when the Saviour looked down into this Church of the Redeemer, who looked really black to His all-seeing gaze? That black Madonna, or you and I with black consternation in our hearts because we felt, of course, a Madonna needed flesh the shade of ours? Oh, the conceit of us! The curious blackness of our hearts cannot see the God shine through those of another color.

"But now that we have had this miracle demonstrated we need only lift our eyes to the wonderful face of that black mother—was there ever tenderness like hers? Like Mary of old she seems to keep all these things and ponder them in her heart. Have you forgotten the old familiar Bible story how, when the Lord God sent His little Son to earth, He did not choose a white-skinned mother for Him, but one whose cheeks were olive-tan—a Jew! Let us, then, this Christmas morning, be Wise Men bringing gifts to the Saviour of all mankind, and, in the place where the young Child lay, let us put the most difficult present to give up—our race prejudice. For in Him is life, and the life is the light of men..."

There is a very curious sequel to this sermon. For although you may be expecting to hear first about what the congregation did, the artist himself did something so unexpected that it left everyone breathless. With faltering steps he walked to the pulpit and placed in the minister's hand a package, explaining brokenly: "It is my Christmas present to this church which I have wronged so insanely and selfishly! See, here is the original

white glass for the face of the Madonna and Child. I substituted the black glass myself. I wanted to prove to you what hypocrites you Christians were, that there was nothing to your religion but a snobbish superiority. But you have shown me that I am wrong; you have shown me that I am colorblind, that in the sight of God Almighty there is neither black nor white—if His light shines through. Tomorrow I will change the black Madonna...today, I, too, will give a gift—I give my 'hate' to the Saviour. I am ashamed but I learned my lesson when the glory of God shone through."

Then the congregation said: "We, too, have learned a lesson! Let us leave the black Madonna in its place forever so that our children and our children's children may see, each Sunday, how the light of the world shines

through the faces of God's family whatever color the face may be!"

There was a hush that spoke volumes. I think each mother was wondering what possible Christmas gift could be so far-reaching in its influence as the legend of the black Madonna in the Church of the Redeemer. Then everybody sang that sweetest of all Christmas carols, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," for had they not truly proved the third verse that very morning?

"How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given. So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.

No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin Where meek souls will receive Him still, The dear Christ enters in."

—Margaret Applegarth

BIBLE SOCIETY OFFERS DAILY READING LIST

Familiarity, though it does not always breed contempt, frequently breeds indifference and neglect. Millions of New Yorkers, for instance, never have visited the Statue of Liberty. In folklore it is the shoemaker's children who go without shoes.

We Christians are not exempt. Some hundreds of years ago, when Bibles were rare, those who acquired them—at considerable cost and often only by risking defiance of the established church or state—valued them highly and read them hungrily. Today, when Bibles are easy to obtain, and there is one in nearly every home, many Christians read them only now and then, and sometimes not at all.

The American Bible Society, which distributed 10,068,959 volumes of Scriptures last year in the United States, and 7,581,959 more volumes abroad, is aware that mere distribution of the Scriptures is not enough. The Society knows that a Bible that is not read is worthless. The power of the Bible to change and redeem lives rests, not in its paper and ink and other physical attributes, but in its message. If the Bible is not read, no message is communicated. This is true, even if it is kept carefully dusted and in a place of honor in the home.

To encourage Christians everywhere to read their Bibles regularly, the American Bible Society has published a list of suggested readings for every day in 1961.

"The Book for everyone is surely for you," the Society declares in a brief introduction. "This is your in-

itation to read it faithfully and prayerfully."

The Society reports that similar lists prepared for previous years have been used by over a million people. Many churches, the Society says, order the lists in quantity and distribute them to their members and others in the community. Individuals order them for their own use and for neighbors and friends.

Printed in convenient bookmark form, the list includes background Scripture readings for each week's International Uniform Sunday School Lesson.

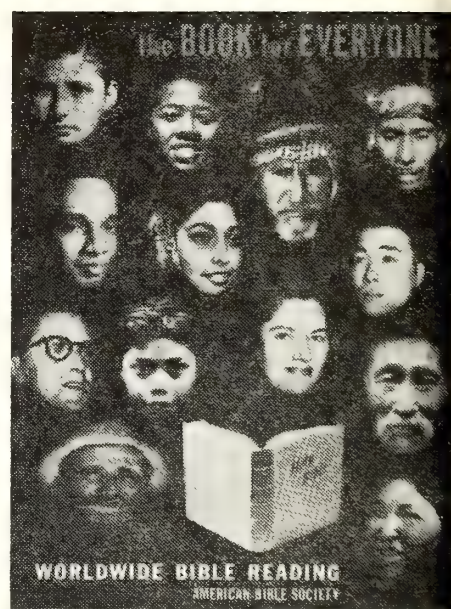
Special readings are suggested for the Week of Prayer, Lent, Ascension Day, Mothers' Day, Pentecost, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Advent Sunday, Universal Bible Sunday and Christmas.

Special selections are also listed for the Thanksgiving-to-Christmas Worldwide Bible Reading period.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

1961

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SOME FEATURES OF THIS SCHEDULE:

- Readings for Week of Prayer, January 1-5—on the theme of God's redeeming love.
- Asterisks indicate Scripture for the International Uniform Sunday School Lessons.
- The whole Gospel according to John appears between January 1 and April 5.
- Special readings for Lent, Ascension Day, Mother's Day, Pentecost, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Advent Sunday, Universal Bible Sunday and Christmas.
- Old Testament History selections, January 9 to February 14.
- Wisdom Literature, April 6 to June 25.
- Old Testament Prophecy from the Book of Isaiah, June 6 to August 24.
- New Testament Character Studies, June 26 to September 23.
- Principles of Christian Growth, September 30 to December 31.
- The whole Gospel according to Mark, October 12 to November 22.
- The whole First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, April 10 to December 29.
- Worldwide Bible Reading selections, Thanksgiving to Christmas.

THE
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SUNDAY
SCHOOL
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OF
EXCELLENCE

I. EVANGELISM

1. The school shall be positively evangelistic.
2. The teachers shall earnestly seek to lead their pupils who are not Christians to a personal acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord.
3. A definite visitation program, with visitation chairman, to contact and encourage both prospective members and absentees.

II. BIBLE

1. Every member of the Sunday School should be encouraged to bring a Bible, with the teachers and officers required to do so.
2. The Officers and teachers shall provide opportunities for the pupils to use their Bibles in the school.

III. ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The school shall be graded as follows: Cradle Roll, birth through one; Nursery, 2-3; Beginners, 4-5; Primaries, 6-8; Juniors, 9-12; Intermediates, 13-16; Young People, 17-21; Adults, 21 and above; and an Extension department for those who cannot attend.
2. An approved record system kept and an annual statistical report sent to the National Sunday School Board.
3. At least 10 new books a year added to the Sunday School Library.

IV. LEADERSHIP TRAINING

1. A minimum of two training classes registered with the Sunday School Board each year.
2. Seventy-five percent of the current teaching staff completing the teacher training courses.

V. STEWARDSHIP

1. The school shall support the church program and promote the general missionary, educational, and benevolent causes fostered by the denomination.

VI. MISSIONS

1. Each Department shall give systematic missionary instruction throughout the year.

VII. CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

1. The church shall elect or approve the officers and teachers.
2. The school shall make monthly or quarterly reports to the church.
3. An average of at least 70 percent of the officers, teachers, and pupils shall remain for the preaching services.

VIII. DENOMINATIONAL

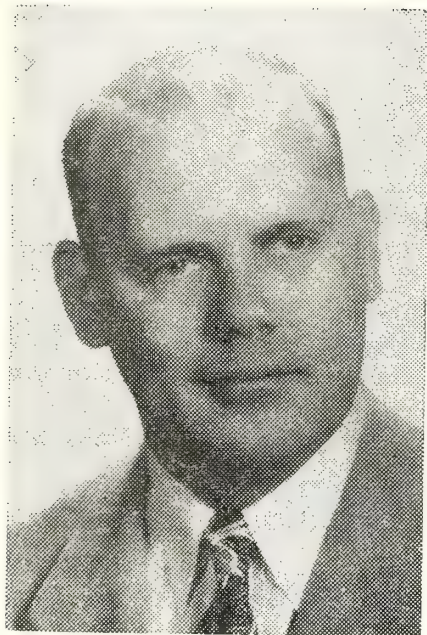
1. The Sunday School shall use all available Brethren publications.
2. An annual White Gift Offering for the work of the National Sunday School Board.

IX. CONFERENCES

1. Workers' conferences held regularly; ten recommended, six required.
2. Delegates to some convention, denominational and/or interdenominational.

X. BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

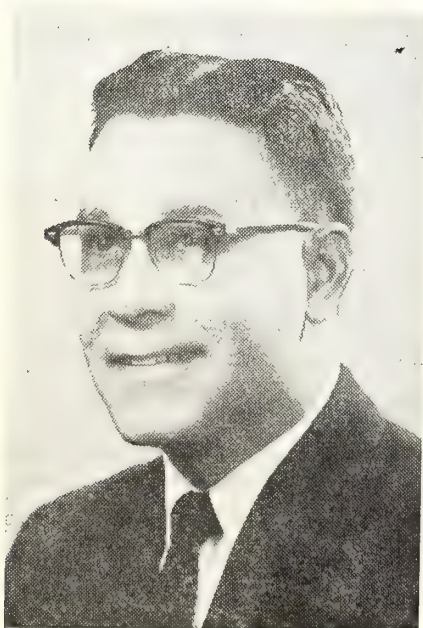
1. Each age group below Adults shall be separated from the remainder of the school at least for the class sessions by walls, movable partitions, screens, or curtains.
2. All classes be provided with equipment such as proper height tables and chairs, blackboards, bulletin boards, maps, charts, and other visual aids.



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Rev. VIRGIL INGRAHAM



Secretary,
Rev. Clarence A. Stogsdill

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CENTRAL DISTRICT ORDAINS THREE

ORDINATIONS in the Central District this summer and fall were three in number.

MARLIN LEE McCANN

The first of these three occurred on Sunday afternoon, June 26, 1960, in the Waterloo, Iowa, Brethren Church, when Marlin McCann was ordained to the Brethren Ministry.

The service was opened with a prelude by Mrs. Ivan Miller, who served as the organist for the service. Pastor H. H. Rowsey gave the invocation, which was followed by the Gloria Patri and the offering.

Church Moderator, Laurence RuLon, read the action of the local church calling for ordination, and the action of the District Ministerial Examining Board was read by Rev. A. T. Ronk, immediate past pastor of the Waterloo church.

Marlin then rendered a vocal solo, and the sermon was brought by Rev. Spencer Gentle, another former pastor of the Waterloo church. This was followed by an anthem by the Waterloo church choir.

The Scriptural charge and the questions to the candidate were presented by Rev. Ronk. Rev. Rowsey gave the charge to the candidate, and was assisted by Revs. Gentle and Ronk in the ordination prayer and the laying on of hands.

Rev. Rowsey then officially set Brother McCann apart as an Elder and stated the declaration of authority.

Sister McCann was then set apart as the wife of an Elder, with the charge being given by Rev. Ronk and being joined by Revs. Rowsey and Ronk in the prayer and laying on of hands.

The service was closed with the singing of a hymn, benediction by Rev. McCann, and the organ postlude by Mrs. Miller.

Marlin McCann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis McCann, has been a member of the Waterloo Brethren Church for 16 years. He took an active part in Brethren Youth Work and in Church Work.

Marlin graduated from West High School in 1953, and entered Ashland College where he graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1957. He then began work at Ashland Theological Seminary. While at Ashland Marlin participated in Chapel Choir, A Capella Choir, Band, Men's Gospel Team and the Ambassador Quartet. In the summer of 1957 he traveled with the quartet in Europe.

In April 1957, Marlin was married to Lila Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Miller of Smithville, Ohio.

For two years Marlin served as Youth Director at the First Presbyterian Church in Ashland. Since January 1st, Marlin had been part-time National Brethren Youth Director. In June he began as full-time Youth Director.

Marlin received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Ashland Theological Seminary on June 10, 1960.

JAMES ROWSEY

James Rowsey, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Rowsey, of Waterloo, Iowa, was ordained to the ministry at a special ordination service on the evening of July 24, 1960, at the Milledgeville Brethren Church. Jim was set apart as an Elder in the Brethren Church by his father, and given full authority to his new office after the pastor, Rev. Clarence A. Stogsdill, delivered the ordination message, "An Ambassador for Christ," speaking from I Corinthians 5:20.

Following is a portion of the service, as the father of the candidate and the pastor officiated:

- Action of the Church calling for OrdinationMrs. Harry Bushmar
Church Secretary
 - Scriptural ChargeRev. H. H. Rowsey
 - Questions to the CandidateRev. C. A. Stogsdill
 - Charge to the CandidateRev. H. H. Rowsey
 - Laying on of HandsRevs. H. H. Rowsey
and C. A. Stogsdill
 - Ordination PrayerRev. C. A. Stogsdill
 - Setting Apart as an Elder and Declaration of AuthorityRev. H. H. Rowsey
 - Charge to Mrs. James Rowsey as wife of an ElderRev. C. A. Stogsdill
 - Laying on of HandsRevs. H. H. Rowsey
and C. A. Stogsdill
 - Prayer of ConsecrationRev. H. H. Rowsey
- Rev. James Rowsey gave the benediction after the congregation sang "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Mrs. Fenton Haugh, church organist, played for the ordination service. At the request of the candidate, the church's Junior Choir, under the direction of Mr. Wayne Hawkins, and accompanied by Mrs. Hawkins, sang two numbers.

A reception for the newly-ordained minister and family was held in the basement of the church after the service.

Jim Rowsey became a member of The Brethren Church at the age of six and joined in the fellowship of the Brethren Church of Milledgeville when sixteen.

After attending schools in Goshen, Indiana, and Ashland, Ohio, he graduated from Milledgeville Community High School in 1954. In September of 1954, Jim entered Ashland College, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in June of 1958. While in college, he was active in the choir and various camp clubs. He attended Ashland Theological Seminary from September 1958, until June 1960.

In August 1956, Jim was married to Edith York, daughter of Mrs. Ellen York of Mansfield, Ohio. They have one son, Timothy.

Rev. and Mrs. James Rowsey are now in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is working toward his Doctorate of Religious Education.

B. D. HINEGARDNER

Brother B. D. Hinegardner was ordained to the Eldership at the morning worship hour in the Udell, Iowa, Brethren Church, October 9, 1960. The action of the church in calling for the ordination was read by Moderator Lionel Spring. Elder A. T. Ronk, Chairman of the Central District Ministerial Examining Board read the action of that board. He also read the Scriptural charge to the candidate and preached the ordination sermon.

The charge to the candidate, the ordination prayer, the setting apart as an Elder and the declaration of authority were given by Elder H. H. Rowsey, Secretary of the Central District Ministerial Examining Board.

In the service for the consecration of Mrs. B. D. Hinegardner as the wife of an Elder the charge to serve was given by Elder Ronk and the consecration prayer was offered by Elder Rowsey.

Special music for the service included a vocal solo by Lawrence Powell and selections by the Youth Choir of the church.



What's Doing in the Churches



LINWOOD, MARYLAND

Linwood may not have been heard from for some time; however, we are very much alive. The writer arrived at Linwood on August 3rd to find that everything had just about been unloaded and in good order.

We have found the response on the part of the people to be very good, for which we are thankful. They have been good to us since coming here. We have seen an increase in our Sunday school and church. The first Sunday there were 67 in attendance at Sunday school, 89 two weeks later. We have had 96, 102, 111 on other Sundays, and a fact to note is that none of them were from other churches. We only pray to God that this attendance may keep up and with His help will increase. Our communion attendance was 74. We have a membership of 106, so therefore are very thankful and proud of the response.

It was truly something to behold the way everyone worked together in planning for Homecoming. With such cooperation the services were bound to be a success. We thank God that the services were successful and inspiring.

The choir from Linwood went to the Edgewood Church of the Brethren to sing during their Revival Meetings. The choir is very faithful in meeting weekly to practice. They add so much to the services on Sunday.

The sewing circle meets weekly to quilt. It takes about four weeks to complete a quilt. The money is used for church projects and improvements.

The W. M. S. has been having their monthly meetings, working to raise funds for their project.

The Aid Society has been meeting monthly, working toward church improvement along with their fellowship.

The Laymen have had a project to put partitions in the basement for classrooms. At their last meeting it was decided to definitely do this, they hope, during the winter months. A plan of portable partitions which can easily be dismantled has been worked out.

The young people have been holding monthly meetings. Their attendance has been good. A project to remodel the upper floor of the barn was voted upon and the church has given their permission. This will be started within the next few weeks. This will provide a recreational area and meeting room for the youth as well as other groups in the church. A new youth group for those of age 9 to 13 has been started. The adult advisors need to be commended for their fine work with the youth.

We of the Linwood Church covet your prayers in our work here. We know that if we trust God He will bless our work.

J. B. Mills.

WAYNESBORO, WAYNE HEIGHTS, PENNSYLVANIA

The recent brief meeting which closed November 20, and held by Rev. Henry Bates, of Vinco, was well attended. There were delegations from neighboring churches. The average up until the final service on Sunday morning for the night meetings was 80. He was entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Anderson, mainly entertained by Mr. Anderson as she had undergone a major operation in the Waynesboro Hospital the week before. A number of meals were taken out in the homes of members. This is the first time that he and I had worked together, but the fellowship was splendid, and the time spent together thoroughly enjoyed. The visible results of the meeting were two reconsecrations the last day of the meeting.

Freeman Ankrum.

BURLINGTON, INDIANA

We finished a two weeks Evangelistic meeting with the Rev. Spencer Gentle as our speaker and Mr. Robert Hostetler of Kokomo as song leader. Both men were very much appreciated. Rev. Gentle brought wonderful messages every night. Five united with the church and others reconsecrated their lives anew.

We celebrated our fiftieth anniversary of the church recently.

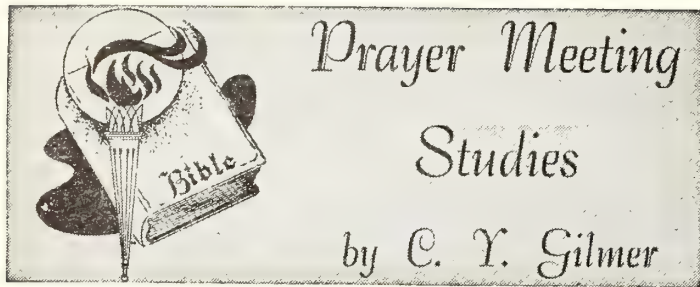
We purchased a house and lot next to the church. We rent the house and use the lot for parking which was badly needed.

We have adopted the envelope system which we believe will solve our financial problems.

We have also purchased new carpet for the church, and several other utilities.

Rev. and Mrs. Keck are doing a fine work and we are fortunate to have them.

Mrs. Henry Bailey,
Corr. Sec'y.



CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

Suppose that Christ had not been born
That far away Judean morn.
Suppose that God, whose mighty hand
Created worlds, had never planned
A way for man to be redeemed.
Suppose the wise men only dreamed
That guiding star whose light still glows
Down through the centuries. Suppose
Christ never walked here in men's sight,
Our blessed Way, the Truth and Light.
Suppose He counted all the cost,
And never cared that we were lost,
And never died for you and me,
Nor shed His blood on Calvary
Upon a shameful cross. Suppose
That having died, He never rose,
And there was none with power to save
Our souls from death beyond the grave!
As far as piteous heathen know,
These things that I've "supposed"—are so.

—Martha Snell Nicholson

IT IS NOT THE BIRTH of Christ that matters; IT IS HIS DEATH THAT COUNTS (Isa. 53:2-7). It was predicted that He would come to die for sinners according to every bloody sacrifice in the Old Testament (Exod. 12:13). Christ is our Passover Lamb, sacrificed for us (1 Cor. 5:7). It is the efficacy of Christ's atoning blood that makes Him precious (1 Pet. 1:19). Only those who believe in the power of the shed blood of Christ can truly appreciate Christmas (1 Jn. 1:7). He came to save His people from their sins (Matt. 1:21). Who are His people (Jn. 1:11, 12)?

So Christmas extends all the way from the manger to the cross (Gen. 3:15). The Savior came to conquer sin and Satan in behalf of sin-ridden humanity through the incarnation for the purpose of death in our behalf (Heb. 2:14-17). To qualify for this mission He had to be the Son of God and the Root of David (Rev. 5:3-5). He had to be virgin-born (Matt. 1:23). Many Old Testament writings are the story of the coming crucifixion of Christ (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53, etc.). The virgin mother, Mary, had a Savior (Lu. 1:46, 47). Calvary was foretold to her (Lu. 2:35). There can be no Savior without Calvary (Heb. 9:22). There could be no Savior without His having become the "first born from the dead" (Col. 1:18),—without the resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:14). There could have been no Church without Calvary and the Resurrection of Christ (Heb. 12:23, 24).

Calvary was foreshadowed around the manger (Matt. 2:19). The Child was "a sign" spoken against (Lu. 2:34). He was said to be an illegitimate child (Jn. 8:41). Joseph himself was greatly troubled about this before the

Child was born (Matt. 1:18-25). The world had no room for the Christ Child (Lu. 2:7). The Devil sought through Herod to destroy the Christmas Child (Matt. 2:12, 13). The myrrh of the Wise Men spoke as did the bitter herbs of the passover of the sufferings of Christ and His burial (Psa. 45:8). The Christmas present of God to a lost world was not complete until the Savior's life blood was poured out on the cross (Jn. 19:30). If you believe in the shed blood you have a precious Christmas (1 Pet. 2:7). You have the "unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15)

Presents mean nothing, tho' valued as gold;
Nor bells chiming loudly by minstrels tolled;
Earth adds but little to Heaven's Gift when
God's Gift from Heaven is the Savior to men.
'Tis true that I cherish a gift from a friend,
That may carry a token of love without end;
But how could he give it unless it should be
That God gave it first to be given to me?
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;
The people upon whom He bestows His love;
And now let us honor His GREAT SACRIFICE,
Since nothing for us but His LOVE could suffice.

—Elder H. A. Gossard

Lesson

Comments

by

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Lesson for December 25, 1960

THE GREATEST GIFT

Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

PHILLIPS BROOKS, in his immortal Christmas Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," speaks of the coming of God's Greatest Gift into the world:

"How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls, will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in."

GOD'S GIFT IS FOR ALL MEN

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, ... And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them..."

We never tire of saying that God's Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ, was for ALL men! He is no respecter of persons. To the lowly, the downcast, and the downtrodden He was given. Yea, to all who are willing to receive Him.

"It is an unrestricted Gift; for 'the world.' One's race, or color, or geographical location has nothing to

do with the requirements for receiving it. One's social status is not a prerequisite. The high and the low, the rich and the poor, may all be recipients...By the simple act of faith great sinners may receive Him; and self-righteous professors, when humbled, may partake of the same Gift" (H. M. Freligh).

On this Christmas Day may we truly believe that Christ was meant to be God's Gift to each one of us. God forbid that we should prove ungrateful by spurning His Gift! Let us receive Him anew into our lives!

GOD'S GIFT BRINGS JOY AND PEACE

"And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great JOY...And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, And on earth PEACE among men in whom He is well pleased" (A. S. V.).

The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ brought joy to a saddened world. Speaking of this joy, Dr. Joseph Parker says:

"Consider why the proclamation of Christ's birth should be an occasion of joy. 1. Because Christ came to make atonement for the world's guilt and sin. 2. Because it is the coming to us of a loving and joy-giving friend. 3. Because He has come to secure to us a home above."

Along with joy, God's Gift also brings peace.

"Peace. But how? 'Among men in whom He is well-pleased'...There is no peace for the earth, except among men in whom God is well-pleased...Peace will come to the earth when men are like Him. That is the way of peace, and there is no other way...The old prophetic word rings its minor chord of solemn warning down the ages, 'There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked'" (G. Campbell Morgan).

When God bestowed His Greatest Gift, Christ, He also bestowed JOY and PEACE to everyone receiving that Gift.

GOD'S GIFT MUST BE SOUGHT

Notice the conduct of the shepherds upon receiving the angel's glad tidings:

1. They **SOUGHT**—"The shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."

God sought out the shepherds, bringing to them the message of the Christ Child's arrival. But it was up to the shepherds to seek out Christ for themselves.

So it always has been. Jesus said He came "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). At the same time men are admonished to: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found" (Isa. 55:6).

2. They **FOUND**—"And they came with haste, and found...the babe lying in a manger." Because they sought, they found! Jesus said this would happen: "Seek, and ye shall find" (Mt. 7:7).

3. They **TOLD**—"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying...And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

"After the splendor of Christmas day, we all go back to life as it has always been. We have given and received our gifts...but how few of us take Christ back with us! How few 'make known abroad' the deep spiritual meaning which Christmas holds for us on His natal day! How many of us fail to take His gleam into the gray days, once the golden day is passed!" (Frank S. Mead).

4. They **PRAISED**—"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen..."

If we have felt or seen or experienced anything at all this Christmas season we ought to praise Him!

"Have you received God's Christmas Gift
He offers graciously?
Your burden, too, He wants to lift
On the cross of Calvary.

'Twas on that tree He bore your part
And paid your debt of sin.
Accept His gift; open now your heart
And let God's Gift come in."



Christmas, my child, is always.

It was always in the heart of God. It was born there. Only He could have thought of it.

Like God, Christmas is timeless and eternal, from everlasting to everlasting.

It is something even more than what happened that night in starlit little Bethlehem; it has been behind the stars forever.

There was Christmas in the heart of God before the world was formed. He gave Jesus to us, the night the angels sang, yes—but the Bible tells us that Jesus shared a great glory with the Father long before the world was made. Jesus was always, too!

God's Spirit has always been, too: the Spirit "moved upon the face of the waters" at the time of the beginning of the world. And the Holy Spirit visited the mother of Jesus and brought forth our Lord as the Christ Child, in the manger . . .

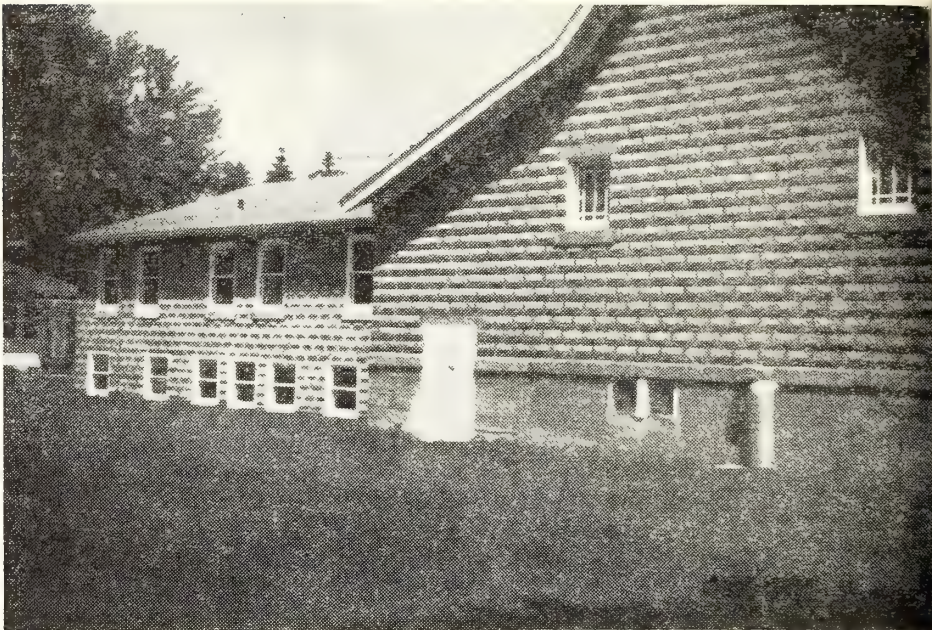
Christmas is always. It has been always.

But we have not always understood it!

Dale Evans Rogers in
CHRISTMAS IS ALWAYS
(Fleming H. Revell Company).

**North Liberty,
Indiana,
Dedicates new
Addition**

The new addition is to the left of the picture.



JUNE 26th marked the dedication of the new educational building for our church. This consists of ten Sunday School rooms, a nursery, rest rooms and a modern kitchen. This building was a labor of love as nearly all of the work was done by the pastor and congregation and it was dedicated debt free.

Mr. H. C. Weaver of South Bend was the architect. The building committee was made up of the following: John Oberly, Arthur Price, Eldon Kane, C. E. Hevel, Ernest Kreider, Grover Howard, Durwood Clark, Harry Clark, Merle Shoemaker, Loy Shoemaker, Clem Mamerow and Walter Strobe.

Jasper Price, Earl Liggett, Durwood Clark, Mrs. C. E. Hevel and Miss Thelma Hay composed the financial committee.

The day began with the usual morning worship service and Sunday School. We all enjoyed a carry-in dinner at noon followed by an hour of fellowship.

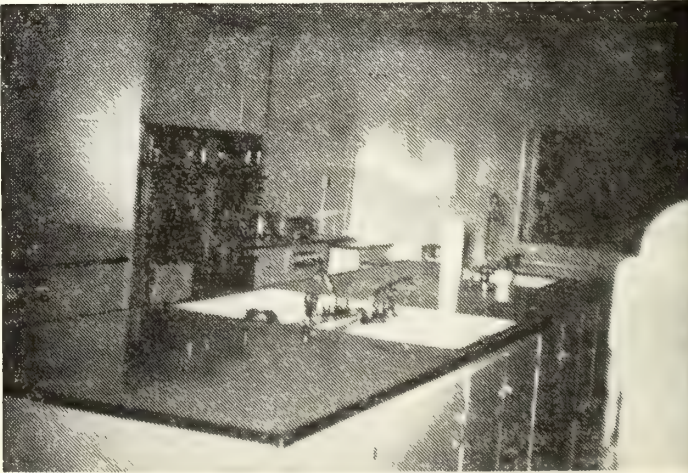
Approximately one hundred seventy-five members and friends of the church were there to enjoy the program which began at 2:00 p.m.

The program was as follows:
Organ PreludeMrs. Duane Akin
InvocationRev. J. Edgar Berkshire

HymnThe Church's One Foundation
Welcome and RemarksRev. W. E. Thomas
QuartetBless This House
Jerry Foreman David Foreman
Jerry Oberly Ernest Ulbricht
PrayerRev. C. C. Grisso
Dedicatory AddressRev. George Pontius
Reception of Gifts and Offerings
Dedicatory Responsive Reading
Minister—To the glory of God our Father, to the honor of Jesus Christ, and to the praise of the Holy Spirit, People—We dedicate this building.
Minister—For the teaching and guidance of children, for the training of youth in Christian living, for building of character, for the teaching of morality, temperance and justice, People—We dedicate this building.
In unison—We, the members and friends of this church, do covenant together in this act of dedication, to offer ourselves anew to the worship and work of our heavenly Father, through the Lord Jesus Christ.
BenedictionRev. W. E. Thomas
Rev. Berkshire, Rev. Grisso, and Rev. Pontius are all former pastors.



The Nursery



A kitchen view

We thank God for the wonderful blessings of the past and pray we may ever be found faithful and worthy of His great love.

Mrs. Edna Schrader,
Cor. Sec'y.



One of the new Classrooms

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAN TEACH LOYAL CHURCH ATTENDANCE

DURING THE CLOSING MOMENTS of Sunday school one of the most frequently heard remarks is, "Are you going to stay for the preaching service?" It would seem that in the light of centuries of Christian practice that the benefits of the worship service would be so well known that such a question would be out of place. Yet this question continues to be asked by Juniors, Junior High and older young people and even adults.

PREACHING MAKES AN APPEAL

Attendance at the preaching service is highly important. In the Sunday school the truths of God's Word are being taught for a twofold purpose. First, to bring the lost to the knowledge of God's saving grace and the way of salvation and second, to reveal God's goal for human character and Christlikeness. Preaching enforces the teaching of these truths, but in addition it makes an appeal to the emotions and the will for a decision.

PROVIDES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

People continually form friendships and social contacts which influence their lives. The type of person they form a liking for spiritually, morally and intellectually will be the kind they will seek to associate with. The church service draws them to the best people.

OPPORTUNITY FOR WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Spiritual strength and uplift comes from lifting hearts in praise and worship to God with others of like faith. Temptations lose some of their appeal and courage is given to overcome past failures.

TEACH THE VALUE OF WORSHIP

People will continue to ask the question "Are you going to stay for the preaching service" unless we are able to convince them of its real value. This is a challenge to adult Sunday school workers, parents and all Christians. May we pass on a few suggestions?

The most important method is that of **personal example**. Children and youth particularly will not believe us until we have demonstrated the value of worship by our own regular attendance.

The **superintendent** may introduce illustrative features of the value of the preaching service into the opening programs. The **teacher** can weave into the lesson bits of testimony of the benefits of regular attendance at the worship services. Both can refer to the pastor's text, sermon or some musical feature.

Other Christians who ring true to Christ can lead weaker friends into attendance at such services if challenged to do so. It will strengthen them and their interests as they encourage others. Challenge them to do so in private conversations both in church and in their homes.

Make places for individuals to serve in worship services by asking them to take the offering, render some special music, read the Scriptures or lead in prayer.

Make a note of attendance. Commend individuals when they are present and visit them when they begin to be absent and they will not let you down.

And finally, **provide a worship service for all ages** from the Cradle Roll and up. Start the habit of church attendance with the beginning of life, and it will continue through life.

Adapted from TIPS

Laid to Rest

SHEELEY. Mrs. William (Mary Elizabeth) Sheeley, 77, died Nov. 12. Loyal and faithful member of the Brethren Church for many years. Survived by three sons, 13 grandchildren, one great grandchild, and one sister. Funeral services at the St. James Brethren Church by the writer, her former pastor, assisted by Pastor Frank Rottier. Interment, Rose Hill cemetery, Hagerstown.

Freeman Ankrum.

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OSWALT. Clara Oswalt, 87, life-long resident of this community and oldest member of the Roann Brethren Church, passed away Nov. 20. Survived by five grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, two brothers and one sister. Burial, I. O. O. F. cemetery. The writer officiated.

Herbert Gilmer, Pastor.

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DETRICK. Emery Detrick, born Sept. 16, 1890, departed this life Nov. 11, 1960. Member, Gretna Brethren Church. The undersigned officiated at funeral services at the church. Interment, Greenwood cemetery, DeGraff, Ohio.

Charles Lowmaster, Pastor.

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JAMES. Mrs. Eldorado (Ada) James was called home to be with the Lord, Oct. 13. Faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., for many years.

NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

FOR UNTO US...

FOR UNTO US...CAME GOD. This has always been the pattern.

It was God who took the initiative shaping the dusty elements, breathing into them the breath of life, "and man became a living soul." Time passes. This man, the potter's pot, rebelled, choosing against God and against Him only. Feeling shame and guilt, this man ran from God. Ha!

But unto man came...God saying, "Where are you man?" It was God who sought. It was man who hid. It was God who would restore. It was man who felt estranged. It was God who gave the First Good News. It was man who had to receive it.

Centuries passed. In another crisis hour, unto us... came God. For when the fulness of time was come, God brought forth his son, born in a manger, born in Bethlehem, born the SEED of woman, called Emmanuel: God with us.

Unto us...came God. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The Word put on exhibition the glory of God. The Word interpreted God to us. Now God has spoken to us in many ways in days gone by, but now, in our day, He has spoken unto us in His unique Son. "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Look upon him who bore our sins in His own body on the tree, whose crucified body proclaims that the wrath of God has been poured out.

This is not the end. It is only the beginning. For as He ascended to glory, we too walk in a newness of life. "Christ in you the hope of glory." No longer will He need to come to us. Unto us...came God and He took up His abode in us who received Him.

—Richard Allison,
Ashland Theo. Seminary student
and pastor of N. Georgetown church

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"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior," St. Luke 2:11. What a wonderful reality for the Christian.

When we are depressed or upset we can turn to our Bibles and read such words. By this we know that there is something to life. We can work, pray, and give with the knowledge that our efforts are not in vain. Then think of all those who really don't know about Christ. This Savior we know as Christians.

What do those who don't know Christ do when they are depressed or upset? Are they the ones we see in the bars and liquor stores across our country? Of course, this doesn't settle anything for them. They go through life searching for something which they never find, unless they accept Christ and let Him help with their problems.

If we enjoy something we tell others about it so they will find the joy also. Let's all join in and work together to help others find the joys and peace of a close walk with Christ.

—Sally McClanahan
Maurertown, Virginia

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For unto you is born this day in the city of David Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. This happened some 1,959 years ago and yet people today still talk about this great event in history, the year round.

Today we might think the sputniks and missiles are great news, but the Christian knows there is no greater news than the birth of the Christ Child.

In this fast moving pace set by the human race of our day, we do not take time to thank God for the many gifts and blessings which we receive. Our negligence is a fact that is true and we are all guilty of this sin. When we take time out to thank God for His blessings, life seems richer and fuller as we live it on earth.

To some, Christmas is a day for exchanging gifts and Christmas eve is the night when Santa Claus comes. The Christian does recognize Santa Claus for he enjoys what little girls and boys get out of it. As teenagers we are old enough to put the least important last and the most important first be remembering that, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

—Jerry Witt
Lanark, Illinois

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(Editor's Note: The three articles above were written for the B. Y. Magazine's regular Panel feature. However, we felt that they were such excellent articles for this Christmas season that we would share them with the readers of the *Evangelist*. May your Christmas reflect the spirit of these two high school students and a Seminary student.)

Venturing With Christ

Seek ye First the Kingdom

Speech contest time is here again. The local contests in the churches should be being held now. Listed is the time allotted for each district to hold its local contest.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT: November through May

PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT: November through May

OHIO DISTRICT: November through January

INDIANA DISTRICT: November through January

CENTRAL DISTRICT: November through February

MID-WEST DISTRICT: November through May

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT: November through May

OTHERS: November through May

I hope that each church will encourage her young people to enter the contest. There is much to be gained by entering and competing.

The Women's Corner

by Helen Jordan

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

THIS IS THE SEASON of Christmas cards, greetings and stories, but the first Christmas message is the greatest of them all. It is found in the second chapter of Luke, and is the message of the Angels to the Shepherds of the hills of Judea, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."

I was once taught that a complete statement should contain the answers to the questions, "Who, when, where and what?" They are all here and bring us the only true Christmas message.

In answer to the question, "Who?" a finger is pointed at each one of us and we hear the answer, "You." "Unto you is born." This is a personal message not concerning someone else, but is for every living person to take into his own heart.

Notice the answer to the second question, "When?" It is, "This day." The Christmas message becomes not a matter of the distant past but of the present something of vital importance now. Christian experience is not a matter of history, but of the ever-living present.

Christ would be born in your heart and mine, your life and mine today. Many have missed the joys and blessings of the Christian life because they have failed to sense its nowness. Whenever a man finds Christ as his Saviour, Christmas happens all over again.

"Where?" "In the city of David." In the place where the prophets had said that He would be born. God was fulfilling His promises and thus man could look back and see that it was so and believe. But even the thought of David rings with a message of Salvation. David was a very wicked man who repented and who was restored and redeemed by God. There is a city of David in all of our hearts and lives, a place of lust and selfishness and evil that we need to confess before God and find a Saviour.

"What?" "A Saviour who is Christ the Lord." He is God's answer to man's greatest need. We are all sinners, needing the message of the grace, love, mercy and redemption found in Jesus Christ.

This Saviour is Christ, God's Son, the one appointed and promised in the scriptures, who would not only be the Lord of the Universe, but your Lord and my Lord, the one to whom we give our highest loyalty and love, the one to whom we dedicate our lives, and follow, even in the way of the Cross.

The shepherds responded and went to find and worship and adore this Christ. But the message is not just for them. It is for you and me. What will our response be? This Christmas will we find the Babe of Bethlehem as our Lord and Saviour?

W. K. Martin.

World Religious News in Review

CATHOLIC LAYMEN DRAFT STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—A group of 165 prominent Roman Catholic laymen have signed a statement stressing their "uncompromised and uncompromising loyalty both to the Catholic Church and to the American Republic."

"The present controversy about the Catholic Church and the Presidency proves once again that large numbers of our fellow-citizens seriously doubt the commitment of Catholics to the principles of a free society," the statement declared. "This fact creates problems which extend far beyond this year's elections and threaten to make permanent, bitter divisions in our national life. Such a result would ob-

viously be tragic from the standpoints both of religious tolerance and of civic peace..."

In an attempt to set forth their devotion to "religious liberty for all ..." and to declare their "uncompromised and uncompromising loyalty both to the Catholic Church and to the American Republic," the group listed the following main points in their statement:

"1. We believe in the freedom of the religious conscience and in the Catholic's obligation to guarantee full freedom of belief and worship as a civil right..."

"2. We deplore the denial of religious freedom in any land..."

"3. We believe constitutional separation of church and state offers the best guarantee both of religious freedom and of civic peace..."

"4. We believe that among the fundamentals of religious liberty are the freedom of a church to reach its members and the freedom of its members to accept the teachings of their church..."

"5. In his public acts as they affect the whole community the Catholic is bound in conscience to promote the common good and to avoid any seeking of a merely sectarian advantage..."

U. S. LEPROSY EXPERT TO SPEND LIFE IN JAPAN

WAKAYAMA, Japan (EP)—An expert on leprosy from the United States has arrived in Japan expressing his intention of spending the rest of his life here.

Dr. Hillary Ross, who formerly served the National Leprosy Hospital in Louisiana, will settle to Wakayama Prefecture to act as adviser to a home for crippled children now under construction by the Aitoku-jido Society.

The 66-year-old Catholic decided to study leprosy in Japan when he visited this country in 1958 to attend an international leprosy conference.

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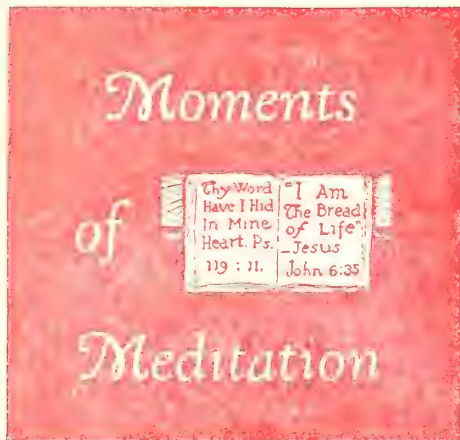


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A SPECIAL MESSAGE BY THE EDITOR



THIS HAPPY CHRISTMAS NIGHT by Alice B. Huling

Oh how shall we trim the Christmas tree

That stands so straight and bare?
Put a star on the top for all to see
And lights shining here and there.
The boughs will soon bend with presents new

And, whether they're large or small,
Each gift brings a message of love to you

From the givers, one and all,
This merry Christmas night.

For love was the gift that the Christ Child brought

On the very first Christmas day,
The Baby the shepherds and wise men sought,

Till they found Him asleep in the hay.

His love has spread widely all over the earth,

Yes, right to our house tonight,
That's why we remember His wondrous birth

With carols and gifts and light,
This happy Christmas night.

—Christian Parent.

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Faith in Christ and in His Word
brings peace and hope to any troubled soul.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christians, lo, the star appeareth;
Lo, 'tis yet Messiah's day;
Still with tribute treasure laden
Come the wise men on their way.

Where a life is spent in service
Walking where the Master trod,
There is scattered myrrh most fragrant

For the blessed Christ of God.

Whoso bears his brother's burden,
Whoso shares another's woe,
Brings his frankincense to Jesus
With the men of long ago.

When we soothe earth's weary children,

Tending best the least of them,
'Tis the Lord Himself we worship,
Bringing gold to Bethlehem.

—James A. Blaisdell.



WONDERFUL

Isaiah 9:6

John Morrison

To us a child of hope is born,
To us a son is given;
Him shall the tribe of earth obey,
Him, all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace
Forevermore adored;
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The great and mighty Lord.

His power, increasing, still shall spread;

His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard His throne above
And peace abound below.

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IN PREPARING for this issue of **The Evangelist**, it did not escape our attention that this was the last 20-page **Evangelist** scheduled for publication. There is something special about coming to the time of a changeover—the last of something, or the first of something. That has been our feeling in selecting and getting the material ready for this issue, laying it out, and seeing it readied for the press.

The next issue, to be dated January 7, 1961, is the first **Evangelist** under the new, unified setup of Brethren publications. Much of the material from the various Editors and Contributors is at hand, and most of the new artwork is in the process of being made into engravings and printing plates for what will soon become our much-publicized and anticipated two-color **Brethren Evangelist**.

We are disappointed in one thing, however, and that is that our two-color printing press, which was to have been delivered and installed in our pressroom in time to be ready for the first of the two-color **Evangelists**, has not, as of this date (December 15, 1960) arrived in Ashland.

When it was apparent, with each passing day, that there was danger we would be coming to presstime with no two-color press installed, the Editor called a meeting of the Publishing Company President, Mr. A. Glenn Carpenter; Vice President, Rev. E. Phil Lersch; (Ashland resident members of the Publication Board and Prudential Committee), and Business Manager, Mr. Don Burns.

The problem was discussed at length, and the following plan will be in operation until the new press is installed and operating, at which time the new look in the appearance of the **Evangelist** will be in full bloom.

1. The **Evangelist** will become a 24-page magazine on January 7th, as scheduled. Space allotments and features will be as promised. It will be the New **Evangelist** in size and content, LACKING ONLY THE TWO-COLOR artwork and headings!

2. The inside 16-page section will be run in black as it is in this present setup.

3. The remaining eight pages will be printed in one color—for January 7th, dark blue. This is the same procedure as has been followed for four pages of the 20-page format used for the past four years.

4. The present front page design will be used, as the new plates can be used only on two-color presses.

In brief, for one or more weeks, the New **Evangelist** will appear pretty much as does the present magazine, except it will be 24 pages, and will contain all the printed features promised to you.

The delay in arrival of the new press is beyond the control of any member of the publication staff. We ask your indulgence and understanding. It is a big disappointment to us, as we know it will be to you. We assure you that the **Evangelist**, in all its new dress will come to you with the earliest possible issue in the new year.

The present format of 20 pages a week was started just four years ago, with the first issue of 1957. For two years before that (1955 and 1956), seven issues a year were enhanced with a colored cover of the style which has now been used each week. The remaining issues of those two years were 16 pages in black ink, the style used exclusively for many years before then.

Going from 16 pages to 20 was a great advancement, made necessary because of the growing demands of an expanding denomination for printed materials.

We are truly appreciative of the vision, co-operation and response of all concerned which has, in the brief span of six years, brought about the improvement of our church paper from a 16-page one-color, to a 20-page with a colored cover, and now to what will shortly be a two-color, 24-page denominational magazine second to none.

The present step is a big one, but so was the step to 20 pages when it was made. The new unified setup is truly a great venture with Christ in Brethren Publications. There are many anxious moments ahead, financially, and otherwise, but none insurmountable for a people with faith in God and in their dedication to doing God's will in publishing the glad tidings of great joy.

NO EVANGELIST NEXT WEEK

With this present issue, we are closing the pages of the 82nd volume of **The Brethren Evangelist**. There will be no issue next week, as we publish a magazine just 50 weeks of the year.

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BRETHREN, HAVE YOU JOINED?

John Golby

May I talk with you about the Ten Dollar Club? I am an elected member of the National Missionary Board and an appointed member of the Home Mission Committee that considers and studies the problems of home missions, making recommendations that are acted upon by the entire Board in session.

This method has been found necessary due to the expansion of all our mission work. We have a Home Mission Committee, a Kentucky Committee, a Nigeria Committee, an Argentina Committee, and a committee on the Revolving Fund. The members of the Home Mission Committee have been requested to bring some of the problems to local congregations for their information and to keep the increasing needs before them.

The Home Mission work needs the Ten Dollar Club. How many of you have read the article in the October 8 issue of the *Brethren Evangelist*, entitled, "An Autobiography"? It is the autobiography of the Ten Dollar Club. If you have not read this life story, I suggest that you look it up and do so.

The Missionary Board has unanimously agreed that we should have at least two thousand \$10 Club members. Does that number seem even large enough, out of a twenty-thousand membership? The Board has discovered—and you will readily agree, I believe—that if they have at least twenty thousand dollars (2,000 members), they can help new congregations to get started, to the extent that they can help themselves, as has been the case in Tucson, in Waynesboro, in Sarasota, and in Phoenix. You may recall the struggle the Board experienced in securing the twenty thousand dollars necessary for Sarasota to get started. Two thousand members would have eased the task considerably.

As a basis for my plea that we have more Ten Dollar Club members, I quote Goal Number 10 of the Woman's Missionary Society:

- A. Each society maintaining membership in the Ten Dollar Club;
- B. Each society obtaining an increase in members belonging to the Ten Dollar Club;

Also Goal Number 10 of the National Laymen:

Seventy-five percent of members maintaining membership in the Ten Dollar Club.

It is reasonable to believe that anyone who tithes should have little difficulty in supporting the entire program of the Brethren Church. The Ten Dollar Club is a vital part of that program.

It should also be suggested here that individuals become members, even though the auxiliaries to which they belong are now members; and it should be noted that more than a few of these are dual members.

Will you give this need your serious consideration?

MESSAGE FROM THE CURTISES

To Friends and Supporters—

Due to study difficulties and an inability to adapt to the Spanish language, we have returned from the language school in Costa Rica and will resume active service for the Lord here in America.

This comes as something of a disappointment to us, to the laborers in Argentina, and to the brotherhood; but it has in no way diminished our concern and feeling of responsibility for world missions. We want to express our sincere thanks to all who have earnestly upheld us by prayer and letters, and we ask that you continue to remember us as the Lord leads in these coming months.

Bill and Fran Curtis.

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The above statement from Bill and Fran will no doubt answer the questions in your minds concerning their early return. We want the Brotherhood to know that they have expressed a commendable attitude regarding the investment in their training.

Although this change in plans has given rise to some disappointments, we know that many times disappointments become God's appointments. Your continued prayers will be greatly appreciated. We are confident that Bill and Fran will respond to His leading.

The Missionary Board.

Another NEW Brethren Church

A new Brethren church is being started in Massillon, Ohio. Since November 1, 1960, we have been meeting on Tuesday evenings for Bible study and prayer services. We also make this a work night, following the services. Many things must be accomplished to make the house, which has been purchased to be used as our sanctuary, a place of worship. This house, along with a three-acre tract of land for future building purposes, is located on the corner of Traphagen Road and Wales Road, N. E., Massillon, Ohio.

Various ministers of our neighboring Brethren churches have been graciously giving of their time to bring us these Bible studies and leading our prayer periods. We want to ask that each of the members of the Brethren Church remember our work in his prayers.

On December 4, we held our first Sunday morning and Sunday evening services. Reverend Clayton Berkshire, secretary of the Missionary Board, was in charge both times. Although our group is small, the Spirit of God is with us. There is much to be done for the Kingdom in this area where many new homes are being built.

We want to extend a cordial invitation for you to visit our new church. If you know of any Brethren peo-



Meetingplace of the Massillon, Ohio, Brethren

ple who have moved near this location, please pass the word on to Reverend Berkshire. We want to thank all who have contributed to our new church in a material or in a spiritual way.

Mrs. Orie Bair, Temporary secretary.

(On Sunday, December 11, there were 20 people in attendance at Sunday school and 22 attended the morning worship services. W.C.B.)

TEN DOLLAR CLUB DISPATCH

The response to the last Ten Dollar Club call has been quite encouraging; however, a few people who usually pay promptly have not yet paid—probably have overlooked or mislaid the notice. If you know you have not paid the call issued July 1, or if you aren't certain and cannot find your receipt card, we will be glad to give you this information upon request.

No delinquent notices will be mailed with this call; hence, if you know your membership is not paid, we will be very happy to have you bring it up to date before January 1, 1961, or to include payment still due with your next call.

A new call (for Newark, Ohio) will be mailed to all members on January 1.

This fund is proving so helpful in our church extension program. We are about to reach the two-a-year establishment of new Brethren churches—a long awaited achievement. The present 1,036 Club members are helping tremendously with each new church. Won't you join the group and make our goal of 2,000 members possible?

ADDRESS OF THE CURTISES

Bill and Fran Curtis are at present living in the Mission Home, at 1014 Grant St., Ashland, Ohio.

NOTICE TO CHURCH TREASURERS

If you are holding mission offerings, please send in what you have soon. Expenditures the first of January will necessarily be rather large; hence resources will need to match those needs—and the exchequer is quite low at this point. We will appreciate your help in the situation. (The Missionary Board office staff)

Items of General Interest

VINCO, PENNA. One new member was received on November 27th.

PLEASANT HILL, OHIO. The Newton High School Chorus attended the worship service of the Pleasant Hill Brethren on December 11, presenting several musical numbers as a part of the service.

LOUISVILLE, OHIO. Pastor L. V. King was speaker at services at the Miller rest homes the afternoon of December 11th.

MUNCIE, INDIANA. Pastor J. G. Dodds notes that the Official Board of the Muncie church will present a special public service on January 1st.

GOSHEN, INDIANA. Pastor Spencer Gentle reports the baptism and reception of eight young people as new members of the church on December 4th.

HOWE, INDIANA, (BRIGHTON CHAPEL). The Brighton Chapel Brethren have called Brother A. O. Curtright as pastor. Brother Curtright, who has been serving the Carleton, Nebraska, church, has accepted and will move to Brighton in March.

OUR COVER PICTURE: Don Knight Photo.

"NO CHRIST,

Scripture: John 1:1-14.

Text: John 1:4—"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."

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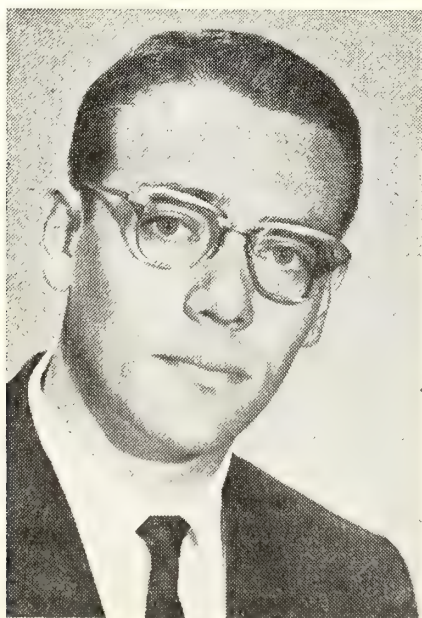
INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS have become the prelude to the modern day sermon! In keeping with this trend may I, too, offer these assertions?

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He came to a rural rather than an urban scene. Palestine was then geared to agriculture rather than to industry. At first thought you might expect Jesus to be a better farmer than factory worker, a better carpenter than clerk. But as our Eternal Contemporary He became all things to all men. As Man of the ages He was Man of all ages.

Then, too, Jesus was born with handicaps. Nazareth, for instance, was so small a village that it was pilloried with the phrase, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" He was born in apparent reproach. He was not Joseph's son. He was born in poverty with no crib or pillow of His own. Yet, unlike other so-called "holy men", He did not live a cloistered life. He knew His Mission, for early in life He said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

It is with these and half a dozen other apparent human contradictions still fresh in our minds, that we are confronted with the simple fact that if there were no Christ there could be no Christmas. Concerning His coming, there are three points of special emphasis that I would like to mention to you.

For your first consideration let me say that **CHRIST WAS A SEPARATOR OF MEN**. At His birth Jesus separated history into two distinct segments—B.C. and A.D. Wise men and shepherds welcomed Him, Herod and the Innkeeper did not.



REV. PAUL D. TINKEL

As the years slipped by He was destined to be a divider of men all through life. "I came not to send peace but a sword," He said on one occasion. "For I am come to set a man at variance with his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes shall be those of his own household."

Ponder carefully that last statement. How tragically true it is. A house divided within itself. The husband without Christ. The wife a staunch believer. Two brothers—one with no church interests at all, the other a happy and busy worker in our midst. Two sisters—one indifferent, who looks upon the Church and the Christmas Story as a very nice fantasy, something for old folk and little children to get starry-eyed over; the other, a sweet victorious **Christian**.

Christ, the great separator of Men! From the Crib to the Cross, it just had to be so. But it happens in our very midst, too. Few families escape. It is in evidence in any church service. Every Sunday morning "the great separation" takes place. The great American tragedy—the divided family—one-half busily preparing for Sunday School and Church, the other half either still in bed or equally busy getting ready for a pleasure trip. It is a stark reality that love and hatred reach their most staggering heights and depths around the Crib and the Cross. Men, women and children have been torn to pieces by wild beasts, crucified upside down, burned at the stake, because of their fierce love for God and because of the equally vicious hatred of their tormentors. There is not a church in America but that there are wives with aching hearts, mothers with lumps in their throats, husbands sitting alone in the pew, boys and girls wondering why Mom and Dad never come!

But Jesus not only separated men at His birth and all during His life, He also was the Greater Separator at His death. This is well in evidence by the attitudes of the two thieves. It is vividly portrayed by the on-lookers. "Come down from the Cross," one group cries in derision. "He was a just Man," whispers another.

The line is still drawn today. There is the broad and narrow way. There is the wheat and the chaff, the sheep and the goats, the converted and the unconverted. The unavoidable question is—to which group do you belong?

Now comes the divine paradox. Christ was not only the great "separator of men", He was also the great **UNIFIER OF MEN**.

Men may be divided by their political beliefs yet find themselves united in Christ. Educational barriers often separate us, but we find unity in Christ. The shepherds and Wise Men were the first to point up this truth. The former could talk "sheep and herding", the latter could discuss "astronomy and math", but both found a common interest and center of devotion in the Stranger in the Manger.

NO CHRISTMAS"

Rev. Paul D. Tinkel

Trades (and unions!) frequently separate the best of friends, yet I see in the New Testament the footprints of fishermen, tax-gatherers, sellers of purple, tentmakers and even a doctor. What is this—a colored man helping my Lord with His Cross on the way to Golgotha? Who is this—a colored dignitary being baptized in a pond by a man of another race chosen by his fellows to be one of seven to serve tables? No color-line here. No race barriers here. Integration? Brother, they had already "done integrated"! They were united in Christ.

Then in the third instance I want to mention that Christ was not only the Great Separator and the Great Unifier of men, He was also the great SAVIOUR OF MEN. My text says, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men." No Christ—no Christmas.

The Christmas Story was actually the beginning of the end of Redemption's Story. The Babe in the Crib would soon be the Man on the Cross. HOW does Jesus save Men? The process of conviction brought on by the Holy Spirit, is followed by the crisis of conversion made possible by faith in the shed Blood of Jesus. The adjustment to the new life in Christ takes time but eventually becomes routine.

In the process leading up to the new birth there is that gracious and most holy involvement which includes confession, repentance, restitution and faith to believe in the finished work of Christ on the Cross. Then into the period of adjustment following the crisis of conversion there are those marvelous spiritual appetites that must be fed—personal devotion, prayer, Bible reading, witnessing, stewardship and their kin. For many of us these three steps have now been followed by a fourth—holy routine.

WHEN can Jesus save me?...someone may ask. When a boy rushes into the kitchen and shouts, "Mother I'm hungry!"—when does he want to eat? If you were drowning and someone tossed you a rope, when would you grab hold? There is one one answer—NOW. "NOW is the accepted time, NOW is the day of salvation..." WHEN you are ready to humble yourself, WHEN you are ready to quit the sin business, WHEN your heart cries out "Lord be merciful to me a sinner," THEN and only then will the hand of faith be ready to reach out and accept the promise "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."

No Christ, no Christmas. No Christmas, no Easter. No Easter, no Resurrection. No Resurrection, no Salvation. Here once again we stand on the threshold of Christmas. What are you going to do about it—about the Stranger in the Manger?

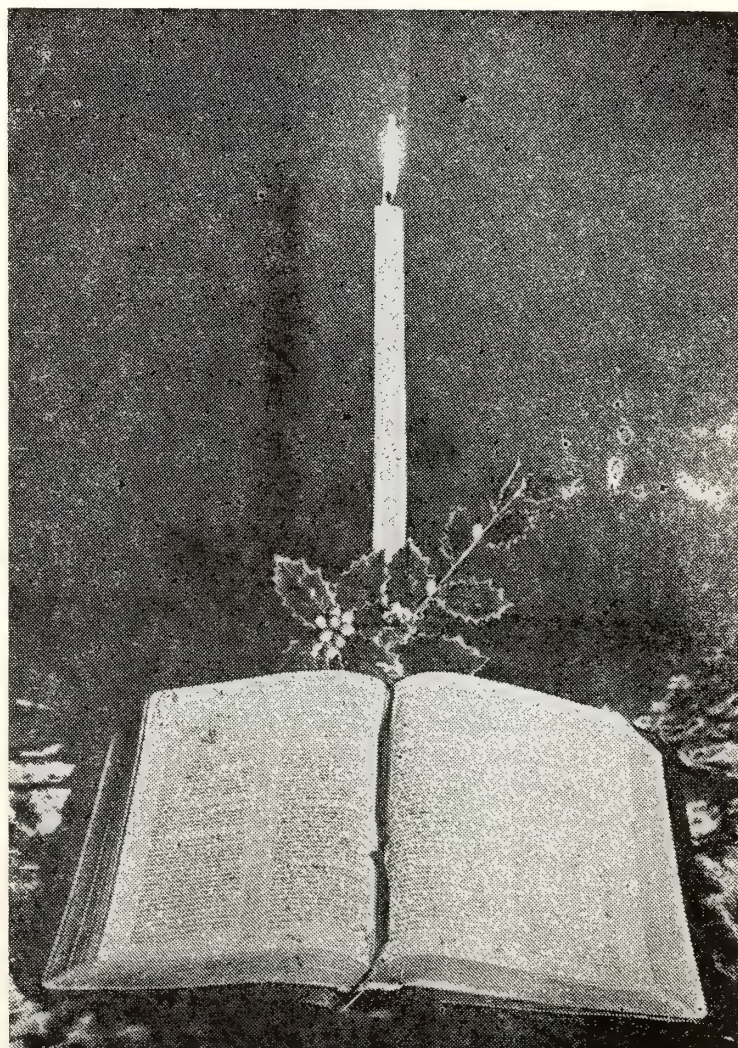
When Andrew Jackson was president a certain George Wilson was sentenced to be hanged. As an act of clemency, President Jackson commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. But the irony of this story is that Wilson refused to accept the pardon! The ruling of the Su-

preme Court in this case is interesting. "A pardon is a paper, the value of which depends upon its acceptance by the person implicated. It is hardly to be supposed that one under sentence of death would refuse to accept a pardon, but if it is refused, it is no pardon. George Wilson must hang."

He did. And you know very well what I am about to say in concluding this message. The pardon which Christ offers is not in effect until we accept Him and His salvation. Let no man fool you—we are NOT all children of God until we are born into the family by way of the New Birth.

Soon we shall be surrounded by our friends. The tree, the turkey, the bounties of a well-spread table and the opening of our gifts will soon occupy our attention. But I feel like asking you to bow your heads and pray with me—"Gracious Babe of Bethlehem, little Stranger in the Manger, Thou divider of men, Thou uniter of men, please don't let one of us now bowed in divine presence, walk out of this service without a positive assurance that Thou art also our Saviour—My Saviour." Amen.

Rt. 1, Adrian, Penna.



The Editor's Pulpit

Stars In The Night

IT WAS A QUIET NIGHT on the hillside outside the village of Bethlehem. It was not unlike any other night that had found a small group of shepherds watching over their sheep. The stars shone brightly as they had on many other nights, not giving any hint that this night was not going to end as did other nights spent on the hillside by these shepherds.

As they looked around, and then upwards, as they had done for many nights, the promises which God had given to Abraham many years ago came to their minds. For had not God called Abraham forth from his tent and caused him to look into the heavens? As Abraham looked, he saw the stars, impossible to count, yet each one a testimony to the promises of God which surely were to be fulfilled. "As the stars—so shall thy seed be." "In thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."

There may have been doubts in the minds of Jewish people through the centuries as they read of the promises given to Abraham as he looked at the stars that night. Perhaps, had the shepherds on that memorable night been permitted to continue in their own train of thought, they would have arrived at the conclusion that God's promises to Abraham were one thing; their fulfillment was something else. Fear came upon them as the angel came to them; they surely were not looking for such a revelation from heaven. Yet here was fulfillment, "Unto you a Saviour!" The light from heaven outshone the stars in those spectacular moments. It was the heavenly glory which shall eternally outshine the stars whose light returned to the sky when the heavenly hosts returned from whence they came that night.

Today, we have the stars in the night. The stars of God's precious promises shine in the sky of our lives, in the darkness of night to assure us that God is Lord of all, and is mindful of our every need. If we make God the Lord of our life, then we come under the power of His blessing and help.

This Christmas Day, may our faith in God be made stronger. May we see the stars of God's promises, and trust Him, thus making our path-

way bright, and our lives a blessing unto others. The following verses by Francis Ure emphasize the truth to be found by trusting in the One who came by way of Bethlehem to be unto all a Savior.

Like stars in the night are God's promises true:
Each one in its beauty reveals Him anew;
With light from His throne they illumine our way,
And ever lead on to His glorious day.

Like stars in the night are God's promises great:
They're fraught with His power, they ever hold weight,
And part of His own gracious nature divine
Is woven, in love, into each sacred line.

Yes, stars in the night God has given us here,
To strengthen our faith and to banish our fear;
These promises, written with heaven's own pen,
In Jesus our Saviour are yea and amen.

—W. S. B.



Young Men's and Boys' Brotherhood Program

Topic Editor: **BRAD WEIDENHAMER**

SINCE THE BOOK of the Bible which we are studying in Brotherhood meetings this year is the Acts, I would like to help you with this study by discussing Paul's first missionary journey. This event occurs in Acts 13 and 14. This is not a detailed study but simply a listing of the events which I will let you analyze and discuss.

I. The Evangelization of Cyprus.

1. The Holy Ghost called Paul and Barnabas from Antioch for special work.
2. John Mark went with them as their minister; meaning that they would use his knowledge of the gospel story.
3. They went to Cyprus and travelled across the country from Salamis to Paphos.
4. In Paphos a false prophet, Bar-Jesus, attempted to persuade the Roman Governor not to believe Paul.
5. Paul pronounced a judgment of blindness on the man and converted the governor.

II. Paul's Address in Pisidian Antioch.

1. From Cyprus they went to Asia Minor where John Mark returned home.
2. Then Paul and Barnabas went to Pisidian Antioch where Paul went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day to preach.
3. He reviewed the history of the Israelites and declared that Jesus was the Messiah who had been prophesied.
4. The Gentiles wanted Paul to preach to them some more, but many Jews were filled with envy.
5. These Jews stirred up the leading people of the city and succeeded in getting Paul and Barnabas thrown out of the city.

III. Iconium, Lystra, and Derbe.

1. The ejection didn't bother them and they went on to Iconium.
2. There many Gentiles and Jews were converted, but other dissatisfied people formed a plot to stone them and they had to flee the city.
3. At Lystra, Paul healed a lame man and the people thought that the missionaries were gods in the form of men.
4. Finally, Paul was able to convince the people that they weren't Jupiter and Mercury.
5. Jews from Antioch and Iconium arrived and stirred up the people so that they stoned Paul and almost killed him.
6. The missionaries then went to Derbe and preached there with no intervention.
7. Following this, they made their way back to all the cities which they had visited, encouraging all the churches which they had formed.
8. Then they went back to Antioch and told the church there all the wonderful things which God had done for them.

Here are some questions for you to discuss and answer. See how much you have learned about Paul's first missionary journey.

1. Name the churches which the missionaries visited.
2. Why did Paul and Barnabas choose Cyprus as the first stop on the journey?
3. What miracle was performed in Iconium?
4. Why didn't many of the Jews in these cities believe Paul and accept his teachings?
5. Wouldn't it have been wiser for Paul and Barnabas to have kept the people of Lystra believing that they were gods?
6. What ideas was Paul trying to get across to the people of Pisidian Antioch in his message?



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Christmas Caroling, in its modern form, got its start in America when a small group of Bostonian neighbors went outdoors to sing from hymnals on Christmas Eve in the early 1900's. Traditionally, wandering minstrels in Europe kept ancient carols alive through the centuries, passing them along from generation to generation before words or music were written down.

The 18th and 19th centuries saw the composing of most of the carols which we hold as the "standard" Christmas carols. Today, in addition to the favorite activity of "going caroling", moderns can enjoy superb arrangements and renditions of the great Christmas masterpieces such as Handel's "Messiah", the standard carols and new compositions through the medium of hi-fidelity recordings in the home. The scientific miracle of almost perfect recording and reproduction brings to us the enrichment of the Christmas message in a way never possible even a few years ago. Whatever the medium of enjoyment, caroling or listening, or both, it is certain that the eternal truth of the Christmas message of "Christ, the Savior is born", is destined to live in the hearts of people for many years to come. Photo courtesy of HEATH CO.

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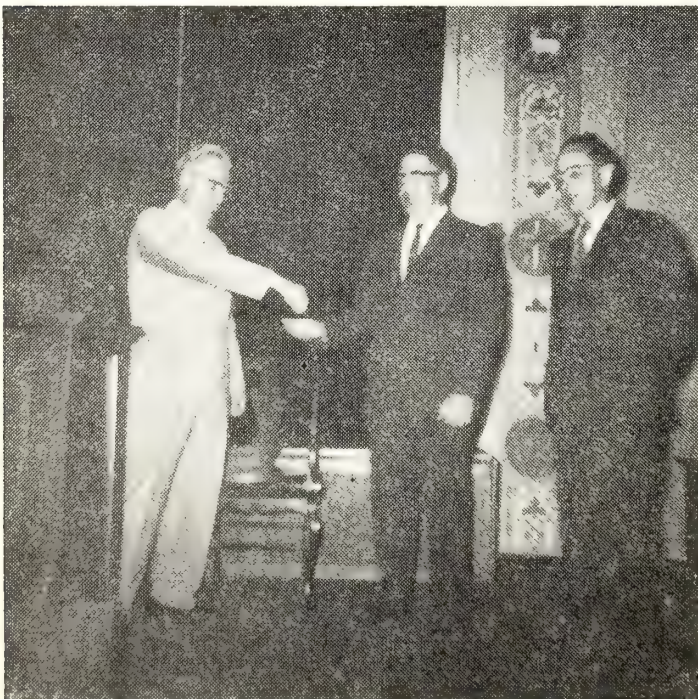
The New Church at Kokomo, Indiana



THE KOKOMO FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH was organized by a group of Kokomo Brethren people in conjunction with the Indiana District Mission Board of The Brethren Church.

On June 6th there was an organizational meeting held at the church, 917 S. Market St. with nineteen members present. Also meeting with us and representing

both the state and national mission boards were Dr. E. M. Riddle, Dr. Claud Studebaker, Rev. J. M. Bowman, Rev. Virgil Ingraham, and Rev. Herbert Gilmer. In this meeting we were duly organized with Brother Richard Reed, 800 N. Wabash St., Kokomo, as Moderator, and Virgil Hurlock, 1721 N. Naugle, Kokomo, Kenneth Jones, 828 S. Clark St., Kokomo, Austin F. Gable, Rt. 5, Peru



Moderator Richard Reed and Vice Moderator William Dutchess, receiving keys of the church.



A group of the Kokomo Brethren in the sanctuary of the church.

as members of the Board of Trustees. We were received into the Indiana District Conference on June 14th and then seated in the National Conference in August.

We now have 24 members, closing our charter November 20th. Our men are busy painting the building and making other improvements. We have purchased 48 new folding chairs, made tables for children's classes, and five tables for the basement area. Brother Frantz of North Manchester gave us leg assemblies and our men made five very fine tables. We have also purchased 100 new hymnals. Some of the neighboring churches have given very liberal gifts to us, for which we are very grateful. They include Flora Brethren, Loree Brethren, Center Chapel Brethren, Denver Brethren and also several gifts from individuals.

Our average attendance last quarter which was also our first quarter, as we got possession of our church on June 26, was Sunday school 26 and church 25.

We say, "Thanks," to the Roann Brethren, as they very graciously sent **The Richers** to us, for evangelistic services November 9th to 20th. We covet the prayers of the entire church. Also, we ask the Brethren to send names of any members who have moved into the Kokomo area.

At our last quarterly business meeting we elected Mr. and Mrs. William Dutchess and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hanna to our Board of Deacons, installing them Sunday evening, October 23rd.

Austin F. Gable, Pastor.



What's Doing in the Churches



DENVER, INDIANA

Sunday, November 20, was a happy day at the Denver Brethren Church in Indiana. Rev. and Mrs. George Hapner, former Methodists, have now entered the Brethren Church. They have been very helpful in pastoral leadership in the Denver church for the past five months. Rev. Herbert Gilmer, of Roann had the privilege of baptizing them, and Mr. Paul Staggs. Rev. Albert Ronk was in charge of the Laying on of Hands service. Moderator Don Click extended the right hand of fellowship, and received the Hapners as members of the church. Rev. Hapner then received Brother Staggs as a member of the Church. There were around forty witnesses of this fine service. Rev. Dana Hartong, Center Chapel pastor, was also present.

Herbert Gilmer.

ROANN, INDIANA

The Roann Brethren have taken a real interest in the Kentucky Mission work this past summer, have helped in the Kokomo Revival during November 9 to 20, and now they are sending pastor Gilmer to the Matteson, Michigan Church to help in a week of visitation and soul winning. Rev. Gilmer will be in this Mission Church from November 28 to December 4. Pray for these efforts, Brethren! The first of the week will be Soul Winning Classes, and the last of the week visitation. Sunday will climax efforts with a goal set for the highest attendance the Church has ever had.

Herbert Gilmer, Pastor

MUNCIE, INDIANA

On April 27, 1960, a truckload of household goods, the Chevrolet car and the ex-pastor of the Firestone Park Brethren Church of Akron, Ohio, with wife, left Akron for a new field of service in Muncie, Indiana. We arrived in Muncie the next day, but household goods did not arrive until another day.

During nearly 14 years of service in Akron, Ohio, we enjoyed many happy and thrilling experiences. We first held forth in the David Hill school building. From assembling alone in the assembly room, we expanded until we were using five other rooms, for nearly two years. Then came the little chapel at the corner of Archwood and Virginia Avenues. This building was outgrown several times, but it continued to be the fortress until 1960. Then the additional structure as it exists today, was completed and dedicated on April 10, 1960.

During the interim from October 1, 1946 to May 1, 1960 the membership enrollments increased to 286. One-

HAVE YOU HEARD !!

The Ohio District is **VENTURING WITH CHRIST** in an all-new Unified Financial Program.

Now, if you are a good lookin' OHIO Brethren Church or Sunday School Treasurer, please get hep and take note.

By unanimous action of The 1960 Ohio Conference of the Brethren Church, **ALL OFFERINGS** for the district work, which includes the Camp Board, Mission Board, Youth Board, and Sunday School Board, are to be sent to:

Carl L. Barber, Treasurer,
Box 128,
Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Also, please note that checks are to be made payable to: **OHIO CONFERENCE OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH.**

(This notice is sponsored by the Committee for Development of a Better Ohio District Program.)



hundred ninety-eight of them were received by Baptism and Confirmation by the Laying on of Hands. Some of these are deceased, others have moved and were transferred by letter. It was indeed a great joy to see the original eighteen souls increase to become the power for spiritual influence that the church is potentially capable of today. We shall ever hold dear the precious memories of the experiences in Akron, Ohio.

During our first night in Muncie, we were gloriously entertained in the beautiful home of Brother and Sister Roy Northcutt. However, before going to the home for the night, the good people of the congregation gathered at the church and gave us a royal reception. So, you can readily see that we fell in love with these people immediately. Day by day they are showing a desire of faithfulness and loyalty to the church, for which they have labored and sacrificed during the years since its organization.

Since May 1, the Boys' Brotherhood has been revived, the W. M. S. and the Laymen have been active. The Young People held three meetings, and at their November meeting organized into a BRETHREN YOUTH organization, with fourteen charter members who signed the Brethren Youth Covenant cards. In the very near future they will begin BYC Sunday evening meetings. Then the next step will be a mid-week prayer service.

Fourteen have been received into membership of the church, eight by baptism and six by letter. Two other adults, a husband and wife, and two other young people have made the good confession and will be added to the church shortly. A two week's Meeting, more revivalistic than evangelistic, came to a close Sunday, November 20. Mrs. Brubaker, whose husband is pastor of the Jackson Street Church of the Brethren, was our song leader. Her leadership of the singing was inspiring and very helpful.

This is a beautiful church building and ample for a much larger congregation. However, because the colored race has become predominant in this immediate area, growth would be more rapid in some other area of the city. The membership is now studying the idea of relocating. Results of the study will be reported later.

During October, we were given the privilege of attending the Mid-West District Conference and the following week to remain at Falls City for a one week Revival Meeting. Since boyhood, even before teen-age, we have called the Falls City Brethren our home church. It was here that we accepted Christ and was baptized. This church called me to the ministry and ordained me. In 1913 the pastor, Rev. A. J. Spacht, pronounced Mrs. Dodds and myself to be husband and wife. It was in this church that I began my ministry.

During our absence from Muncie, Rev. Rarick, a former Church of the Brethren minister, filled the pulpit. He was also the interim pastor from January 1 to May 1, when we arrived on the field. He did a good work.

The Falls City pastor, Brother Robert Holsinger, is doing a good work at Falls City and Morrill churches. We were happy for the privilege of working with him during the Revival week. We proclaim for these churches increased accomplishments during the years ahead. We had the happy privilege of being in their home for part of the week, and we know that they love the people and the people love them.

Back in Muncie, we continued preparation for the Muncie Revival. Calls had been made during our absence by various members, which is further evidence that their zeal holds up under every strain. On Saturday, April 30, after our household goods had been unpacked on Friday, Brother Roy Northcutt, took me calling to get acquainted with the field (this he also did at other times). Brother Will Bowman has also contributed to this work. This is a healthy Christian habit.

At this writing, last night 28 adults, members of the Berean Class, surprised us by coming to the parsonage for the Class Meeting. They presented us with a fat purse to help in a financial way. We thank them for that, but more especially are we appreciative of the fine evening of fellowship and this manifestation of their good-will and their determination to support the program of the church. We ask an interest in the prayers of the entire Brotherhood.

J. G. Dodds.

TOPEKA, KANSAS

Greetings to all Brethren. It was our privilege to attend some of the Mid-West District Conference at Falls City. Was wonderful to be with Brethren again, from Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and Indiana. On Sunday morning we had charge of the dedication of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Holsinger's new babe. Very impressive.

In recent months we traveled many hundreds of miles to be with a sick man—on two occasions—who was hospitalized. In a little service he made the good confession. On the last trip his sister was there from California; she made the good confession, at 53 years of age. Two weeks ago the man, Floyd M. Towslee, passed on to his reward at the age of 64, being in the hospital 81 days. He was buried in Norton County, Kansas.

Mom and I have been quite well for folks of our age.

We have flare-ups with low pressure occasionally and that puts us on the shelf. We are still working at the State House, and on our eighth year. We see and meet hundreds of people each day.

To those who remembered Mrs. Deeter on her birthday with nice cards and letters, we thank you all. Most of them came from Roann, Indiana. You were very thoughtful.

Our kindest regards to all friends.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Deeter,
Rt. 5, Topeka, Kans.

ANOTHER "FLASH" FROM THE SOUTHLAND

"Flashes" are usually followed by "Noise". This is that kind of a "Flash".

Sunday, November 6, the Sarasota Brethren observed its sixth anniversary of its founding in Florida. Attendance six years ago—11; attendance this year—177, with 112 at Sunday school. This topped (by 10) even our last Easter attendance, which is usually our highest. Rev. Hamel's morning message dealt with "The Crucifying Church."

At the noon hour, seventy-five partook of the "carry-in dinner" at the D. A. V. Hall, which we still retain for

the Children's Division of our Sunday school. Following the dinner, the annual election of Sunday school officers was held. Since we are now operating under our new Sunday School Constitution, several new offices were established. Following this election a called church business meeting voted to accept the call and authorize the ordination of two deacons and two deaconesses and set the date of their ordination for Sunday, November 20. They are Mr. and Mrs. George Giltner and Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Ridenour. These, then, become Sarasota's first Deaconate Board. Our communion has been set for Sunday evening, December 4.

Our youth, both in Sunday school, under the teaching of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kehler, and our Brethren Youth Crusaders (meeting Sunday evenings) under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ridenour, are showing a wonderful increase in attendance and interest. Our Anniversary Sunday attendance was: youth in Sunday school—19; Brethren Youth Crusaders—31. Our children's division has hit an all-time high with an attendance of 42.

All in all, things are really moving in Sarasota. Great plans are in the immediate offing. Watch for them.

F. C. Vanator.

MANSFIELD, OHIO

Time passes swiftly and we seem to be unable to do all the things we want to do, at the time we should do them and that is why you have not heard from us for quite some time. We here in the Brethren Church of Mansfield are busy about the Lord's work and the Lord has been blessing.

After the District Conference and Camps were over, the church asked the pastor to assist Mr. and Mrs. John Richardson and family to move their furniture to Lost Creek where they were to help in the mission work. They are members of this church and the church was glad to be able to help them in this way as well as with a nice contribution toward the expense of moving. Then quite a number of the people from here were able to attend the various sessions of General Conference where

they were challenged by the various speakers to Venture with Christ during the coming year. I believe they have accepted the challenge and we are venturing forth in several ways.

We have a Building Committee at work on finding a site, financing the buying and building a new church that the Lord might be further glorified.

In October we had Brother William Fells of Ashland, Ohio, as the Lord's Evangelist and he was able to bring us some very stirring gospel messages. The Holy Spirit, working through him and in the hearts of the people, moved several to make decisions for the Lord. Four made the good confession; two came forward for rededication and church membership, and have been baptized; one made a rededication of her life and three asked for transfer of membership to our church from other Brethren churches. With many others becoming prayer warriors, we believe that more results will be obtained. We want to thank the Garber Memorial Brethren Church for loaning us their pastor for these wonderful meetings.

Since that time we have visited as a church body, the Park Street Brethren Church to hear Brother Harold Barnett and the Garber Memorial Brethren Church to hear Brother Charles Munson. Our attendance at all our services has been increasing and we praise the Lord for it all.

We have a pastor's study class, called the New Testament Study Class, now meeting each week as well as our Bible Study on Wednesday evening. A Sisterhood has been started and we are planning on entertaining the Laymen of the N. E. O. District in January.

On Sunday evening, December 4, we held our semi-annual Love Feast and had a wonderful time in the Lord. There were 51 communicants with about 60 in attendance. We encourage anyone attending the church who does not care to participate to sit in the meeting and see how closely we follow the Bible in these services. Children are welcome also and it becomes educational to them.

We are looking forward to our Christmas program at this time and a very good time is being planned for the closing of the old year and the beginning of the new.

Wilbur E. Thomas, pastor.

Evangelical Leaders speak on Christian Publications:

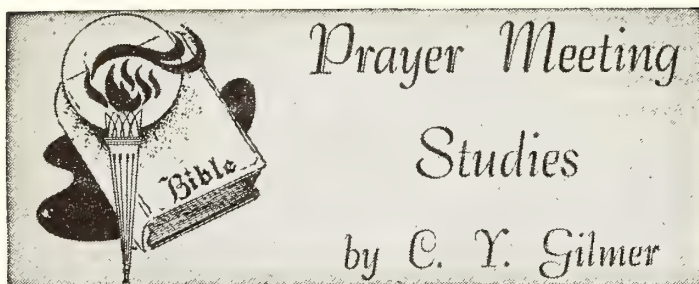
Educators agree that teaching in our colleges and universities by television, and by what we now term "teaching machines" will become more and more prevalent during the next few years. Because of radio and TV we are getting world news (and local news) more frequently and more effectively than ever. But such modern developments can never be thought of as lessening the value of religious periodicals. These journals give us a permanent record in print of important subjects that radio and TV can never give. At the same time by regularly reading a given periodical

we become members of a "family" in a way that is never possible with radio and TV or even with newspapers.

In this age of growing secularism, all Christians need more than ever a re-emphasis on three things: more faithful attendance at divine service on the Lord's Day, a deeper devotion to the study of the Word of God, and a more consistent use of the better evangelical literature—both books and periodicals.

—Dr. Wilbur M. Smith
Fuller Theological Seminary

Promote THE BRETHREN EVANGELIST in your Church!



LORD, DELIVER US

From speaking lightly to the hurt of persons absent,
From enjoying gossip, scandal, and evil reports,
From vain affability at large, and cold indifference
at home.

From the comment which condemns—without charity or
reflection,

From crying for injustice, while injustice lies unnoticed
at our doors,

From neglecting to be reconciled while there is still time,
From oversensitiveness and the habit of resentment,
From angry words, outbursts of temper and despising,
From fixing plans and ambitions without divine help
and blessing,

From silencing conscience even about small things,

From failing to turn away wrath by the gentle answer
(Prov. 15:1),

From refusing to recognize how we provoke and tempt
others into sin,

From self-righteousness—in imputing to others the blame
—which in part is our own,

From deluding ourselves that good resolutions are ac-
complishments,

From having other gods before Thee, Dear Lord, deliver
us!

—Taken from Herald of His Coming.

WE ARE TO LAY ASIDE all manner of petty mean-
ness for a wholesome growth in grace (1 Pet. 1:
1, 2). All manner of evil speaking of others is forbidden
as in it we presume to judge (Jas. 4:11, 12). For a
Christian thanksgiving “for all things” (Eph. 5:20)
takes the place of “murmurings and disputings” (Phil.
2:14). To complain is to be discontented with God’s deal-
ings with us (Num. 11:1), and to call upon ourselves
the burning judgment of the Lord (1 Cor. 11:30-32).
Paul had a rugged life, but he never complained (Phil.
4:11). Like Jesus (1 Pet. 2:23), Paul gave his hurts to
God with faith in God’s justice and moral government
(Rom. 12:19). We can depend on the moral law to
operate (Gal. 6:7), but are we always in the will of
God concerning us (1 Thess. 5:18)?

The Devil (Rev. 12:10) helps Christians to whisper
(Prov. 16:28) when they should be obeying Matt. 18:15.
Whispering removes us from praying ground (Prov.
28:9). We refuse to hear both sides (Prov. 28:9). We
too often prefer to walk in the dark with the Devil in-
stead of in the light with Christ (Rom. 13:12, 13). We
forget it is the intent of the hypocrite to destroy his
neighbor (Prov. 11:9), and become partakers of his evil
deeds (1 Tim. 5:22; Psal. 15:1, 3). Give the talebearers
“the north wind” (Prov. 25:23)!

“Have I ought against my Brother?
False? Imagination? True?”

Have I thought him cold and distant?
(Helped by Satan thus to view).
Has some fancied hurt or slander,
Raised some form of injured pride?
Then forgive me, oh, my Brother,
I’ll not stem Revival’s Tide.”

The Bible teaches us to have “never a word” of com-
plaint (Matt. 27:14), contention (2 Tim. 2:24, 14), nag-
ging (Prov. 27:15), jesting (Eph. 5:4), envy (Prov. 14:
30), talebearing (Prov. 18:8; 26:22), slandering (Prov.
10:18, 19), slang (Prov. 15:2), condemnation (Matt.
7:1-6), self-pity (2 Tim. 2:3), self praise (Prov. 27:2),
self justification (Prov. 28:13).

Forgive the little things that come
Between my soul, O God, and Thee.
Let me be growing, each day some;
Forgetting things—Thy face to see!

Feelings hurt, or fancied slight
Are unimportant, this I see.
Yet wrongs I do should be set right
To bring me closer unto Thee.

—Lois L. Berry

If God is ever to make anything out of us, offenses
will have to come (Matt. 18:7). It is our reaction that
makes or breaks us (Rom. 12:21). As for our own of-
fenses we shall have to be humble enough to confess
them and to ask those we have offended for their for-
giveness (Matt. 5:23, 24; Jas. 5:16).

JUST BEFORE HE COMES

Watch! for the morn is breaking
A moment, and He will be here!
The mists and the shadows are fleeing,
The darkness will soon disappear;
And He, for whom Ages have waited,
The Lord who has tarried so long,
Will come in an outburst of glory,
A moment, and we shall be gone!

Watch! for the morning is breaking,
A moment, and Heaven will be won!
A moment, and we shall be with Him,
A moment, the journey is done!
Lord, keep us each moment unsleeping,
In that noble band of Thy watchers,
Whose life is a vigil with Thee.

—M. E. Barber

THE COMING OF THE LORD for His Church is the
hope of Christians (Jn. 14:1-3) as an event preced-
ing His millennial reign (Rev. 20:4). The disciples had
inquired diligently of the sign of Christ’s coming, and
of the end of the world (Matt. 24:3). They seemed ill
prepared for His departure that He might have a glo-
rious return (Jn. 14:28, 29). And so they interrogated
Jesus for a full explanation (Jn. 16:17-22). Even at our
Lord’s ascension they could not conceive of a prepared
place in Heaven rather than earth (Acts 1:6).

We are taught that our present bodies, corrupted by
the fall, are not suited for the presence of God in eter-
nity (1 Cor. 15:50). Paul, teaching that the saints who
are living when Jesus reappears shall be translated, re-

eals a New Testament truth (1 Cor. 15:51, 52). A "mystery" is something that is first revealed in New Testament writings (Col. 1:26). The nearest approach to the capture of the living saints in the Old Testament is the translation of Enoch (Heb. 11:5) and the translation of Elijah (2 Kgs. 2:11). The translation from earth to glory is instantaneous (1 Cor. 15:52). Preceding this the dead bodies of the believing will be raised incorruptible (1 Thess. 4:15-17).

That the rapture may come at any moment is a comfort to the living saints (1 Thess. 4:18). While the church has suffered much from persecution it is not expected to face God's tribulation wrath (Rev. 6:17). From that type of wrath the Church is spared (Rom. 5:9; 1 Thess. 1:9, 10; 5:9). The true Church is promised exemption from such a trial (Rev. 3:10). The Church is to live for, be looking for, Christ's glorious appearing (Titus 2:11-14).

Christ's imminent return is a purifying hope to the church (1 Jn. 3:2, 3). All the accounts of the Church'sewardship will then be in for a reckoning (2 Cor. 5:10). After the reckoning comes the marriage of Christ and the Church (Rev. 19:7-9). The judgment of the nations takes place at the end of the tribulation period (Matt.

25:31-46). The judgment of Israel takes place then, also (Ezekiel 20:34-38). The great tribulation is the seventieth week of Daniel's prophecy (Dan. 9:27). The rise of the state of Israel, the spread of communism, and the increasing potential of military destruction surely do point to the soon return of Christ—incentives to Christians to be all the more watchful daily and hourly (Matt. 25:13).

Ye servants of the Lord,
Each in his office wait,
Observant of His heav'nly word,
And watchful at His gate.

Let all your lamps be bright,
And trim the golden flame;
Gird up your loins, as in His sight,
For awful is His name.

O happy servant he,
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honor crowned.

—Philip Doddridge.

Sunday School Suggestions

The Sunday School Board of
The Brethren Church

by Dick Winfield

SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

LAST WEEK a copy of the Brethren Sunday School Standard of Excellence appeared in the Evangelist (page 9). If you failed to read this Standard for Sunday Schools, I suggest that you do so now. Read and heed! This standard has been set up as a guide for the improvement of your Sunday School, therefore it should be of interest and importance to you.

This Standard which is being used this year is the same as that used last year. It therefore offers an opportunity for comparison of last year's achievement with that of this year.

This standard has several advantages, and I feel that these should be pointed out.

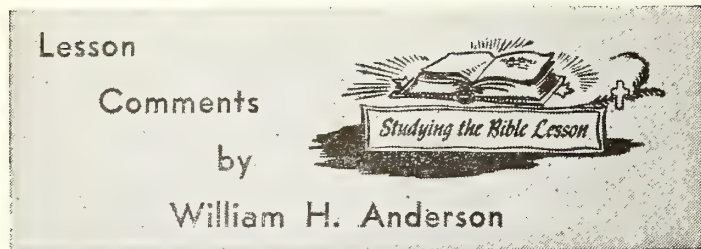
First, this Standard of Excellence offers every Sunday School a goal to work toward. This Standard is not set up primarily as a basis for competition among Sunday Schools. Instead its primary aim is self improvement. It provides goals that will aid in the organization and growth of every Sunday School.

Secondly, the size of the Sunday School makes no difference when this Standard is used. Each Sunday School has equal opportunity to participate and equal opportunity to succeed for success is not based on size or numbers, but rather on quality of the Sunday School and the meeting of certain goals.

A third advantage of this present standard is that, as was mentioned before, it was used last year and therefore offers opportunity for comparison. Last year a scoring device was sent to each Sunday School whereby its leaders might rate the Sunday School. A possible score of five (5) points was allowed for each of the 21 planks of the standard. Each Sunday School was to rate itself from 0-5 depending on how well it had fulfilled each goal. The scoring sheets that were returned to our office showed that some Sunday Schools did quite well. On the other hand, the scores from many of our schools were very disappointing. The same scoring plan will be used this year. Each Sunday School should make its greatest effort to improve over last year's score!

Finally, a fourth advantage of this standard is that it emphasizes the relationship of the Sunday School to the total church and Denominational program. The strong tie between the church and Sunday School is particularly stressed. Also, such things as missionary instruction, use of Brethren publications and support of the national Sunday School Board through the White Gift Offering are also set up as goals.

Summing this up, then, it should be said that this Standard of Excellence can and will challenge all of our Sunday Schools if we will but read and heed. As the old year of 1960 comes to a close and we think of the challenge of the New Year, one of our most important considerations should be how we may achieve more for the Lord in 1961! And as we begin thinking of resolutions to be carried out in this New Year, those who are connected with and concerned for the work of the Sunday School should resolve to do all they can to help their Sunday School to rate high on the Standard of Excellence!



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Lesson for January 1, 1961

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Lesson: John 1:1-14; 20:30-31

EVERY PERSON who endeavors to study the Gospel of John feels as did Dr. E. H. Plumptre:

"We pause on the threshold that leads from the Three Gospels to the Fourth, as from the Holy Place to the Holy of Holies."

During this first quarter of the new year we are going to study John's Gospel, which, says F. L. Godet, is the Church's "most precious jewel."

AUTHOR

Some have attempted to cast doubt upon John's authorship of the Fourth Gospel. Space does not permit an exhaustive study of this matter, but let us listen to the testimony of one Christian scholar:

"If the heart studies the Christ as portrayed in this writing, it will need no other proof of His divinity, but will bow before Him with the confession, 'Truly this was the Son of God.' Yes; and it will feel also that the penman was one who, more deeply than any other of the sons of men, drank of the Spirit of Christ—that he was a disciple who loved the Lord, a disciple whom Jesus loved; and it will feel that the voice of the Church is the voice of the heart of humanity, feeling as itself feels and speaking as itself speaks, that this writing is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that it is the 'Gospel according to St. John'" (H. W. Watkins).

PURPOSE

All that John recorded in his gospel—the teachings of our Lord, His miracles, His activities—was for one purpose: "These are written, that (in order that) ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that (in order that) believing ye might have life through His name" (20:31).

Let us notice some reasons why we should believe on Jesus Christ:

1. **Because He is God, having existed in the beginning with God**—"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" (1:1-2).

Our faith, then, is not vested in a mere man. Our trust is in Jesus Christ the Logos—the Word—the very expression of God Himself!

Godet says: "When everything which has begun began, the Word was. Alone then, it did not begin; the Word was already."

2. **Because He is the Creator of all things**—"All things were made by Him (Christ); and without Him was not anything made that was made" (1:3).

"All things beside God, were made; and all things which were made, were made by the Word (Christ)" (John Wesley).

This is not a contradiction of Genesis 1:1 which states that "God created the heaven and the earth." Rather, it supports John's claim that **Christ IS God!**

3. **Because His life becomes man's light**—"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men" (1:4).

From Jesus Christ we derive not only our EXISTENCE, but our LIFE and LIGHT. Without His life we are spiritually dead; without His light we are spiritually blind.

4. **Because by receiving Him, and believing Him, we have the privilege of becoming His Children**—"But to all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God" (1:12—R.S.V.).

"First, To be a Christian indeed is to believe on Christ's name; it is to assent to the gospel discovery, and consent to the gospel proposal, concerning Him ... Secondly, Believing in Christ's name is receiving Him as a gift from God" (Matthew Henry).

To this end, then, was the Gospel of John written: **To persuade men to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and receive life through His name.**

"The method adopted by the writer (John) to convince men that Jesus is the Christ is the simplest possible. He does not expect that men will believe this on his mere word. He sets himself to reproduce those salient features in the life of Jesus which chiefly manifested His Messianic dignity and function. He believes that what convinced himself will convince others. One by one he cites his witnesses, never garbling their testimony nor concealing the adverse testimony, but showing with as exact truthfulness how unbelief grew and hardened into opposition, as he tells how faith grew till it culminated in the supreme confession of Thomas, 'My Lord and my God'" (Marcus Dods).

Lesson for January 8, 1961

JESUS BRINGS JOY

Lesson: John 2:1-11

SHOULD IT SEEM strange that Christ was interested in a bridegroom's problem? Yet He was. In John 2 we find Jesus attending a wedding feast. It reminds us that our Lord is concerned with every phase of the Christian's life. Frank S. Mead says:

"Jesus Christ has made holy and supremely joyous the three greatest moments in man's life: He has consecrated with His presence the act of baptism, the occasion of marriage, the moment of death. And in between the poles of life and death He imparts joy to every personal and social relationship."

I—CHRIST SANCTIFIED MARRIAGE BY HIS PRESENCE. "There was a marriage in Cana of Galilee"

and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and His disciples, to the marriage."

The Revised Version says Christ was "invited" to the marriage. By accepting the invitation our Lord thereby put His sanction upon the holy state of matrimony. His presence signified His approval.

Is there not something Christians may learn from this? Children of God have no business attending questionable affairs, or engaging in border-line activities. Christians dare not APPROVE that which God DISAPPROVES! By participating in that which is questionable we thereby put our sanction upon it.

II—CHRIST MANIFESTED HIS CONCERN FOR THE NEEDS OF OTHERS. "When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to Him, 'They have no wine' " (R. V.).

How embarrassing it must have been for the bride-room to run out of wine! But our Saviour is always concerned about our every need. So He took charge:

"Fill the jars with water...Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast" (R.S.V.).

Why did Jesus perform this miracle? Listen to the words of Charles R. Erdman:

"No miracle of Christ...was wrought simply as a prodigy, to appeal to the minds of spectators. There was always present the motive of love and sympathy. Christ was here relieving embarrassment, He was giving joy, He was bestowing upon the bridegroom a gift of no inconsiderable value. He was suggesting that His nature was loving, sympathetic, divine; 'His glory' was the glory of the God who is love. He was the Son of God."

He who is concerned with every sparrow that falls to the ground—who numbers the hairs of our head—also cares about every problem in our life, be it great or small. We must trust Him!

III—CHRIST DEMONSTRATED HIS POWER OVER NATURE. "When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine..."

"The modest water, touched by grace Divine,
Confessed its God, and blushed itself to wine."

Water turned into wine! A miracle!

"Here, as our Lord turns water into wine, He shows Himself 'Ruler of all nature.' It was an act of creation. It declared that in Him God was present" (Erdman).

IV—CONCLUSION. "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; and His disciples believed on Him."

This was the result of Christ's first miracle. This was the beginning of faith for His disciples. As they witnessed Christ's power over nature their faith in Him was confirmed.

"As we have experiences confirming our faith, a sense of reality takes hold of us, and faith becomes an experience. It becomes knowledge" (L. H. Higley).

To be burdened with anxiety will intoxicate the soul; therefore be sober.

Spiritual Meditations

Rev. Doyll Belote

THE CHURCH'S LOST CHORD

"I know that this shall turn to my salvation through our prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:19.

CHARLES H. SPURGEON, the famous minister, once told this story. Some children were being taught the Apostle's Creed. Each child repeated a clause of the Creed. And thus they completed the Creed.

One day the minister of the church came into the classroom, and knowing of the plan to teach the children the Creed, he asked the children to repeat the Creed to him. The children started promptly, and for a while all went well. Then there came an awkward pause. "Well," said the minister, "What is wrong?" One of the little boys in the class replied, "Please sir, the boy that believes in the Holy Spirit isn't here today."

Somone has called the Holy Spirit the lost chord of the Church. It is noticeable how little mention is made of Him. And how little is known of His working in the human heart! When Jesus ascended to heaven He said that He would send the Holy Spirit as a Comforter, and declared that He would be God's representative with men, and among other things He was to bring the Lord's teachings and wishes to mind in the hearts of the Apostles.

He is the One commissioned to bring conviction of sin, to accomplish His saving work in the heart, to reveal the things of Christ to us, and He will lead Christ's followers into all truth. In promising the sending of the Holy Spirit, Christ promised that the Spirit would bring to the minds and hearts of His followers "All things whatsoever He had told them."

And since the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity we cannot slight or neglect Him, without suffering for that neglect. He is divine, and is one with the Father and the Son and should receive equal recognition with them.

"Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly dove,
With all thy quickening pow'rs;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
In these cold hearts of ours."



NEWS FROM BRETHREN YOUTH

Marlin McCann, Youth Director

WHAT WILL YOUR BOY BE?

RECENTLY, I came across 10 questions, five for Pastors and five for Parents, concerning Ministerial Recruitment. Since Brethren Youth is one of the sponsoring organizations of the Brethren Life Work Recruit Program, I thought it would be valuable to all if you could see these questions and answer them to yourself.

We are about to start on another year of Life Work Recruit mailings. Thus far in 1960 we have 281 cards returned to us stating that the signers are willing to let God lead them in choosing their life work.

The final choosing of a boy or girl to enter the Life Work field is a personal choice that should be made between the individual and God. However, let it not be said by any young person that the influence of his pastor or parents, openly or unconsciously, kept him from considering the possibility that God was calling him to be a minister.

For Pastors:

1. Does my joy in the pastorate far outshine my dissatisfaction with the way the church pays me and responds to my leadership? Since many lessons are learned through the **unspoken attitudes** of the minister as well as through his preaching, I must not forget a boy's response to contagious enthusiasm.

2. Do I have time to spend with the boys of my church (and with my own boys) as a friend? One eight-year-old told his pastor: "I wouldn't want your job. You're too busy for me." Too busy for boys is really **too busy**. A day of fishing or a night of camping with them is **not** time lost from pastoral duties.

3. Do I ever admit to young people any of my own fears and weaknesses? Knowing the minister is human may keep them from passing up the ministry as a thing too high and spotless for normal, honest human beings to attain.

4. Do I see every gifted young man of my church as a potential candidate for the ministry? Such pastors watch constantly for strategic times to put the question to young people alone or in small groups where they will feel free to say "yes" or "no" to the call to preach. Every able youth deserves the chance to answer for himself.

5. Do I take the parents of promising boys into confidence about the possibility that God is calling their son to be a minister? They may feel honored or they may be very negative, not knowing of the joys and challenge as well as the material disadvantages of the calling.

For Parents:

1. Is the church of central importance to our family? The family attitudes expressed in giving, attendance and acceptance of responsibility in the local church greatly influence a young man's response to a call.

2. Do we consider the pastor as an important and strategic person in our community? What is said about the pastor at home helps to form children's images of the ministry. No one wants to be a failure in the eyes of his parents.

3. Do we accept the pastor as a friend in our family? How a family looks upon a visit from the pastor and its honesty or dishonesty in his presence, helps a boy to know if he wants to go through life being so treated.

4. Does your family judge success on the basis of money or service? Our children know this as well as anything and it is almost sure to influence their choice of a life work.

5. Would it come natural to us to mention the ministry to our boys as one of his possible ways of serving Christ? The ministry is not the only Christian calling by any means. But, for some it is by far their best choice. Your son may be one of these.

—By Benton Rhoades, "The Pastor and Parent in Ministerial Recruitment." *Leader*, Nov. 1960.

"Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities"

Our congratulations go to four Brethren Youth who have been nominated this year for "Who's Who".

During her four years at Ashland, **Lois Berkshire** has been active in Y.W.C.A., Girls' Gospel Team, Chapel Choir, and Student Council. She has served as vice president of both Girls' Gospel Team and Y.W.C.A. and is now president of G.G.T. **Lois** has been active in play productions also. This past year, **Lois** was chairman of the Brethren Student Christian Movement, a group of seven Brethren colleges which held its conference this Thanksgiving vacation on the A.C. campus. **Lois** is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Edgar Berkshire, and makes her home in Tyner, Indiana.

Lavaughn Kindley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kindley from North Manchester, Indiana is noted for her accomplishments in music. She has been in the marching, concert, and pep bands, a four year member of Chapel Choir, and an active member of the Musicaglia Club. She has previously served as secretary of this club. At the present time, **Lavaughn** is one of the Music Editors for the *Collegian*.

Betty Meyers, from Berlin, Pa., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Meyers, and is also an excellent student of music. She has been active in Girls' Gospel Team, Musicaglia, Chapel Choir, Band, Math Club, Campus Crusaders and the Bel Canto Choir. **Betty** shares the position of Music Editor for the *Collegian*. She is a Dean's List student and is also very busy as organist at the E. E. U. B. Church, in Ashland.

The four years at Ashland have been very busy ones for **Judith Sainer**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Sainer from Louisville, Ohio. **Judy** has been active in Girls' Gospel Team, Pi Kappa Pi, W.A.A., serving previously as secretary of Pi Mu Gamma, of which she was president both her sophomore and junior years, and

Student Council as secretary last year and as Social Chairman this year. At this time, **Judy** is president of Y.W.C.A., and a dormitory counselor.

To be selected for "Who's Who" is quite an honor for any college senior. Scholarship, leadership, cooperation in educational and extra-curricular activities, general citizenship, and promise of future usefulness are the criteria used in selecting nominees for "Who's Who".

To Argentina or Bust
that the world may know!

I hope that by now all of your churches have received your PESO BANKS. The purpose of these banks is to promote the Radio Station in the Argentine. Rev. Rob Byler is working very hard to raise the money for the down payment of this station. Brethren Youth has pledged \$6,000 towards the purchase of the station. Everyone should realize the potentiality and possibility of such a station.

If you happen to see one of the Peso Banks in your church, and happen to have some change in your pocket, won't you please drop the change in the bank?



Peace On Earth



Good Will Toward Men

The Women's Corner
by Helen Jordan

IT'S CHRISTMAS

IT'S CHRISTMAS! Time to renew our vows of peace and good will—time that we bring more of the lovely sentiment of kindness and charity into life. It's the time of gifts that will make others happy.

Consider the children this Christmas. Gather them around you—make them happy—put the light of childish glee into their faces. Yes, to be sure, you'll do that for your own children. You've probably already tucked away dolls and trains and drums and a host of other toys that will produce shrieks of joy on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. BUT—there are other children. Children who haven't a Mother or Dad. Children whose faces are drawn and whose eyes have lost the art of smiling. There are children who are hungry for food as well as for love. They are shivering with the cold bleak winds of December, for there isn't enough clothing or fuel to keep them warm. Perhaps there isn't even a place to call home.

There are children who have seen those toys in the windows—but down deep in their hearts they know those toys weren't made for them. They've watched piles of good things to eat through big plate glass windows—but one cannot still the pangs of hunger by looking at food through glass windows.

"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." Plain words. Words addressed to you and to me. The words of the great teacher who, Himself, once upon a time "had not where to lay His head."

Surely there must be room on your Christmas list for one more gift! There must be a little money left over that will help to bring food and shelter and a home to one more hungry, shivering, homeless boy or girl!

"Freely ye have received, freely give." Do this for hungry, orphaned children, for the sake of the Christ Child whose birthday we are now celebrating. And your gifts will be blessed even as the gifts of the Wise Men of old, to the honor and glory of His name, who is good and whose mercy endureth forever.

—Selected.



As the Magi of old were guided along strange roads to the crib of our Lord, so have Christians of every generation been directed through their pilgrimage in life. The hand of the Eternal may bring us to green pastures and still waters, and beyond to the valleys of many shadows, for always "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord . . ." (Psalm 37:23).

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